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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

OLD KINGS' ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present, Bros. Joseph Farmaner, W.M.; T. J. Thomas, S.W.; C. T. Church, J.W.; Paas, Treas.; D. Crombie, Sec.; G. H. Wright, D.C.; Charles Tighe, P.M., and a large number of brethren. Among the visitors we noticed, Bros. Alderman S. C. Hadley, P.G.D.C.; Alderman Knight, Nelson Reed, Donald Dewar, Felton, C.C.; George Kenning, Dosell, Latrielle, T. Loveridge, C.C., and many other brethren. Bro. Chas. Tighe installed Bro. T. J. Thomas into the W.M.'s chair, in such a manner as to call forth a vote of thanks, which was proposed and carried with acclamation. The W.M. invested Bros. Joseph Farmaner, I.P.M.; C. T. Church, S.W.; J. Hainsworth, J.W.; W. Paas, Treas.; D. Crombie, Sec.; W. R. Thomas, S.D.; W. W. Rust, J.D.; Morell Mackenzie, I.G.; G. H. Wright, D.C. The brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where there was awaiting them a bountiful dinner, served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. Best. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M. most effectively. Bro. Alderman Simeon C. Hadley, P.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers." A selection of music was performed by Bros. Lester, Montem Smith, and Chaplin Henry, contributing very much to the pleasures of the evening.

LODGE OF TEMPERANCE (No. 169).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday the 16th inst. The W.M. Bro. Denton, assisted by his officers opened the lodge punctually at 5 o'clock, the time specified on the summons. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report of the financial position of the lodge was received, read, and adopted; by which it appears that success waits upon all its proceedings and above all Charity finds kind friends with open hands to assist her. During the year £10 10s. has been given to the Girls' School, £10 to the old men and women, and a sum of £20 to the widow of a deceased member. At the last meeting a vote of twenty guineas was passed and ordered to be entered on the list of Bro. Brown, (the Treasurer who stands Steward at the next festival for the Girls' School), and at this meeting the brethren were unanimous in voting £10 10s. for the old men and women. The W.M. then, for the benefit of Bros. Elliott and Haynes, worked the Second Degree, they being passed accordingly; after which Bro. George Longman Moore, the W.M. elect, was duly presented for installation, the ceremony being most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. Denton, the retiring W.M., subsequently the brethren unanimously voting that the "thanks of the brethren be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the ceremony had been worked." The newly installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Denton, the retiring W.M., I.P.M.; Predam, S.W.; Monk, J.W.; George Brown, P.M., who at the previous meeting had been unanimously re-elected, was re-invested Treas.; Neeld, P.M. re-appointed and re-invested Sec.; Zachariasen, S.D.; William Mallett, J.D.; E. W. Wilson, I.G.; and Geodard, re-appointed Tyler. The W.M. in the name of the brethren then presented to Bro. Denton, the I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel which had been voted with enthusiastic unanimity by the brethren at the last meeting, as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which the lodge had been presided over, and the business conducted during the past year. The proceedings were then brought to a close in the accustomed way, the brethren retiring to partake of a banquet supplied by mine host of the White Swan, Bro. Frederick Morgan, and no niggardly praise is due to the worthy brother for the self-sacrifice and denial

he displayed (he being a member of the lodge) to add comfort and pleasure to his assembled brethren. Grace being said the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. With the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the honour that was conferred on them by the presence of so many visiting brethren, especially as he believed many of them were men of eminence in the Craft. After mentioning some by name, he called upon Bro. Rose, of the "Mount Lebanon" Lodge, No. 73, P.M., to respond, who upon rising to return thanks on behalf of the visitors was received with great and earnest cordiality. After thanking the brethren for their manifest kindness, he paid great compliment to the efficient working of the ceremonies, and said from what he had seen, he fully believed the lodge would lose none of its renown, nor would its position be in any way tarnished whilst it was in the hands of its present W.M. The following is a list of the visiting brethren present:—Bros. Rose, P.M. 73; Lover, P.M. 475; Dilley, P.M. 147; Heikell, P.M. 1155; Gallant, P.M., P.Z., and S.D., 127, 172, 813; Etheridge, P.M.; Wigglesworth, W.M. 995; Catterson, J.W. 548; Peek, S.D. 1205; Batchelor, J.D. 548; Hunt, J.G. 1662; Feuillade, Org., 548; Frederick Dunn, 25; Milbourn, 13; Martin, 382; Larner, 733; Dobbs, 879; Judge, 1178; Millman, 507; Johnson, 733; Jewett, 1155.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—On Friday, the 17th inst., the brethren of this old lodge held their annual meeting at Freemasons' Hall, for the installation of a new W.M. Bro. Robert C. Read, W.M., presided, and previous to the installation, passed Bro. Day, and initiated Messrs. B. Bangerter, G. J. Brailey, T. Willis, and J. Palmer. Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Surrey, afterwards installed in the chair Bro. James Smith, the proprietor of Mullens's Hotel, Ironmonger-lane, J.W., and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the current year. The brethren appointed to office were, Bros. Robert C. Read, I.P.M.; Hyland, S.W.; Payn, J.W.; T. B. Davage, P.M., Treas.; Peter Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Wallis, S.D.; Dovey, J.D.; Cressey, I.G.; and Parkinson, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, and the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. C. Read, I.P.M., Bro. R. T. Elsam initiated Mr. J. B. Ottaway in the early mysteries of the Order. Among the brethren present were, Past Masters R. T. Elsam, Edward Spooner, George Whitley, Peter Wagner, Peter Robinson, F. B. Davage, and visitors, Bros. E. J. Bowen, 1310, J. B. Brown, P.M. 1399; W. Cook, 1580, Prov. G.S. Herts; J. Stock, W.M. 1178; and H. Massey P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). After the work of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren closed down, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor. The customary toasts followed. After honouring the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Robert C. Read, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure the brethren had taken the proper course in electing Bro. James Smith, the J.W. of the lodge, to the high and important office of W.M. To dilate properly on the qualities of Bro. Smith required an eloquence which he (Bro. Read) was not master of; but he might say that since Bro. Smith's initiation that brother had been such an excellent Mason as well as a man that it was impossible the brethren could forget him. By his working, his assiduity, and his kindly temperament, he had endeared himself to all the brethren, and he firmly believed that at the end of Bro. Smith's year of office he would be presented by the brethren with as handsome and valuable testimonial of the brethren's esteem as he (Bro. Read) had that evening had the honour of being the recipient of. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and said he wished he could feel he deserved the flattering remarks of Bro. Read, but at least he would promise this, that he would pay all the attention that it was possible for man to pay to his duties during his year of office; and if he lacked ability in the discharge of his functions he should look to the brethren to view it with a lenient eye. Bros. Bangerter, Brailey, Willis, and Palmer responded to the toast of "The Initiates," but Bro. Ottaway was not present at the banquet, pressure of business calling him away immediately after the closing of the lodge. The brethren who responded expressed the hope that they would become good Masons, to which end they would exert themselves to the utmost. Bros. Bower, Stock, Cook, and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors." The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that a great deal of gratitude was due to those brethren for the kindness they at all times exhibited in assisting in the work of the lodge. That kindness had been again shown that evening, when Past Masters filled various offices. It must be a gratification to those brethren that their works were appreciated, and he was sure they ever would be, for the brethren could not forget that however humble the office that was vacant, any Past Master, however old he might be, filled it, and showed the same efficiency in his duties as if he was a junior member striving with all his might to attain the chair. Bro. Robert C. Read, I.P.M., in reply, said he should always endeavour to support the chair, and would always be ready to take any office which might be vacant. Bro. Spooner, P.M., said he was the Senior Past Master of the Lodge, and though he did not not often come he was ever pleased to be among the brethren. He was extremely gratified at the way in which he had been received, and he was pleased to see the lodge in such a prosperous condition. He thought it was going on in a fair way to become one of the best lodges in the Craft. The working he had witnessed afforded him much pleasure. Bro. Elsam had conducted the ceremonies of installation in a very able manner, and Bro. Read had certainly contributed very much to the success of the chair by performing his duties in a highly creditable way. He should always be ready to enhance the work of the lodge, and he hoped he should live many years to see the

lodge flourish and the brethren spending such a delightful evening of harmony and good fellowship as they were then engaging in. He had met many kind old friends there. Bros. Robinson, Davage, Whitley, Wagner, and Elsam, besides several others, brethren whom he had known a great number of years. Whenever he had been at the lodge he had endeavoured to his utmost to promote its interests, and the brethren had always been kind enough to express their good feelings for it. It gave him infinite pleasure to meet his old friends, and he trusted that as long as they were willing to receive him with the same kindness as they had that evening, he should never hesitate for a moment to come among them. He was the only one of the fathers of the lodge present, and it was extremely pleasing to him to see so many young members joining the lodge. He believed Bro. Smith, W.M., to be the right man in the right place, and that under his direction the lodge would go on prosperously. Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.M., for whom there were loud calls, said he should have been happy to sit down if the brethren had not persisted in calling upon him. He was the Junior P.M. of the lodge, and it was a very good feature in the lodge to have so many P.Ms. There were some, however, who were not then present, but speaking for himself it gave him great satisfaction to be there, and to have had the privilege of installing the W.M. He did not expect he should ever have the opportunity again, because if the W.M. did not perform the ceremony, the I.P.M., Bro. Read, would. He should always be pleased, nevertheless, to assist in anything that might be asked of him, more especially when it would contribute to promoting the interests of the lodge. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities" said, they must be excellent charities, or they would not be so well supported as they were. He hoped to be better acquainted with them than he was at present, and whatever he could do he should be happy to do for them. Bro. Davage, P.M., Treasurer, D.C. and W.S. replied. Charity was the great principle of Freemasonry. He had been several times Steward for the Masonic Institutions, and had had an opportunity of seeing their work. There was no brother round the table who would at any time be unwilling to support them or to pay them a visit. They were open daily for the inspection of any brother, whether he contributed to them or not; and he begged that the brethren would go and see how well they were conducted. His own experience of them was that they were conducted perfectly and in the true spirit of Freemasonry. He was very pleased to hear that the W.M. would become a Steward; and for himself he might say he was highly gratified when that privilege was accorded to him. The brethren of the Jordan Lodge had frequently contributed liberally, and he had no doubt that the brethren would support the prestige of this old and ancient lodge. Bro. Robinson replied as Secretary, and Bro. Davage as Treasurer, to the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," and the brethren after the other toasts had been disposed of, drank the Tyler's toast. Bro. Simpson hoped that the ball which was to take place would be of great benefit to the Institutions. The brethren enjoyed some excellent singing during the evening.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last, the W. Bro. A. M. Cohen (P.M.), W.M. in the chair. The lodge was opened at four o'clock and there was a large attendance of brethren. As soon as the lodge was opened the ordinary business on the agenda was proceeded with. This included the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, the confirmation of the minutes of an emergency meeting held on the 2nd of January, the confirmation of the minutes of the Audit-Committee, the reading of the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, and a communication from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. This communication was in reply to an address of condolence which on the motion of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., and Hon., Sec., seconded by Bro. Cohen, P.M., had been forwarded from the Lodge of Israel to the Grand Master in consequence of the death of the Princess Alice. The following is a copy of the reply. "Sandringham, Kings Lynn. Mr. Knollys is desired by the Prince of Wales to thank the members of the Lodge of Israel for their address of condolence on the occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse, and to assure them that His Royal Highness is much touched by the kind and fraternal expressions of sympathy which they have addressed to him in his affliction. 1st. January, 1879. To Charles Hogard, Esq. The ceremony of raising Bro. J. J. Milburn, followed the reading of the above communication, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Cohen, ably assisted by his officers. The lodge was afterwards resumed in the Second Degree when Bro. A. Bassington, W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Cohen having addressed the lodge, obligated Bro. Bassington in due form. The brethren of lower rank then retired and a Board of Installed Masters was formed to whom Bro. Bassington was presented, and his installation completed. On the return of the brethren the W.M. was formally proclaimed and greeted in the Three Degrees, after which he appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Phillips, S.W.; Norden, J.W.; Hogard, Secretary; Cootie, Treasurer; Gomperts, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Da Silva, I.G.; H. M. Harris, D.C.; Abraham Abrahams, Steward; Rawles, Tyler, and Bro. Cohen concluded the ceremony with the customary addresses to the Master, officers, and lay brethren. Bro. Harris, P.M., then rose and said that it gave him great pleasure, for which he was indebted to the members of the lodge, to have been deputed to present to Bro. Cohen the testimonial which had been voted to him by the brethren, and which was before them. Such a task required but few remarks from him, those present being so perfectly acquainted with the good qualities of Bro. Cohen. He (the speaker) might tell them that a testimonial had

been voted to Bro. Cohen, and it was intended that it should have taken the form of a jewel. Bro. Cowen, however, had an abundance of jewels already, and on being consulted preferred a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and an illuminated vellum like that before them. Bro. Harris, after a few further remarks read the address (which was a very beautiful piece of workmanship) which ran as follows:—"Lodge of Israel, 205. This Testimonial, together with a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons (purchased at his request) is presented to W. Bro. Abraham Mark Cohen, P.M., and President of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, as a token of esteem and appreciation of the ability evinced by him as W.M. during the past year, by members of the above lodge, trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant him health, happiness, and long life to continue to watch over the lodge, of which he has been for 35 years one of the chief supporters. Signed on behalf of the lodge this 28th day of January, A.L. 5879. A.D. 1879.—A. Basington, W.M.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. and Hon. Sec." Bro. Cohen in acknowledging the honour done him said that his heart was much too full at that moment to allow him to say all that he could desire in return for this exhibition of the regard of the brethren. It was necessary to think also of the comfort of those present, and therefore he would not delay the proceedings by any further remarks, hoping to have an opportunity of doing so later in the evening. Bro. Cohen then drew attention to a notice of motion he had placed on the agenda:—"That the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge to the 'Chambers' Testimonial." Chambers was the head waiter at the hotel, and a testimonial was being got up for him by the Masonic lodges using the house. The motion was seconded by Bro. Hogard, and carried unanimously, after which the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where an elegant repast was admirably served to them. In noticing the banquet we must compliment Bro. Hogard, the Secretary, as the taste evinced in preparing the card containing the menu and list of toasts, which is provided with a margin containing words of welcome and good cheer culled from the writings of Shakespeare, such as: "The feast smells well" (*Carolanus*), "Pray sit down, for now we sit to chat as well as eat" (*Taming the Shrew*), "Bring in the banquet quickly" (*Anthony and Cleopatra*), "There is full liberty of feasting till the bell has tolled" (*Othello*), and others equally appropriate. When the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and responded to, but there was nothing of public interest in any of the speeches. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Cohen, and responded to in a very few words. Bro. Cohen addressed the brethren of the lodge on behalf of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, for which he pleaded with his customary zeal, but reminded those present that as the fund was exclusively for the benefit of members of the lodge they could not receive any of the donations which visitors so frequently and so generously urged upon them. Bro. Hogard announced that the sum of £13 2s. had been collected at the table. There were, however, some further donations handed in subsequently, the amount of which did not transpire. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and Bro. Cohen in responding, again referred to the very handsome testimonial with which he had been presented. Such a mark of their esteem was very gratifying to him, and it was most pleasing to him to have been made by them a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities, for which he had stood Steward in former times. "The Healths of the Visitors, Past Masters, and the Officers of the Lodge," were also duly honoured, and the proceedings concluded as usual with the Tyler's toast. The meeting was a large one, and there were many visitors present, among whom we noticed, Bros. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. A. Coltebrune, P.G. Purst.; J. R. Harrison, Prov. G. Chap. for Kent; D. Posner, W.M. 185; Jacob Lazarus, W.M. 1017; George Buckland, W.M. 1317; Lewis Lazarus, P.M. 188; D. Nicholson, P.M. 19; Arthur Mayer, 1704; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present, Bros. Edward J. Southwell, W.M.; Rev. David Shaboe, S.W.; Sindall, J.W.; D. W. Pearce; H. G. Buss, P.G.T., Sec.; Henry Phythian, P.M.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.D.G.M.; David Bindoff, John William Saunders, Leopold Ruff, Hugh Mackay Gordon, Chas. Sadler, and other brethren. Visitors, Bros. Chas. Atkins; Dawson; George Kenning, P.P.G.D., and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward J. Southwell installed Bro. Rev. David Shaboe, P.P.G. Chaplain, in a very able manner. Bro. Shaboe invested Bros. Sindall, S.W.; Gordon, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Treas. D. W. Pearce, Sec. A vote of thanks and a presentation of the value of ten guineas was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously, to Bro. H. G. Buss for his valuable services to the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to a well spread banquet under the personal supervision of the host, Bro. Sadler.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Agricultural Hall on Friday, the 24th ult. The W.M. Bro. I. J. Combs presided, and was supported by his office bearers, Bros. Sim, I.P.M.; Somers, P.M.; G. T. Rowly, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; J. Osborne, Secretary; Wm. Norris, S.D.; W. T. Poulton, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, Organist; H. Field, I.G.; and J. G. Russell, Steward. The following members were present:—Bros. J. Kitchiner, E. Percy, C. Parslow, W. Payne, E. Payne, R. R. Allison, E. Abrams, S.

Hollidge, and G. Tarrant. There was only one visitor present, Bro. J. Cogan, W.M. (1365). The lodge having been opened the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously agreed to. Bro. H. L. Godolphin, of the Friar's Lodge (No. 1349) proposed by Bro. Sun, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Somers, P.M.; and A. H. Chisholm, of St. Anthony's Lodge (No. 154 S.C.) proposed by Bro. Lee, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Somers, P.M., were then balloted for as joining members, and declared duly affiliated. Mr. James Alexander was formally elected and initiated into the mysteries and secrets of Freemasonry. The next business before the lodge being to raise Bros. Kitchiner and Polikan, it was opened in the Second Degree, and these brethren having satisfactorily gone through the usual preliminary examination retired, and the lodge being opened in the third degree, were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. This constituting the principal business before the meeting the lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Siny, P.M., proposed the following resolution:—"That a Royal Arch Chapter be formed in connection with this lodge." The motion, which was seconded by Bro. Osborne, having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried. On the motion of Bro. Somers, S.M., seconded by Bro. Sim, W.M., two guineas were voted to Bro. Worthington, of the Ranelagh Lodge. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall and partook of refreshments. The various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and after spending two or three pleasant hours together the brethren separated.

KILBURN LODGE (No. 1608).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Queen's Arms Hotel on the 27th ult. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. George Kiallmark, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Chas. Brewer, S.W.; J. W. Cuff, J.W.; Geo. Everett, Treasurer; Samuel Brooks, Secretary; George H. Goody, J.D.; J. Parry Cole, P.M., Org.; and Frederick J. Baker, Steward. In the absence of the S.D. Bro. Fletcher kindly officiated in that capacity, Bro. Frederick Brewer, in the absence of the I.J.G., performing the duties of that officer. The members present were:—John Palmer, P.M.; J. Terry, P.M.; Thomas Corns, Charles Greenwood, Frederick Brewer, T. H. P. Hartley, H. B. Phillips, G. B. M. Fletcher, George A. Barclay, G. W. Powell, John Holmes, Alfred B. Bennett, P.M.; Haswelly Turner, Alfred Webster, John Ambrose, John J. Paddon, J. Hawes, Henry W. Kiallmark, Philip D. Jacob, W. Blackburn, Harry T. Smith, and A. Price. Visitors, Geo. Towers, 177; F. Briggs, 25; A. B. Haden, 180; J. Bidley, 1314; H. Wharton, P.P.G.C., Bucks; R. Pretyman, 105; G. L. Everett, 177; Chas. H. Spiller, 49; J. W. F. Cox, 1314; Wm. Body Date Wall, 34; E. W. Thompson, 55; E. Little, 511; E. Harrison, P.M. 27; S. Carrington, J.W. 1314; R. Baker, 188; H. Roberts, 55; J. Hevenson, 1576; J. Kent, 177; J. Marshall, 1768; Edwin Lancaster, P.M. 87; G. J. E. Marsh, 1586; John Percival, 177; Edward White, W.M. 177; J. C. Dawson, 108; Edward Wye, 780; J. T. P. Hyatt, 1314; Geo. Penn, P.M. 1642; T. J. Drew, P.M. 157; J. Hood, 201; W. H. Roberts, 22; S. J. Parker, 84; James Kenning, 1357; Howard Reynolds, 1314; F. Binckes, P.G.S. and A. H. Chisholme (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 241), was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously admitted. Bro. Kiallmark then proceeded to raise Bros. T. Corns and John Frost Paddon, which done, he installed Bro. Charles Brewer, S.W., as W.M. for the current year, performing the ceremonies in a very able manner. The installation being completed, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Cuff, S.W.; Samuel Brooks, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treasurer; Alfred B. Webster, Sec.; Geo. Goody, S.D.; E. Brewer, J.D.; J. Parry Cole, Org.; F. J. Baker, I.G.; H. B. Phillips, D.C.; W. Blackburn, S.; and Charles Thomas, Tyler. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and the W.M. initiated Mr. J. G. E. Brewer into the mysteries of Freemasonry, going through the ceremony in a manner which proved his thorough acquaintance with the art. This constituting the business before the lodge, it was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, presided over by Bro. Kiallmark, I.P.M., the new W.M. having, in consequence of indisposition, to leave after the ceremony of initiating Mr. Brewer. The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by Bro. Thos. H. P. Hartley, of the Queen's Arms Hotel, in capital style, everything being of the most *récherché* description. After the banquet, grace was sung by Miss Susanna Cole, Miss Kate Tudor, and Mr. Milton, and the customary toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft" was drunk in true Masonic honours, the brethren remaining standing while they sang "God Save the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." having been proposed and warmly responded to, Miss Susanna Cole sang in excellent style "Bid me Discourse." In proposing "The Health of the M.W. Pro G.M.," the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the president thought the brethren were sometimes apt to undervalue the services not only of the super Grand Officers, but of the Grand Officers generally, yet he was perfectly sure that those services were of inestimable value to the Craft. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Howard Reynolds delighted the company with a cornet *obligato* with masterly execution, after which Bro. F. Bines, P.G.S. and J. C. Wharton, P.P.G.C. (Buckingham) acknowledged the toast. The former said that he need hardly mention that the Earl of Carnarvon was a nobleman esteemed by every one, but especially were his services well appreciated in connection with Free-

masonry. With reference to the M.W.D.G.M. they all knew that his name was a household word. Whether as Deputy G.M. or in whatever connection they met him they had in Lord Skelmersdale one of the most genial and kindly English gentlemen that they could possibly be associated with in any circumstances, and one who discharged his duties most faithfully and efficiently in the responsible position in which he was placed. The W.M., again rising, said the next toast he had the honour to propose was the most important perhaps of the evening, namely, "The Health of the W.M. Bro. Charles Brewer." He could not tell them with how much regret it was that he had to propose the W. Master's health in his absence. Not that he believed that the reception of the toast would be any less cordial on that account, but because he should have liked to see in the faces of them all and to hear in their voices the cordial recognition which he was sure they would give of his straightforward conduct, his thoroughly manly heart, and his genial disposition. As a Mason, their W.M. had shown them a proof of his intentions that afternoon, by coming from a sick bed which he had scarcely left for seven weeks in order to be present on that occasion, at the same time performing his duties in a manner which was highly creditable to him. He (the speaker) thought it was a good augury for the brethren that during the coming year they would have a W.M. who would carry out in their integrity the tenets and principles of the Order. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Mr. Milton, who was in excellent voice, sang "The Village Blacksmith." The Treasurer then said that, in consequence of the deplorable absence of their much-respected W.M., it fell to his lot to propose "The Past Masters of the Kilburn Lodge." The lodge had now been two years in existence, and during that time the brethren had paid every penny in the formation and furnishing of the lodge. They had given 50 guineas to the charities during those two years, and they were putting Bro. Brewer into the chair as third W.M. with a balance of over £40. At the outset they had determined, whilst doing everything they could to insure the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren, that the charities should not be forgotten. They made that their stand-point all through their career, and they might rest assured they intended making it their stand-point in time to come. They had supported the old men and women with 25 guineas, they had given 25 guineas to the girls, and Bro. Brewer was going up this year on behalf of the boys with a similar amount. But when he told them that the lodge had given 50 guineas to the charities during the last two years, that represented scarcely more than a sixth of what they had sent to the charities. Through the generosity of the brethren, Bros. Kiallmark and Palmer were enabled to take up 300 guineas during the two years of the lodge's existence on behalf of charities. He himself was on the list, and took up 156 guineas on behalf of the girls, and he was proud to say that he stood second on the list out of 196 lodges. They had done this, and they were determined to go on and do the like again. He did not think he could say anything more with regard to the toast he had the honour to propose, because he had no desire to make a long speech, but he felt he could not propose the health of the two first Masters of the lodge without saying a word or two about the great thing that had been done during their membership. They had established themselves, they had enjoyed themselves, they had given such entertainment to their visitors as made their lodge almost proverbial for its hospitality, and, in spite of all that, they had not been unmindful of their poorer brethren, in short they had done more than any other lodge in the same period. The toast was cordially responded to, after which Miss Kate Tudor sang very effectively the beautiful melody from the "Bohemian Girl," "I Dreamt that I Dwelt in Marble Halls." Bros. Past Masters Kiallmark and Palmer very gracefully acknowledged the toast. The presiding Master then said the toast he had next to propose was dear to the heart of every Mason, namely, "The Health of the Initiate." The brethren had been sufficiently happy that evening to find a recruit who, he was sure, would be an honour not only to the Kilburn Lodge in particular, but to the Craft in general. Mr. Pulton then sang "Mighty Pasha," with capital effect, and Bro. J. E. Brewer briefly responded. In proposing "The Visitors" the presiding Master remarked that the lodge was generally strong in visitors. Well, the brethren of Kilburn Lodge were glad that it should be so. He assured them, at all events, that if they had failed in any of the duties of the working of their lodge one most important element of good fellowship was attained in bringing around them brethren from other quarters. On the present occasion they were well represented, and he asked the brethren to give them a hearty welcome. Seeing that there were thirty-eight present he might be excused if he did not mention all their names. Suffice it to say that some of them were men of great distinction and worth, such as Bros. T. Bines and G. S. Wharton, P.P.G.C. (Bucks), with whose names he had much pleasure in coupling the toast. Miss Susanna Cole then sang the well-known air "Jeannette and Jeannot." Bro. Wharton, in reply, said he was sorry that out of the 38 visitors a better man had not been found to return thanks for them than himself. He supposed that one reason was that the W.M. had chosen his unhappy name as he happened to be one of the visitors perhaps nearest home to the Kilburn Lodge. He was sorry the lodge was not in his own parish. A very narrow ditch divided them, but he must confess it was not the fault of the members of the lodge, but only his own, or rather the result of his own engagements that he had not been a visitor at it before. He had had frequent invitations which he had always been obliged to refuse. Now, to-night he found himself amongst them it afforded him considerable pleasure. He knew that amongst

those who were visitors there were some who, should they begin to talk together, would find in their history a great many converging points. Let him say that as a clergyman he had had frequent opportunities to thank God that he was a Freemason. In his parish it had often enabled him to do and say things and to overcome difficulties that he would not have done without his connection with Freemasonry. He could look back with very great pride to the time when he first, like their brother initiate that evening saw the light in the glorious Apollo Lodge, at Oxford; since then he had had the opportunity of working his way from the I.G. to W.M. in a grander lodge, and passing on to the Prov. G. Lodge of his county where he had the opportunity and the happiness of making many staunch friends who, he hoped, would be friends through life. He thanked them very much on behalf of his thirty-seven brethren for drinking their health, and he trusted it would not be the last opportunity the brethren of Kilburn would give them of returning thanks for the visitors. The next toast was "The Masonic Charities," in proposing which the acting W.M. said that he need not tell them that Freemasonry was nothing without charity. He could scarcely conceive of any better investment than that of laying up any spare money one might possess, for the education of the boy or girl of a distressed Mason, or for providing against old age. Miss Tudor, then very appropriately gave a pathetic rendering of "My lodgings on the cold ground" which was very warmly applauded. Bro. Terry, P.M., very briefly replied, and was followed by Bro. Bines, P.G.S., who after some preparatory remarks to the effect that in the minds of Freemasons the three Charities should never be the subject of invidious preference, inasmuch as these institutions stood on one common platform, went on to say that as Masons they had to provide for both sexes in the decline of life, and for the young of both sexes on their entrance into life. They were three distinct institutions, that could only appeal to Masons for support. Brethren had heard a great deal lately, and a great deal had been written about what real Masonic charity was. Well, he simply and without any reserve or hesitation whatever, as he had expressed in writing, so would he say to them *en face*, that unless every man who offered himself as a worthy candidate for admission into the ranks of this Order, thoroughly understood, appreciated, and acted up to the obligations administered to him of doing something in the way of practical charity, that man did not understand what Freemasonry really was. He was not now going to occupy time by a discourse as to what charity generally meant. They all knew that it was a synonym for love, that it meant the bearing and forbearing with each other's weaknesses, and all those other little matters that affected them as citizens and men of the world, in short that they should be charitable to each other, and make allowances where they differed. But he did say that there was a specific, undeniable, and distinct claim laid upon the shoulders of every candidate who was admitted into their Order, that he should do something, however small it might be (and God, in His mercy, knew that he should be the last one in the world to ask any one to exceed the means he had at his command), in support of the distressed portion of what he had often called the "household faith." After a few more remarks of a similar import, Bro. Bines went on to say that he, and such as he, did not address their appeals for help to those who were liberal supporters of the Charities, but they must not forget that they had this fact staring them in the face, which must not be ignored and could not be gainsaid, that the great majority of the members of their Order did not contribute anything whatever to the Masonic Charities, and as long as the brethren found those uncultivated fields, those lands lying fallow, so long was it their bounden duty to endeavour to stimulate into wholesome action those who had not done anything to fulfil the obligation he had alluded to? Their work would not be done until the great majority, not the minority, as it now was, were made to support the charitable institutions of their Order. The presiding Master here announced that Bro. Bines' earnest reminder of a Mason's duties had been followed by subscriptions amounting to over £150, a statement which drew forth loud cheers. Bro. Hyatt then sang "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," in excellent style, and "The Officers" having been drunk and replied to the toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons, &c.," brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Parry Cole, P.M., P.P.G.O., whilst the W.S., left nothing to be desired in his attention to the comfort of the brethren.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—A meeting of this ancient and flourishing lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on the 13th ult., the chief interest being the installation of Bro. C. F. Jarrold, W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was preceded by raising Bro. Ennion to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the initiation of Mr. Frank Piggott, who had been unanimously elected. The Worshipful Master, Bro. B. Chennell, resigned the gavel to Bro. J. Dimmock, P.M., P.G.H., the Installing Master, who as a skilled workman performed the ancient ceremony in a most able manner. The musical part was performed by the Organist, Bro. W. Purchas. At the close of the ceremony the Worshipful Master made the following appointments:—Bros. B. Chennell, I.P.M.; A. H. Moyes, S.W.; T. Hunnybun, J.W.; J. V. Pryor, S.D.; C. W. Palmer, J.D.; A. Thompson, I.G.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas.; T. Nichols, Sec.; C. A. Smith, D.C.; W. Davidson, P.M., Steward; B. Chennell, P.M., Chap.; W. Purchas, Org. The lodge was closed in solemn form, when about fifty brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet. Bro. C. F. Jarrold, W.M., presided, supported by the Past Masters of the lodge. The invited visitors composed the Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. H. Rance, P.M.) and several other brethren, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

EXMOUTH.—Sun Lodge (No. 106).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge-room, at the Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, on Wednesday the 15th inst., at three p.m., for the purpose of their yearly installation of a Worshipful Master to preside over them. The choice had fallen on Bro. W. Creasy, and, having been duly presented by Past Master T. Freeman, the worthy brother was duly and impressively installed by Bro. W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T., whose excellent working and perfect acquaintance with the ritual invested the proceedings with more than usual interest. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year, and a kindly word was given to each as he received his collar:—W. G. Lacey, I.P.M.; S. G. Blackmore, S.W.; E. Bishop, J.W.; W. Thomas, Treasurer; T. P. Jones, Registrar; A. A. Carter, Secretary; W. Cocks, S.D.; J. R. Stevens, J.D.; J. H. Clode, D.C.; P. Sylvester, S.B.; H. B. Starke, Org.; J. Wills, B.B.; H. F. Platt, J. James, and F. Dutton, Stewards; F. Burridge, I.G.; W. White, Tyler. Bro. W. Brodie, P.G.J.D., was called upon by the Worshipful Installing Master to deliver the address to the Wardens and brethren. Bro. Past Master W. T. Maynard was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The lodge was then closed in peace, order and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of the customary banquet, which was served in admirable style by Mrs. Bastin, and thoroughly enjoyed by nearly fifty of the brethren, amongst whom were the following, viz.:—Bros. Captain W. E. Stone, P.P.G.J.W.; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T.; H. W. Hooper, P.P.G.R.; W. Brodie, P.G.J.D.; W. Haymes, P.P.G.P.; H. B. Starke, P.P.G.O.; G. Bishop, P.G.S.B.; W. Thomas, P.M.; A. A. Carter, P.M.; T. Higgs, P.M.; G. W. Legge, P.M.; W. Vinnicombe, P.M.; G. C. Maynard, P.M.; W. G. Lacey, P.M.; W. Creasy, W.M.; G. W. Madge, W.M. 372; J. R. Stevens, P. Sylvester, W. Cocks, E. Bishop, F. Burridge, F. Dutton, E. Arnold, J. H. Clode, F. Collins, J. Matthews, H. F. Platt, E. O. Bence, S. G. Blackmore, J. Bennetts, F. Horn, J. T. Horne, H. E. Thompson, T. P. Jones, J. Turner, J. Wills, J. R. Cheall, W. Gifford, R. J. Hutchings, J. Lindsay, W. Perry, J. Kitto, W. White, &c. After the tables had been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, that of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, and the P.G. Officers, Past and Present, being especially well received. Bro. W. Brodie, whose name was coupled with the toast responded. The brethren who had subscribed the necessary sum then drew numbers for a Life Governorship in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, Bro. E. Bishop, the newly-appointed Junior Warden, drawing the Life Governorship ticket, of the value of five guineas, which confers a vote, at each election of an annuitant, during the lifetime of the Governor. The toast list having been gone through, some excellent songs were sung, and the convivial spirit reigned supreme until the brethren separated.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. J. J. Taylor, of Marazion, who has filled the S.W.'s chair during the past year, was installed W.M. by his predecessor in office, Bro. W. H. Kinsman, who in the impressive ceremony was assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. F. Boase, P.P.G.S.W.; I. Levin, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Maxwell, S. H. James (St. Just), C. Read, Beringer, W. A. Gerry (Prov. C.O.); Past Masters of 121; and H. S. Hill, W.M. 223 (Plymouth). The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M.; A. O. Michell (Marazion), S.W.; James Lovell, jun., J.W.; Rev. R. W. Aitken, Chaplain; C. Read, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; G. H. Small, Sec.; F. Holman, S.D.; M. Sampson, J.D.; F. Rodda, I.G.; J. C. Simpson, D.C.; W. A. Gerry, O.; W. Colenso, S.S.; G. Wedlake, J.S.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. Bro. Levin, P.M., was re-elected Steward of the Masonic Annuity Fund. On the motion of W. Bro. Boase, seconded by W. Bro. Levin, the retiring W.M. was cordially thanked for his devotion to the office and the excellent example he had set to his successors. W. Bro. Kinsman acknowledged the compliment. Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded to W. Bro. Read, many years Treasurer, and to Bro. Lovell, who for five years had been the courteous and indefatigable Secretary of the lodge. W. Bro. Read, in returning thanks, expressed a belief that if the lodge continued to prosper as it had during the last two years, they would be in a position to consider the advisability of erecting a building of their own. At the close of the lodge, W. Bro. Gerry, P.M., on behalf of the subscribers, presented to W. Bro. Kinsman a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. The brethren adjourned to W. Bro. Mitchell's Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was tastefully spread and admirably served. W. Bro. J. J. Taylor, W.M., who presided, had issued a large number of invitations, but not a few brethren had had to decline in consequence of business engagements in connection with the failure of the Cornish Bank. Bro. Boase, P.M., was kept away by a professional engagement, but he sent a fraternal greeting. Bro. the Rev. R. W. Aitken was absent through indisposition. In proposing "The Queen and Craft," the W.M. said that as an American-born citizen, it gave him peculiar pleasure to propose this toast, for all the world over he had ever found the name of the Queen of England honoured and beloved. To them as Masons she was especially dear, as the daughter of a past and the mother of their present G.M. W. Bro. C. Read followed with "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family," requesting the brethren to testify to their sympathy with the Royal Family in their bereavement by drinking the toast in silence. "The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro. G.M. the Earl of Carnar-

von;" and "The D.G.M. the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale and officers of G.L.," were next given by W. Bros. Read, Maxwell, and Levin respectively; and then in terms of eulogy Bro. A. O. Michell, S.W., submitted "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe and the Prov. G.L. of Cornwall," appropriate response being made by Bro. Read, P.P.G.S.W.; Bro. Levin, P.P.G.S.D.; and Bro. Gerry, Prov. G.O. W. Bro. Kinsman then gave the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of Mount Sinai," remarking that Bro. Taylor first came amongst them a stranger in a strange land, but they soon found in him one whose whole heart and soul was in Freemasonry, and who in his life exemplified its principles. Every member was bound to feel that in their present W.M. they had one who would rule the lodge well and wisely. W. Bro. Taylor responded in a thoughtful speech. Very proud indeed did he feel of the honour that day conferred on him, for he believed he was the first American-born citizen that had filled the chair of a lodge in the county and probably of any lodge in England. To Bro. Michell, their S.W., he owed the pleasure of introduction into Freemasonry—a great and glorious institution. The high and honoured names connected with it was conclusive evidence that it was not a mere convivial society as many thought, or designed to upset authority; whilst the fact the clergy sought admission into it was proof that it was not an irreligious assembly. Masonry was truly a religious and a moral institution capable of accomplishing a great deal of good for the human race. Its historical associations too were of the greatest possible interest. It had been his pleasure to stand on the site of the temple at Jerusalem, from which Masons obtained most of their symbols, and to have slept in all that remained of that famous forest which supplied much of the material for the building of that temple; but tenfold would have been the pleasure if at that time of the visit he had been a Freemason. Freemasonry, in a figurative sense, was itself a magnificent temple, not indeed made with hands, but founded on the firm foundation of a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. It was true there was a spurious Masonry that was not built on that rock, and he regretted to say that they must now include in it the Grand Orient of France, which had eliminated the name of the Most High from its constitution. But that spurious form would long have died when true Masonry flourished, every member a stone in a temple far exceeding in beauty the temple of King Solomon. None should enter the Order but from the purest motives, determined ever to exercise the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. In conclusion, Bro. Taylor expressed the fervent hope that when the great ocean should divide them his memory would still remain fresh in their hearts as theirs would in his. "The Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Kinsman had worked well and worthily, with the result of being an adept in the Masonic art. It had given him unfeigned pleasure to be his S.W. Bro. Kinsman feelingly responded. He was glad of having had the opportunity of doing anything for an institution that did so much to soften and relieve the asperities and troubles of life, and proud of having presided over so important a lodge. "The Past Masters of Mount Sinai" was the next toast, and W. Bro. Read, responding, took the opportunity of welcoming to their ranks W. Bro. Kinsman, whose industry had not been surpassed by any W.M. of the year, and who had installed his successor with an effect and solemnity he had never witnessed before. W. Bro. Lovell having congratulated the lodge on the prosperity of the past year, and expressed himself confident that equal prosperity would attend the coming year, proposed "The Wardens and Officers of Mount Sinai," and Bros. Michell and Lovell suitably acknowledged the compliment. The next toast was "The Visiting Brethren," and the W.M. gave expression to his regret that the financial disaster in the county had deprived them of the pleasure of the presence of some worthy brethren. In a few hearty words the toast was given by W. Bro. Gerry, who believed that the permanent advancement of Masonry was promoted by a cordial intercourse between lodges. W. Bro. Trevithick, W.M. 450, and W. Bro. Eustice, P.M. 450, responded, congratulating the W.M. (a member of their lodge) on his preferment. Bro. H. C. Martin, of Dutch "De Goede Trow" (The Good Trust) Lodge, Capetown, also responded, remarking that he could conscientiously say, although he had visited many lodges, he had not been more cordially or more fraternally treated than he had at Mount Sinai Lodge, and he should not fail to let his lodge at Capetown know it. Especially did he thank Bro. Wedlake for introducing him. "The Initiates" was the next toast, and Bros. Laity and Edkins responded. The important toast of "The Masonic Charities" was entrusted to W. Bro. Lewin, who remarked that the Cornish province had its Annuity Fund instituted by their late G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith, and now existing on a very sound and firm basis. Its income was about £300 a year, derived from £2000 to £2500 capitalised subscriptions from lodges and chapters, and from the individual contributions of the brethren. The income provided annuities for £20 a year to four deserving Masons, afforded assistance to widows, and grants from £15 to £20 a year to assist in educating children of deceased brethren of the province. First established of the general Masonic Charities was the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which had between three and four hundred annuitants, the men receiving £40 a year and the women £23. This institution in some measure was proof that the fraternity practised the great virtues it professed. But, in addition, there was the Masonic School, which clothed, maintained, and educated 200 girls and 220 boys; and last year these three institutions received upwards of £40,000 in subscriptions from the brethren. And it should be remembered that every province, like that of Cornwall, had its own special Masonic charities; so that they could proudly and truly say that one of the brightest ornaments

of the Order was charity. In truth did he believe that when a man became a Freemason he gave more rein to his charitable and benevolent feelings, was not so narrow-minded, enlarged his heart, and became cosmopolitan. During the last few months disaster had been stealing through the country, and unfortunately it had come very near home to them, and there would be large claims on the Order in consequence, and he had no doubt that those claims would be fully met. (Hear, hear.) At the conclusion of W. Bro. Levin's speech Bro. Martin, of the Capetown Lodge, begged to be allowed to give a guinea to the charity fund of the lodge as an evidence of his fraternal feelings, and W. Bro. Levin, gratefully accepting it, mentioned that an appeal was about to be made on behalf of the Girls' School. W. Bro. Read, responding to the toast, mentioned that a member of Mount Sinai Lodge was the first recipient of the annuity fund, and that that member's daughter was about the same time admitted to the Girls' School. W. Bro. Gerry proposed "The Masonic Press," and Bro. H. S. Hill, W.M. 223, responded, "The Host and Hostess" were toasted, and highly praised for the character of the banquet. Bro. Holman proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. Lovell made a neat response. With the Tyler's toast, "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," one of the pleasantest St. John's festivals, as admitted by all, Mount Sinai Lodge had ever had, was brought to a close. The musical arrangements were excellent, thanks to Bro. J. Lovell, jun., whose services the W.M. cordially acknowledged. The J.W. himself sang in capital style "Old Tubal Cain," "Nancy Lee," "The Last Chord," &c., and, joined by W. Bro. Gerry, he gave "The Larboard Watch," while with Bro. Sampson he rendered "All's Well." Bro. Sampson, in excellent voice, sang, "The Fine Old English Gentlemen," (after the toast of "The Prov. G.M.") "My Sweetheart when a Boy," "Her bright smile haunts me still," &c. The glee, "Ye shepherds tell me," was also sung by the three brethren.

TRURO.—Lodge Fortitude (No. 131).—The festival of St. John was held on the 14th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Sampson, S.W., was installed by Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.S.G.W., assisted by the following Board of I.Ms. Bros. J. J. Taylor, W.M., Mount Sinai, 121, Penzance; W. H. Christie, Phoenix, 331, Truro; W. J. Johns, R. John, N. B. Bullen, and E. Edwards. At the close of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following as his officers:—Bros. T. Chirgwin, I.P.M. and Treas.; T. Willcocks, S.W.; J. C. Furniss, J.W.; W. Porter, Chaplain; W. B. Morriss, Sec.; H. C. Browne, Assistant Sec.; R. Lean, S.D.; S. Richards, J.D.; W. J. Green, Org.; Barlow, D.C.; R. Angel, I.G.; T. C. Mack, S.S.; G. M. Downing, J.S.; and J. Langdon, Tyler. The W.M. was elected Steward to the Royal Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, to the annual banquet, where the W.M. was supported on the right by Bros. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; T. Chirgwin, and W. J. Johns, and on the left by Bros. E. T. Carlyon, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Tregoning, S. J. Taylor, 121, and W. H. Christie, 331.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (153 E.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, December 18th, in the lodge rooms at Armstrong's buildings, and was very numerously attended. The D.D.G.M. Bro. Gibbard was present, and among the visitors were the following Masters and Past Masters:—Bros. Franceri, D.G.S.; Ross, Cunningham, Holiday, Barker, Conroy, Valerino, Luque, Jimenez, and Gavannah. The chair was taken by Bro. Conroy, W.M., and on the lodge being raised the W.M. elect, Bro. Bacon, was presented to the W.M. for installation. On the re-admission of the brethren below the chair and the customary salutes in the different degrees being given, the W.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. White, S.W.; King, J.W.; Armstrong, Treasurer; Ingate, Secretary; Button, S.D.; Allen, J.D.; Clipson, D.C.; Lyon, I.G.; Ghio, Tyler. Bro. Conway, I.P.M., then delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens in a most impressive and admirable manner. The D.D.G.M., Bro. Gibbard now rose, and in a short but very feeling speech passed several high encomiums on the I.P.M., and ended by proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Conroy for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. Barker, and the W.M. directed it to be entered in the minutes without putting it to the lodge. Bro. Conroy, in reply, said he was very much gratified by the vote of thanks, and remarked that he had endeavoured to do his work as well as possible, and was only too well rewarded by seeing what perfect satisfaction he had given to the brethren. After a vote of thanks to the Board of Installing Masters had been carried and suitably responded to by Bro. Ross a vote of thanks was proposed to the D.D.G.M. for his kind attendance. Brother Gibbard, in returning thanks, said that he took a great interest in the Inhabitants' Lodge, and had watched its progress with great interest, and ended by complimenting the lodge on the excellence of its working. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast was prepared for them by Bro. Miranda. After ample justice had been done to the good things, the table was cleared and the W.M. proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk heartily, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast and was "The Three Grand Masters, England, Ireland, Scotland," proposed by the W.M. in a few appropriate remarks. This was heartily responded to, and was followed by airs on the piano illustrative of the countries mentioned. The next toast, proposed by Bro. White, S.W., was "The District Grand Officers," which was re-

sponded to by Bro. Jimenez, who wished the lodge all success and prosperity. The I.P.M. now proposed the health of the newly-elected W.M., and in the course of his remarks said that he handed over the chair to Bro. Bacon with great pleasure, being sure that the lodge would improve and prosper under his guidance. The W.M., in reply, said that the position he occupied at that moment was one of great pride, and regretted very much that he could not express, as he would wish, his gratification at the trust reposed in him by the brethren. It was a position of great honour and responsibility, and it should be his utmost endeavour, with the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe and the hearty co-operation of his officers, to give perfect satisfaction to all. The W.M. then proceeded to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Conroy, and remarked that the year they had completed had been a very important one in the history of the lodge, and a very arduous one for the W.M., for it had been marked by two great events, the Canterbury Festival and the removal of the lodge rooms. Through this year of hard labour the I.P.M. had passed triumphantly and furnished an excellent example to succeeding masters. Bro. Conroy, in the course of his reply, said that he owed a great deal of his success to the assistance which he had received from his officers, and hoped that the P.M. would be as fortunate in that respect as he was. "The Health of the Incoming and Outgoing Officers" was then drunk and suitably responded to by Bro. White (incoming) and Bro. Briggs (outgoing). The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said the lodge offered them a hearty welcome. Bros. Cottrell and Turner returned thanks, expressing the great pleasure they always derived from witnessing the working of the lodge, and the kind manner in which they were always received. Some excellent songs by several of the brethren contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this old lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the meeting was attended by a numerous and highly influential representation of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. W. Serjeant, W.M., P.G.S.D., and amongst the "leaders in the Craft" who supported him were the following officers:—Bros. James Winsor, P.M.; J. Parsons, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Johnston, P.M., W.M. 1756; J. T. Alston, S.W.; C. Birch, J.W.; T. Hatton, J.D.; W. Gick, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; E. McCabe, Sec.; E. Catrall, S.; J. Walker, S.; R. Bryan, Organist; P. Ball, Tyler. The list of members present included, Bros. W. H. Ball, J. N. Hounsell, R. Kinsey, Connell, T. Armstrong, R. Fairclough, J. Taylor, G. Haever, J. Mitton, R. C. Burgess, C. Findlow, E. Donnelly, J. Grierson, G. Taylor, J. Fletcher, J. Crompton, J. Harrington, T. Whitfield, W. Whiteside, A. Morton, H. Ferguson, J. Hilton, J. Hitchen, W. Presley, J. Wharam, J. Bathie, W. S. Evans, D. Meek, J. Birtles, F. Mansley, J. Mansley, J. Alston, C. Desser, J. Galloway, J. Thomas, G. Phillips, W. Wilson, T. Hopkins, S. Harvey, H. Alexander, G. Rees, W. Taylor, F. Atherton, W. Eastwood, and others. The visitors were, Bros. G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg.; R. O. Chatham, 1756; C. Bagery, 1756; W. Winsor, 724; G. W. Davies, 241; H. Gill, 1086; J. Jacobs, 724; W. Walker, 1086; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; P. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; T. Hay, 1756; H. Macaulay, 339 (S.C.); Sol. Jacobs, 241; J. Baxton, 1013; J. Barker, 673; H. Marshall, 693; R. E. Mitton, 1356; J. O. Rea, 1182; J. Queen, 667; J. D. Reader, 1086; W. G. West, 1756, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Alston, was presented by Bros. Bromley and Rowson, and installed in an impressive manner by Bro. James Winsor, P.M., and W.M. 241. After the usual Masonic honours had been paid the following officers were invested:—Bros. Charles Birch, S.W.; James Hilton, J.W.; Chas. Bromley, P.M., re-elected Treas.; E. McCabe, Sec., re-appointed; Wm. Gick, S.D.; Edward Catrall, J.D.; Joseph Walker, I.G.; James Winsor, P.M., D.C.; J. P. Bryan, Organist; E. Donnelly, S.S.; F. Mansley, J.S.; P. Ball re-elected Tyler. The addresses to the various officers on their duties were very effectively given by the Installing Master, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served up by the House Steward. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The "Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Birch, S.W., and responded to by Bros. Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G.R., and the I.P.M. of the lodge. The toast of the evening, "The W.M.," was proposed by the I.P.M., who stated that if the approval of the brethren was expressed in the votes, they had spoken in the most favourable manner of their W.M., by giving him their unanimous support, and he hoped that they would vie with each other in loyalty to him during his year of office. The W.M. replied in suitable terms, and hoped that the return to their old installation day would be an augury of good times in store for 203. "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by the W.M., who presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, and also a beautiful tea and coffee service, in consideration of his having filled the chair a second time. The I.P.M. replied in feeling terms, and expressed a hope that the members of 203 would do their utmost to support his successor. "The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Bromley, and heartily honoured. Other toasts followed, including "The Past Masters of 203," "The Masonic Charities," &c., and a very enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bros. A. Child, 1505; J. P. Bryan, Thos. Hatton, Jos. Queen, 667; R. Hobart, 1505; and Hargreaves Gill, fairy bells, a very pleasant reunion being largely contributed to thereby.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213). The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Rampant Horse Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Stanley, solicitor, Norwich, as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were between forty and fifty present, several of whom were visitors from the various lodges in the province, and amongst them we observed Bros. G. B. Kennett, P.P.G.R.; O. D. Ray, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Orams, P.P.G.J.W.; J.C. Chittock, P.P.G.S.D.; Edwin Baldwin, P.M., 40, P.Z.; Charles Rackham, Gilman, John Boyce, P.P.G.S.D.; Miles J. Walker, (Governor of Norwich Castle), F. E. Linging, (Manager of Norwich Gasworks), H. M. Vyall (Secretary Montgomerie), H. C. Riches, W.M. Sincerity; A. J. Berly, W.M. (Cobbell); W. M. Mills, (Walpole); A. D. Stone, P.M. Friendship; A. W. Reeve, (Walpole); Thirkettle and Baldry, P.M.'s Cabbell; P. Soman, (807-213); Wilkin, Notley, T. C. R. King, Santy, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. James Dunsford in a most impressive manner, and the W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. J. E. H. Watson, S.W.; J. W. Reynolds, J.W.; George Baxtor, P.M., Treas.; George Daniels, Sec.; George Kersey, S.D.; R. J. Silburn, J.D.; J. Dunsford, P.M., P.Z., M. of C.; William Cooper, I.G.; S. N. Berry, Org.; Edward Charles Thompson and William Anthony Crisp, Stewards; and Morse, Tyler. After the officers had been appointed, the lodge was duly closed, and an adjournment made for the banquet, which was one of the most recherché character, and did credit to mine host. Lodge Perseverance has always been one of the best in the province for its installation banquets, and on this occasion it may fairly be said to have suffered nothing in the hands of the new W.M. The tables were most tastefully and artistically arranged with choice exotic plants, and each brother had placed opposite his plate a most charming bouquet, supplied by the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, Bro. G. Daniels, upon whom too much praise cannot be bestowed for the care and attention and expense the floral decorations must evidently have entailed. The menu in itself was something out of the common, being printed in gold and light blue. Upon the outer page was inscribed the name of the lodge, on the inner the menu, on the third page toasts of the evening, and on the fourth the new officers. In addition to this, on every page appeared four quotations from Shakespeare; amongst which were the following:—"A hundred thousand welcomes" (*Coriolanus*); "Worshipful master" (*Taming of the Shrew*); "This is the house" (*Comedy of Errors*); "Labour shall refresh itself" (*Henry V.*); "Will it please you taste of what is here" (*Tempest*); "Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used" (*Othello*). But, perhaps, the most appropriate were those at the top and bottom of the page, containing the list of officers, viz.:—"We cannot all be masters" (*Othello*); "One step I have advanced thee" (*King Lear*). After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Bro. Ray proposed the toast of the evening, viz.:—"The Health of the Newly-elected W.M.," who, on rising to respond, was received with quite an ovation, which he richly deserved, not only for his generous liberality on the occasion, but also for the zeal which he has always shown in promoting the welfare of the craft. Lodge Perseverance will never suffer under his mastership, and the members may well feel proud of having such a master, who is equally good at the "work" as at the social board. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was introduced in a very enthusiastic speech by the W.M. forcibly impressing on the brethren the claims they had on our sympathy and support, and hoping that every brother would become a life governor in one or other of those valued institutions. With this toast were combined the names of Bros. Chittock, Orams, and Baldwin, each of whom replied in a few well-chosen remarks, recommending every brother to give something to one or other of those institutions annually, Bro. Baldwin stating that if every Mason in the province gave 5s. annually in support of the charities, the result would prove a benefit to those institutions of about 150 guineas. Certain it is that Norfolk does not supply its quota. At the close of the response, the W.M. and Bro. Blake promised to hand over to Bro. Baldwin the sum of five guineas each, to be disposed of as the latter might deem advisable in the interest of Perseverance Lodge, and Bro. A. J. N. Chamberlain kindly handed over a guinea for the same purpose. Other amounts will, no doubt, be forthcoming before the next lodge meeting, making the amount 20 guineas, and thus securing to the W.M. for the time being of this particular lodge the qualification of a life governor during its existence. The W.M. in glowing terms proposed the health of his immediate P.M. (Bro. Ray), who richly deserved all that was said of him, for he has done much to elevate Masonry—if such a term can be used—and also to aid its noble charities. We would particularly note that Bro. H. J. Mason, the oldest member of the Craft in the province, has been secured a comfortable home in the Benevolent Institution, mainly through Bro. Ray's efforts. A very happy and harmonious evening was spent until high 12, when the brethren dispersed. Bro. George Baxter acted throughout as M. of C. in a manner that added materially to the pleasure and enjoyment of all present.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. S. Tanner was installed as W.M., the ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. T. R. White, the retiring Master. Bro. Jos. Farncombe, P.M. and P.G. Purs. Sussex, acting as D.C. The financial position of the lodge was reported to be very satisfactory. The following officers were appointed:—Bros. T. R. White, I.P.M.; G. Stone, S.W.; A. Holman, J.W.; R. Blaker, Sec.; Rev. W. E. Richardson, Chap.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; Honey, S.D.; Bridges, J.D.; R. A. Stock, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; F. Noakes,

D.C.; H. Hall, Tyler. Bro. J. C. Lucas, was appointed Charity Steward. The newly-appointed W.M. presented Bro. White, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged. At the close of the business the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Mrs. Hunsley providing refreshment in a very excellent manner. About forty were present, including the Masters of several lodges in the province and other visitors, as well as the officers and several members of the South Saxon Lodge. The after dinner proceedings were of a very agreeable character.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—On Monday, the 20th ult., the brethren of this Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, John-street., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. John Stevenson, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, and also of the investiture of the officers whom he has appointed to assist him in carrying on the work of the lodge. More than ordinary interest attached to the ceremonial from the fact that this is Bro. Stevenson's third re-election to the chair. Bro. Stevenson's third year of office (1878) was distinguished by the completion of a work of improvement in the spacious hall in which the brethren assemble from month to month. This hall, one of the most beautiful and well proportioned in the province, has been, internally, much beautified and embellished since the previous St. John's banquet, and the accomplishment of a result so thoroughly artistic and satisfactory has been materially aided by the munificence of Bro. Stevenson, W.M. The lodge having been duly opened on Monday afternoon, Bro. W. Stonehouse, P.M., officiated as Installing Master in an able manner. The investiture of the officers for the ensuing year by the W.M. then took place. The officers for 1879 are as follows:—Bros. Francis Thornton, S.W.; G. T. Crowther, J.W.; W. E. Wolsey, S.D.; G. Farrow, J.D.; J. T. Thornton, I.G.; J. N. Lawson, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Dale, Secretary; H. Hallgate, P.M., Organist; James Wood, Tyler; T. H. Trueman and T. Harland. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and sat down to the installation banquet, which was provided and served up by Mrs. Atlay, the hostess, in an elegant and sumptuous style. The menu comprised the choicest viands, and the wines were of superior quality. The chair was occupied by Bro. Stevenson, P.M., W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. Thornton, S.W. After the removal of the cloth the Chairman proposed the customary toasts, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the other Members of the Royal Family," which were drunk with loyal cordiality. Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M., gave the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Grand Officers," which was heartily drunk, and Bro. T. N. Marwood responded. "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" formed the next toast, which was given by Bro. T. F. Pearson, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Marwood, P.M. "The Health of the W.M., and Prosperity to the Lion Lodge" was proposed in an eloquent speech by Bro. Moss, P.M., and drunk with enthusiasm and all the Masonic honours. The W.M. feelingly responded. The next toast, "The Immediate Past Master and the other Past Masters of the Lion Lodge," was given by the S.W., and responded to by Bro. Moss, P.M. The remaining toasts were "The Installing Master," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Stonehouse, P.M.; "The Officers of the Lion Lodge," proposed by Bro. T. Smailes, and responded to by Bro. Crowther, J.W.; "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. W. H. Marwood, P.M., and responded to by Bro. T. Summerson; "The Hostess," and "Our Next Merry Meeting." The proceedings afforded much enjoyment to all present, and the harmony of the evening was enhanced by songs from Bros. W. Falkingbridge, P.M., T. N. Marwood, P.M., G. Farrow, J.D., J. T. Thornton, I.G., T. H. Trueman, S.S., and a recitation from the worthy Secretary, Bro. Dale. The "loving cup" went round before the brethren separated, the assembly dispersing after "Auld Lang Syne" had been sung as Free and Accepted Masons know how to sing it.

TRURO.—Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—At the meeting of this lodge held on Monday, the 20th inst., at Truro, Bro. J. H. Ferris, J.W., was installed by Bro. S. Serpell, P.M., assisted by the following Board of Past Masters:—E. Trewbody, Carlyon, P.G.S.; R. Bell, E. D. Anderton, P.P.G.S.W.; James Bryant, R. John, P.P.G.S.; W. H. Christoe, W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Juse, all of No. 331, Phoenix; E. Edwards, P.M., 131; Thos. Webber, P.M., 75, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Michell, P.M. 1006; J. J. Taylor, W.M. 121; J. H. Sampson, W.M. 131. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers:—Bros. J. Jose, I.P.M.; J. J. Hawken, S.W.; Sampson Stephens, S.D.; J. Christoe, Sec.; C. Bryant, Org.; F. J. Christoe, J.W.; J. H. Reynolds, J.D.; S. Serpell, P.M., Treas.; J. Tregoning, jun., D.C.; J. Tregoning, I.G.; W. H. Watkins, Stwd.; W. H. P. Martin, Stwd.; W. Rooks, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were:—Bros. R. Carter, 331; Captain Tregoning, 331; T. J. Willcocks, S.W. 131; R. Angel, 131; F. J. Christoe, 331; J. Christoe, 331; J. Rogers, 331; W. H. Watkins, 331; R. H. Carter, 331; J. J. Hawken, 331; J. Julian, 331; Amos. Jennings, 331; T. Davey, 331; J. Juleff, 331; and others. Bro. W. Tweedy, P.M., 331, P.G.T., was re-elected Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. After some further business was transacted, the brethren, joined by several others who were unavoidably absent from the lodge, adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was prepared for them, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).

—The first regular meeting in 1879 of this old and well conducted lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The chief event of the evening was the installation of a well-known but much respected Mason, Bro. James Willmott, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when a most excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Sherman, of The Hard. The newly-installed W.M. most ably presided, and was enthusiastically supported by a large number of the brethren. After the cloth had been removed the W.M. gave the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that the brethren as Freemasons must necessarily be loyal men; and the head of this realm at all times commanded the respect of the Craft; but the Queen not only was regarded with respect but with the sincerest affection, as she had shown a warm interest in our Order by becoming a patroness of our Masonic Charitable Institutions. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," said that the ancient Craft had made immense progress under the superintendence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and although it was impossible for him to attend all the meetings of Grand Lodge, he continued to take the most active interest in the well-being of the Order. The W.M. observed in proposing the next toast, "The M.W. Pro Grand Master of England," that the Earl of Carnarvon was one of the most energetic Masons in England, he ably assisted H.R.H. in conducting the onerous duties of the Grand Master's chair, and was also the P.G.M. of Somersetshire. His name was respected not only by Masons, but by all Englishmen who were not members of the Craft. The next toast, that of "The D.P.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M. in enthusiastic terms, and likewise cordially received. The W.M. in proposing "The R.W.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, W. W. D. Bacon, Esq., M.P.," and also that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Morgan, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge," said that the P.G.M. being more intimately connected with them, they could more highly appreciate his excellent qualities; he was most ably supported by the D.P.G.M., and likewise by the officers, and he had much pleasure in associating the name of Bro. Mark Frost, the P.G. Treas., with the toast. Bro. Mark Frost, who was very cordially received, suitably replied. The other toasts were "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges," and was responded to by Bro. Goble, W.M., Bro. Hall, Havant, Bro. Townsend, United Service, Bro. Frost, United Brothers, Bro. Lancaster, Portsmouth, Bro. R. J. Monnell, Landport Lodges. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. E. S. Main, P.M., and Hayles, and after "The Past Masters of Lodge," and "The Officers of the Lodge" had been drunk, the meeting closed. Some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren during the evening. The following brethren are the officers appointed for this year:—Bros. James W. Willmott, W.M.; William Payne, I.P.M.; R. Barnes, S.W.; C. Knott, J.W.; W. C. Redward, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; Craven, jun., S.D.; H. Crouched, J.W.; J. E. Buck, I.G.; T. Good, D. of C.; Norris, Mason, Stewards. The undermentioned brethren attended:—Bros. J. Rastick, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Wilkins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Friedeborg, P.M.; W. C. Redward, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Cawtes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; S. R. Ellis, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; R. J. Turney, P.M.; H. J. Guy, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Payne, I.P.M.; W. Greenell, G. P. Arnold, A. Crosue, H. Smith, R. Barnes, H. Trivers, J. S. Beckerman, C. Knott, G. Norris, J. L. Edwards, H. Batter, J. L. Hackman, G. Gunnell, J. T. Craven, jun., J. Cox, G. Sharnan, J. E. Buck, G. Mason, J. Carrick, T. Vincent, E. J. Smith, W. Welch, G. Watson, J. Bartlett, and others. Visitors:—Bros. J. Ogburn, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; C. Gale, P.M.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Hayles, V. Brown, W.M. 903; H. Townsend, W.M. elect; C. Whitcomb, W.M. 1705; E. Goble, W.M. 309; R. J. Murrell, W.M. 1776; G. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.J.G.W.; M. E. Frost, P.M. 1069, P.G. Treas.; J. Clark, J.W. 1776, and others.

WINSHILL.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353). The sixty-first anniversary of the above lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Swan Hotel, when Bro. W. J. Booth, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Boden, the brethren expressing their cordial approval of the manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. F. J. Roe, S.W.; W. Lobb, J.W.; W. J. Drewry, P.M., Treas.; W. Walters, Sec.; W. Johnson, S.D.; W. L. Ball, J.D.; W. J. Gothard, P.M., P.P. G.P., D. of C.; A. B. Plant, Org.; J. C. Perfect, I.G.; Johnson, Tyler. The business of the lodge being concluded, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Spooner, which was well served and gave in every way satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a truly Masonic spirit, and several subjects relating to the interests of Masonry were ably spoken to by brethren present, and a very hearty desire expressed that the newly-installed W.M. might experience a pleasant and successful year of office. The Royal Sussex Lodge occupies a deservedly high position among the lodges of the Province of Derbyshire, being noted for its contributions to the various Masonic Charities, and always endeavouring to illustrate the fraternal spirit and the generous sympathies, which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Craft. The visiting brethren who honoured the lodge with their presence were as follows:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, P.G., Treasurer; F. Campion,

P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; H. Hillam, P.M. 731, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; C. Graham, P.M. 624, P.S.G.W. Staffordshire; W. J. Mantle, P.M. 297 P.P.G., Superintendent of Works, Lincolnshire; S. Briggs, P.M. 624; K. Macrea, I.P.M. 624; T. C. C. Martin, W.M. 624; W. G. Lowe, Secretary, 624; J. Samble, jun., 624; H. J. Lawrence, 624. The D.P.G.M. Bro. Okeover, P.J.G.W. of England; Bro. W. Naylor, P.M. 253, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, P.G., Secretary, and other distinguished brethren were in consequence of pressing engagements unable to be present at the installation ceremony and banquet.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 20th inst., when Bro. Thomas Lashmore, one of the Past Senior Wardens, was duly installed by Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., in the presence of a full attendance of brethren, including Bro. W. Hickson, D.P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; the I.P.M., and the Treasurer of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and the W.Ms. of the Southampton, Clausentum, and Shirley Lodges; the Installed Masters numbering eighteen. The W.M. elect subsequently invested his officers as follow:—Bros. W. H. Martin, I.P.M.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; Andrews, S.W.; Stroud, J.W.; Jones, S.D.; J. Patstone, J.D.; W. Waters, D.C.; K. G. Westley, I.G.; and Goodwin, Org. Before the lodge closed the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, expressing the hope that he might live long to perform many similar offices. Bro. P.M. Dusautoy seconded the proposition, and it was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Payne acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks and a Past Master's jewel were awarded to Bro. Martin, the retiring Master, for his services during the past year. The installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, was held in the evening, presided over by the new W.M., to whom many congratulations were tendered on his accession to an office for which he was eligible, and might have had, many years ago had he chosen, and confident hopes were also expressed that the present prosperous condition of the lodge would in no way suffer during his regime. The usual toasts were given, and a most pleasant evening was spent in true Masonic spirit.

HALIFAX.—St. James Lodge (No. 448).—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the annual installation festival was celebrated by the members of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. T. Whitaker, W.M. opened the lodge at half-past three. After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. A. Roberts was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year according to ancient custom, in a masterly and impressive manner, by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M. The interesting ceremony occupied about an hour and a half, and was highly appreciated by the numerous brethren present. The following brethren were appointed by the new W.M. to assist him in the government of the lodge during his year of office:—Bros. W. Swale, S.W.; Councillor Richard Worsick, J.W.; Richard Jessop, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Radcliffe, Sec.; W. Walshaw, S.D.; J. G. Lee, J.D.; C. T. Kendall, M.C.; C. Taylor, Org.; A. H. Booth, I.G.; G. Greenwood, P.M., Tyler; J. Hanney, and S. Dickinson, Stewards. Hearty congratulations were accorded to Bro. Roberts upon his elevation. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M. and J.W. (in the absence of the Rt. W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, who had written excusing his attendance), presented, in appropriate terms, to Bro. Thos. Whitaker, the retiring W.M., in the name of the lodge, a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, in gold, as a mark of esteem for his services during the year, which was suitably and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Whitaker; after which the brethren adjourned to the handsome dining hall, to partake of the usual sumptuous banquet (provided on this occasion by Bro. J. C. Crocker, of the White Swan Hotel), where Bro. Roberts, who presided, was supported by many distinguished brethren, amongst whom were Bro. Thomas Perkinson, P. Prov. G.W. and P. Prov. G.M.M.M. of West Yorkshire; Bro. John Fisher, P. G. Treas. and P.C.E.C. of K. T. of West Yorkshire; Bro. B. N. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; Bro. Siddal, P. Prov. G.D. of East Lancashire; Bro. J. Gaukroger, P.M., 61; Bro. Waghorn, W.M., 61; Bro. George Scarborough, S.W., 61; Bro. John Leach, J.W., 61; Bros. Thomas Whitaker, P.M., C. T. Rhodes, P.M., Richard Jessop, P.M., C. J. Walshaw, P.M., W. F. Wilkinson, P.M., W. B. Spencer, P.M., 448, W. Cooke, W.M., 1302, H. S. Holdsworth, W.M., 408, and H. Beaumont, W.M., the officers of the lodge, and numerous brethren of the town and district. The menu was not only rich in the provisions afforded, but was unique in design, containing appropriate quotations from Shakespeare around the borders, and before and after the bill of fare and toasts. The "Two Gentlemen of Verona" announced the fact that "Dinner's ready," while from Macbeth was the desire, "Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both." After an enjoyable repast, composed of innumerable dishes, the diners were invited by the card to "Praise us as we are tasted, allow us as we prove;" and on the border of the toast list was the caution from Othello, "Every inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is a devil." Heading the toast list was the hackneyed, but nevertheless trenchant, reminder that "Brevity is the soul of wit, and consequently the W.M., Bro. Roberts, indulged in few, but nevertheless graceful, observations in giving the loyal toasts. After the name of her Majesty on the list came the words from Henry the Fifth:—

"God and His angels guard her sacred throne,
And make her long become it."

and how sincerely the sentiment was endorsed was evidenced in the cordial response to the health of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft." The next

toast was the healths of the M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W.D.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the grand officers past and present. Bro. Roberts, in submitting this, "praised, commended, and extolled their graces," and the toast was received with enthusiasm and accompanied with grand honours. In giving "The R. W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Lieut-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; the W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers past and present," the W.M. expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Henry Edwards. Bros. T. Perkinson, J. Fisher, B. W. Jackson and Cooke acknowledged. Bro. T. Whitaker, I.P.M., was received with cheers to propose the health of the W.M. of the Lodge of St. James's, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Roberts. The Immediate Past Master "who has done nobly and cannot go without any honest man's voice" was toasted cordially, as also was the Installing Officer, Bro. C. T. Rhodes. "The Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers" was proposed by Bro. Wilkinson, and responded to by Bros. W. Swale, S.W., and Worsick, J.W. Bro. Swale also gave the healths of the Past Masters, and Bro. C. Walshaw, P.M., replied. Bro. T. Whitaker, in terms of welcome, proposed "The Sister Lodges in Halifax," and this was cordially acknowledged by Bro. Waghorn, W.M., Probity; Bro. Cooke, W.M., De Warren; and Bro. W. B. Spencer, W.M., St. John's. Bro. Worsick, J.W. gave "The Visiting Brethren," and Bro. Holdsworth, W.M., Three Graces (Haworth), Bro. Shaw, W.M., Saville (Elland). Bro. C. T. Kays, P.S.W. (Huddersfield), and Bro. Nicholl, Ryburn (Sowerby Bridge), replied. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., was followed by "Lady Edwards and the Ladies;" and by the last toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," we were reminded by the card that "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." During the banquet Bro. Hemingway's band performed choice selections of music, and at intervals during the evening Bros. Wood, P.M., Varley, P.M., Todd and Armitage, and glee party from Huddersfield delighted the assembly with glees, duets, songs, &c., their efforts being ably supported by several members of the lodge. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—Thursday, the 9th inst., was a "high day" with the brethren connected with this lodge, the annual festival of St. John being celebrated on that day. At 2.30 business commenced, and the labours of the day were protracted until half-past six in the evening. The ceremonies of "raising" and "installation" were performed by the W.M., Bro. G. F. Barrell, in a manner seldom witnessed in a provincial lodge—indeed, the D.G.M. of Lincolnshire, who was present, testified his unqualified admiration at the manner in which these onerous ceremonies had been carried through. Necessarily impressive and solemn, they were performed with the most perfect good taste, and elicited the universal congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Woodrow, P.M., also performed the ceremony of initiation in his customary able manner. Bro. Bonner, P.M., having been duly installed into the chair, briefly addressed the brethren, thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him, and testifying his intention to carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He then appointed the following officers:—Bros. Symes, S.W.; J. Laming, J.W.; Fountain, P.M., Treas.; Barrell, P.M., Sec.; E. Cammack, Org.; Benner, S.D.; A. Harrison, J.D.; S. E. K. Capps, I.G.; Woodrow, D.C. One of the most pleasing ceremonies of the day was the presentation by Bro. Woodward, P.M., on behalf of Bros. Barrell, Benner, and himself, of a magnificent banner, to be used on "state occasions." Bro. Woodward expressed a very sincere wish that this might be accepted as a token of their sincere regard for the principles of the Craft, and hoped that instead of a cold formality all the members might evince attention to the principles of the Order. The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel (the Commissioners refusing to let their board room for the purpose, as has been done for many years), where a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided by Bro. Harper. The W.M. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, Captain Loeck, the I.P.M., Bro. Barrell, P.G.A.D.C. of Lincolnshire, Bros. Perry, Lowe, P.G.C. of Lincolnshire, and W.M. 272, Dr. Wood, W.M. 838, Hodgkins, W.M. 985, Hart, 466, Shepherd and Ferguson, 838, with numerous other visitors, and most of the members of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, some very useful and interesting conversation took place, which obviously cannot be recorded here, and several brethren enlivened the evening with songs and recitations. Bro. Cammack and Dr. Wood ably presided at the piano. We cannot refrain from noting the splendid way in which Bro. Hayes rendered those exquisite songs "Maid of Athens," and the "Blue Alsatian Mountains," while Bros. Abbott and Woodrow's truly Masonic songs "struck home" to every one present. Bro. Hart also took part in the harmony, and Bro. Symes gave a recitation on "The Patience of Job," with admirable effect, and after a most pleasant evening the brethren retired, well pleased with each other and the treat they had enjoyed. We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held at Spalding early in the summer of this year.

AXMINSTER.—Virtue and Honour Lodge (No. 494).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the George Hotel, when Bro. S. G. Loveless was installed for the ensuing year W.M., by Bro. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., who performed the ceremony in an edifying and instructive man-

ner, for which the brethren showed their appreciation by unanimously passing a vote of thanks. The duties of W.M. had been performed by Bro. Loveless in so admirable and efficient a manner during the past year that he was unanimously re-elected, an honour which Bro. Loveless evidently appreciated. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Toms, I.P.M.; J. G. Pinney, S.W. and Treas.; J. Jefford, J.W.; A. P. Reece, Sec.; Jarwin, S.D.; Pickering, J.D.; Derrick, I.G.; Webber, P.M., Organist; Wakley, I.G. After the closing of the lodge the customary banquet was partaken of by the brethren (including several visitors). The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Princess Charlotte of Wales Lodge (No. 570, I.C.).—This lodge, which is attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards, now stationed at Manchester and Bury, held their annual St. John's festival in the Masonic Hall, Coopers' street, on Monday, the 20th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M. (Bro. J. Arthur). There was a good muster of members and visitors; amongst the latter were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C.; George Smith, W.M. 1009; J. Brandon, W.M. 1219; Needham, P.M. 1219; Derbyshire, P.M. 581. The minutes were read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree when Bro. W. D. Lemmon, P.M. assumed the office of Installing Master, and in the various Degrees very ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. George Perkins in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was duly proclaimed and saluted, and afterwards impressively addressed by Bro. Sillitoe. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Arthur, I.P.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; J. Baldery, J.W.; Lemmon, P.M., Sec.; C. Ress, S.D.; A. Banks, J.D.; Hunter, I.G. The addresses to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Needham. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal toasts were heartily proposed and received, and then followed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons in England;" "His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons in Ireland;" "Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master of Freemasons in Scotland;" and Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand officers present and past. Bro. Sillitoe responded to the latter, and in his remarks alluded to the peculiar pleasure he felt in doing so, as their R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who was every inch a Mason as well as every inch a soldier, had formerly served in the regiment, and so highly was he esteemed that any circumstance which in any way formed a connecting link with him was sure to be hailed with cordiality by every brother in the province. The toast of the W.M. was ably proposed and very enthusiastically received. In responding, the W.M. assured the brethren that he should at all times take a deep interest in everything that would tend to uphold the dignity and prosperity of the lodge. Other toasts followed, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental.

OPENSHAW.—Lodge of Faith (No. 581).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held last Wednesday evening 15th ult. Bro. John Bedford, W.M. at 7.15 opened the lodge in the First Degree, assisted by Bro. Tyers, P.M. acting S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Greenup, Bros. Hickson, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Brougham, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Beswick, Tyler; Parker, P.M., Treas.; Speakman, Secretary. Bro. Speakman proposed Mr. James Thomas Entwistle as a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, and on being put to the vote he was unanimously accepted and duly initiated by the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree by the W.M. and the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, were put to Bro. P. Nightingale and answered in a satisfactory manner. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and Bro. Peter Nightingale duly admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Henry Darbyshire, P.M. By virtue of the authority invested in him Bro. Darbyshire closed the lodge in the Third Degree, and in the Second Degree. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary to make the usual business announcements, which being done, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer at 9.45 p.m., the remainder of the evening being spent as usual in a very happy manner at the festive board.

SEACOMBE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The installation meeting of this lodge, situated in the prosperous province of Cheshire, took place on Thursday evening, the 16th ult., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, near Birkenhead. Bro. C. Staley, the retiring W.M. occupied the chair and opened the lodge, and there were present with him Bros. T. Shaw, I.P.M., M. McNeerney, P.M., J. T. Lea, T. Gregory, J.W., J. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D., Treasurer; J. R. Simm, Secretary; R. Floukes, S.D., A. E. Covey, J.D., G. J. Davies, S., J. H. Holtaway, P.G.T., Tyler; Bros. R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D., N. Wailes; G. Grant, P. Evans, T. Evans, A. Moore, A. Judd, M. Wetherich, M. Bielby, J. Clarke, J. Jones, W.M. 1576, W. Egerton, O. Jones, T. J. Clarkson, J. Davies, T. Graham, G. Keightley, W. Dobie, J. Ritchie, H. Thompson, S. Williams, &c. The visitors present were Bros. T. J. Lays, 667; H. Matthews, S.W. 1276; D. Fraser, P.M., Treasurer, 477; W. Bennett, W.M., 477; A. Morrison, 241; C. Petty; A. K. Gardiner, J.W. 477; D. Henderson, 477; J. Ridehalgh, P.M. 1276; J. Perrin, 477; J. Lambert, P.M. 537; W. Simm, 477; R. Carruthers, 1350; J. Taylor, P.M. 1276; F. Dixon, 477; W. Price,

W.M. 1276; H. Skinner, P.M. 1276; C. Bury, 477; W. Danger, 1276; J. Little, 667; J. Wright, W.M. 786; G. Lloyd, 477; C. C. Jonghin, 477, &c. After the transaction of some formal business, the chair was taken by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., who proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Gregory as the W.M. for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of this portion of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Staley, I.P.M.; John Jones, S.W. (W.M. 1576); R. Ffoulkes, J.W.; J. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., treasurer; Joseph R. Simm, secretary; A. E. Covey, S.D.; G. J. Davies, J.D.; M. Bielby, I.G.; R. C. Mellor, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; Owen Jones, S.S.; A. Moore, J.S.; and Bro. J. H. Holtaway was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge. The balance-sheet of the lodge was taken as read and passed, and at the close of the business a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the treasurer and secretary of the lodge (Bros. Sillitoe and Simm) for their services during the year. The W.M. also presented a valuable P.M.'s jewel to Bro. C. Staley, I.P.M., in recognition of his services in connection with the lodge. The brethren subsequently dined at the hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The annual contributions on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution were taken before the brethren separated.

MALTON.—Camalodunum Lodge (No. 660).—On Tuesday, the 21st ult., this lodge held their annual banquet at the Talbot Hotel. Bro. W. W. King, the Worshipful Master presiding. A list of twenty Masonic and other toasts was gone through, and Bros. W. Wilson, Goldie, Pullan, Marshall, Walker, Constable, and Hudson rendered some excellent part songs and solos, &c. There was no formal installation ceremony, Bro. W. W. King being unanimously re-elected W.M. for another year. The W.M. appointed the following officers for the next term:—Bros. R. H. Bower, Treasurer; Wm. Constable, Secretary; Rev. E. A. B. Pitman, Chaplain; A. W. Walker, S.W.; J. W. Marshall, J.W.; J. D. Dods worth, S.D.; T. M. Goldie, J.D.; J. B. Nichols, I.G.; and Kirton Waudby, Steward and Tyler.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge, which embraces many true and good Masons, was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a total attendance of upwards of 100 brethren. A lodge of emergency was first held under the presidency of Bro. John Ellis, W.M., who worked the Second Degree with much effectiveness. At the close of this portion of the day's proceedings, the lodge was again closed to the First Degree, when the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Ellis, W.M., presided, and there were also present during the afternoon, Bros. G. S. Willing, P.M.; J. D. Vaynes, P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treas.; J. Bolton, P.M.; T. Peake, Sec.; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W., P.M.; J. E. Skillicorn, P.M.; W. P. Witter, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknell, J.D.; R. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; T. Yeatman, H. Sifton, J. Mellor, A. H. Brookes, J. Baker, A. J. Hudson, W. Bromley, F. Carter, J. Couley, T. J. Linger, T. Hall, J. Bowyer, J. Beck, J. Cohen, G. Harver, J. Francis, R. Dawson, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Lees, N. Walker, T. R. Willings, J. L. Gregory, R. Ellman, R. Stewart, H. Taylor, Isaac Levy, T. H. Gregory, J. Benham, J. W. Broadbent, S. Williams, T. Rood, J. Barker, J. Sherwin, T. Hervey, J. Normanton, J. Benham, D. Fowler, B. C. Catlow, T. Mason, P. Catlow, G. Jackson, R. Wright, R. R. Morris, J. T. Rogers, W. Creak, G. W. Webster, and T. J. Luya. Amongst the numerous visitors were, Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; E. Paull, Sec. 1356; A. Morrison, P.M. 1540; A. F. Galloway, 1264; J. Creamer, J. H. Parker, P.M. 1547; J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; S. P. Core, 1356; E. Jones, P.M. 216; T. Parker, P.M. 613; J. Stock, P.M. 39; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treasurer 1609; D. Langley, 249; Joseph Bell, P.G.S., P.M. 1356 and 1609; W. S. Matthews, S.W. 1276; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1356 and 1609; T. Jackson, P.M. 580; J. T. Callow, P.G., Treasurer; D. Catlow, 823; J. Duncan, jun., W.M. 1473; G. W. Rodgers, 104; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; J. Hocken, W.M. 1505; W. Tyrer, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Busfield, 216; J. H. Townley, S.W. 1209; J. Harvey, 203; J. Forster, 724; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. I. Knight, P.M. 241; W. Ballad, 1321; G. T. Hasker, S.W. 1182; J. Jackson, W.M. 673; and J. R. Jones, 1675. In a masterly and impressive manner, which could hardly have been excelled, Bro. Willings installed Bro. Henry Firth as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested for the same period:—Bros. John Ellis, I.P.M.; J. H. Gregory, S.W.; Thomas Peake, J.W.; Thomas Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); David Lloyd, Secretary; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W., D.C.; Arthur Bucknell, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Bailey, I.G.; J. Lees, S.S.; R. J. Hudson, J.S.; and Bro. Peter Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Chaplin, the house steward. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, that of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution" being responded to by Bro. J. I. Knight, P.M. 241, and "The Flamer Memorial Benevolent Fund" by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G., Treasurer. The I.P.M. gave "The health of the Worshipful Master," who, in responding, expressed his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him that day, and intimated his determination to uphold the high position which the lodge had deservedly secured. The W.M. next proposed "The health of Bro. J. Ellis, I.P.M.," and in doing so presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the bre-

thren in acknowledgment of his services as an officer and Master of the lodge. The toast and gift were suitably acknowledged by Bro. Ellis, and "The Installing Master," given by the W.M., was most appropriately acknowledged by Bro. G. Willings. "The health of our Visiting Brethren," given from the chair, was responded to by Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264, and Bro. E. Paull, Secretary, 1356. An excellent musical programme was furnished by Bros. J. Basfield, J. Queen, Hobart, A. Child, Willings, Skillicom, and J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist, who presided at the pianoforte.

DARTMOUTH.—Hanley Lodge (No. 797).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge room on Monday, the 13th ult., at high twelve, for the purpose of installing a W.M. to preside over them for the ensuing twelve months. The choice had fallen on Bro. John Bovey, and having been duly presented by Past Master J. Hurrell the worthy brother was duly and impressively installed by Bro. G. B. Colston, P.M., P.P.G., S.W.Ks., whose excellent working and perfect acquaintance with the ritual invested the proceedings with much interest. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year, and a kindly word was given to each as he received his collar:—Bros. J. Hurrell, I.P.M.; W. H. Probert, S.W.; H. Winsor, J.W.; J. R. Hooper, S.D.; H. Benson, J.D.; R. Ralphs, Secretary and Organist; J. Constable, I.G.; Shuttlewood, Tyler. Bro. Past Master W. H. Prinsep, P.P.G.R., was unanimously elected to represent the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The lodge was then closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to partake of the customary banquet, which was served in admirable style by Bro. Bartholomew, of the Castle Hotel. After the tables had been cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The toast list having been gone through some excellent songs were sung, and the convivial spirit reigned supreme until the brethren separated.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The rapid strides that this lodge is making must be a source of great satisfaction to all its members. What with the splendid room and handsome furniture it may well be classed as the most complete lodge-room in the South of England, and it having been suggested that there should be a banquet on the completion of the new lodge-room, there was a good muster of the brethren at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 15th inst., in response to the circular issued by the W.M. There were present, Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M.; H. D. M. Williams S.W.; J. A. Hodgkin, J.W.; B. S. Wilmot, I.P.M.; W. S. Elers, Treas.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; C. Graham, acting S.D.; J. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; Strange, Tyler. Past Masters J. Read, Beckley, Roper and Elers. Bros. Arnold, Boorman, Cripps, Durrant, T. Elliott, W. Elliott, W. Langridge, Satchell, Ramisbotham, Rule and others. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and on being resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Elers, P.M., proposed and Bro. Williams seconded "That a gratuity of two guineas be given to the Tyler" which was unanimously carried. The W.M. having made the usual enquiries the Secretary read a letter of resignation from Bro. Hugh H. Riaach, P.M., which was accepted and Bro. Bates was instructed to convey to Bro. Riaach the regret the lodge felt at his resigning his membership. Several small matters having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kentish Hotel to a splendid banquet provided by Bro. Semark, the host, which was served in good style and drew forth the approbation of all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured and the evening was enlivened by some very good harmony and brought to a close at an early hour.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The members of this lodge, together with the visitors, met in the Masonic Rooms, Church Street, on Monday, January 6th, for the purpose, as expressed in the agenda paper, of initiating Mr. C. K. Stevens, Chief Traffic Inspector, Cornwall Minerals Railway, and for the installation of Bro. A. P. Davis, Surgeon, as K.M., &c. During the last twelve months the lodge has received as a joining member Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. of Suffolk. The advent of Bro. Holmes to Fowey was heartily welcomed by all the brethren, as from his well-known writings, Masonic and otherwise, his fame had preceded him, and the high anticipation of the brethren were not deceived, but they found, high as they had estimated him, they had not valued him at his full worth. Bro. Holmes, by his writings, public lectures, concerts, &c., given for charitable purposes, and his readiness to open his purse strings in the cause of charity for every deserving object has already gained the goodwill of all in the neighbourhood. While we welcome him amongst us we cannot but express our sympathy for those who have been deprived of his valuable services. Bro. Holmes, from the great advantages he has had in witnessing the performance of our impressive ceremonies has been of invaluable service in correcting our little deficiencies, and we sincerely hope the east would send us a few more such as he is. Among the brethren present, were Bro. H. W. Durant, W.M.; N. H. Lamb, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, D.C.L., P.P.G.C.; Dr. Davis, M.D., P.P.G.J.W.; A. E. Gord, P.M., P.G.Std.; F. B. Williams, P.M.; W. Tonkin, Secretary, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. and Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. of Suffolk. Visitors, T. C. Stephens, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Stephens, P.M.; P.G.Std.; J. Rundle, S.W.; J. Langford, J.W., of Lodge St. Andrews, 1,151; Dr. Mason, W.M., Peace and Harmony Lodge, 496, St. Austell; and about forty brethren. After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed the ballot was taken for the candidate, Mr. Stevens, and that being declared unanimous, the W.M. vacated the

chair for Bro. Dr. Davis, father of the W.M. elect, who proceeded with the impressive ceremony of the initiation, which was performed in a very able and efficient manner. Bro. A. P. Davis was then presented and installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Tonkin, P.G.S. of W., who acted as installing master, and very efficiently performed a difficult task. The following were appointed officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. W. Durant, I.P.M.; C. Slade, S.W.; A. Luke, J.W.; T. Walton, S.D.; T. Richards, J.D.; and G. Varcoe, I.G.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, chaplain; H. W. Durant, treasurer; Emra Holmes, D.C.; W. Tonkin, secretary; R. Beale and W. Phillips, stewards. Letters were received from the W.Ms. of the Lostwithiel and St. Columb Lodges, regretting they could not attend. It was agreed that the sum of 2 guineas should be voted to the Cottage Hospital and Church Clock Fund, as allowed heretofore at the annual meeting. The lodge was duly closed, and a banquet was afterwards given at the Commercial Hotel, to which some 40 brethren sat down. Mr. Richards catered admirably. After dinner the W.M. resigned the gavel to Bro. Emra Holmes, D.C., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toasts of "The Prov. Grand Master" and "The Officers Present and Past of the P. G. Lodge," Bro. Holmes congratulated the brethren of Cornwall on having at their head so estimable a nobleman, and one so justly respected and beloved, as the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. He coupled with the toast the names of A. Elford, P.G. Std., and Bro. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G.C. Bro. Elford very briefly replied, and was followed by Dr. Treffry, who in a long and eloquent speech dilated upon the unquestioned antiquity of Masonry, and gave some interesting details of Capt. Warren's discoveries of Masonic works in his recent exploration of Jerusalem. The Rev. Doctor then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and spoke in a very cordial way of the hopes entertained of the manner in which Bro. Percy Davis, would fill the chair, trusting that, if it were possible he might make a better Mason than his father. Bro. Davis very modestly replied, when the Director of Ceremonies gave in succession the toasts of "I.P.M. and Installing Master," Bro. Holmes took occasion to remark upon the interesting address of Dr. Treffry, and supplemented the statements as to the antiquity of Masonry and its signs and tokens. He had heard a reverend brother of high Masonic rank state that he had himself seen from the summit of Lincoln Cathedral three gigantic figures carved in stone, and mounted on the pinnacles which adorned that structure, the one a monk, the second a nun, and the third an angel; standing in certain positions known to Masons and making the signs of the Three Degrees. These three figures had stood for centuries testifying to the antiquity of Masonry and its signs and symbols. It had been stated many years ago that the Royal Arch Degree must be false, since it taught the belief that the Arch was known in architecture in the time of King Solomon whereas it was well known to the said sceptics that the arch was not known until the times of the Romans. Well, in the recent explorations in Jerusalem under the very sight of the Temple, arches were discovered, which proved that the Masons were right after all. Bros. Mason and Westlake replied to the toast of "The Visitors" and "All poor and distressed Masons" brought the formal toast list to a close. A very agreeable evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A strong gathering of the members of this large and flourishing lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Fox, P.M.; Lebanon, W.M.; Jessett, S.W.; T. Ockenden, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, W.M. 1656, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; J. Hammond, P.M., 201, P.G.S. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Raw, Hon. P.M.; Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; Day, A.W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (Freemason). The minutes of the November meeting and the motion then given that the sum of ten guineas should be placed upon the list of Bro. Walls as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys at the next festival having been unanimously confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. Charles James Bunyan into the mysteries of Craft Masonry, and raised Bros. W. Bartlett, E. Russell, and R. M. Oxford to the degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of these ceremonies Bro. P. Ockenden in very eloquent terms moved that the sum of two guineas should be voted to the fund for securing the return into the London Orphan Asylum of the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, who were highly respected in Hampton, and whose premature deaths threw their three young children upon the mercy of the world. This case, although outside the Masonic pale, was warmly advocated by Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, and the resolution upon being put was unanimously passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the after proceedings were shorn of their customary formality. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Craft," "The W.M.," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Bowers, and Brownrigg, and "The Officers." The latter toast was acknowledged by Bros. Hopwood, W. Hammond, and Jessett.

ENFIELD.—St. James's Lodge (No. 1579).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., in the George Inn. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, there being a full muster of brethren. Bro. John Painter, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. H. Stephens, S.W.; Thos. J. Cusworth, J.W.; Herbert J. Adams, Treasurer; J. Driscoll, Prov. G.P., Secretary; Geo. H. Jaffa, S.D.; J. W. Hobbs, J.D.; P. H. Kilduff, Chaplain; Wm. Jain, I.G.; J. Very, Tyler; E. J. Everdell, D. of C.; E. Litchworth, I.P.M.; and James

Linyell, P.M. The members present were:—Bros. H. Weld, John Painter, Geo. Corbol, C. W. Chambers, J. Stephenson, Joseph Boulton, Geo. Tegg, S. J. Waterer, F. Auerbach, R. J. Webber, and J. M. Greenwood. Visitors: W. F. Green, 861; G. Wallace, 907; J. L. Cogan, W.M., 1365; J. Paterson, 19; Henry V. Clements, S.D. 754; James Oddy, 754; S. W. Iron, P.M., 902; J. Selly, 25; F. Coker, 1426; and A. H. Chisholm, 154 (Freemason). The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Letters of apology from the Prov. G.M. (Colonel Burdett) and Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. H. C. Levander), for not being able to be present, were read. Bro. Joseph Stephenson, a candidate for passing, having been examined and found worthy of preferment, retired, and the lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Stephenson was then re-admitted and duly passed. The W.M. then presented Bro. Thos. J. Cusworth (the W.M. elect) to Bro. E. Litchworth, P.M., who kindly undertook the duties of Installing Master, which he performed in a most creditable manner. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his office-bearers. They are as follows:—Bros. Stephens, S.W.; Joffa, J.W.; Adams, Treas.; Driscoll, Sec.; Kilduff, Chaplain; Hobbs, S.D.; Iron, J.D.; Everdell, I.G.; Rudd, D. of C.; Tegg, W.S.; Very, Tyler. The business being thus concluded, the lodge was closed in the customary way, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the newly-installed Worshipful Master. The arrangements for the banquet were carried out by mine host of the George Inn (Bro. Mathieson) in excellent style. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," all of which toasts were drunk with true Masonic honours. In replying to "The Health of the G. Officers," Bro. Litchworth, P.M., as Installing Master, said he was sure that all the brethren regretted the absence of their M.W.P.G.M. and their M.W. P.G. Secretary. It was not many days since he had the pleasure of seeing the former who, at that time, expressed his regret that he would be unable to attend the banquet, but he (the speaker) had every reason to hope that the brethren would within the next few months have the pleasure of his company at some of their meetings. With regard to the Prov. G. Secretary, he had seen him on the preceding day, and he, too, deeply regretted his inability to be present, but it was to be hoped that before long the brethren of St. James's Lodge would have the pleasure of seeing him amongst them. As one of the original members of the lodge he (Bro. Litchworth) must take that opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the accession to office of so distinguished a member of the Craft as their W. Master, he being a most fit successor to their I.P.M., for whom, he was sure, all the brethren entertained the highest esteem. He could assure them it was no empty phrase that he used, when he told them, that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to instal their W.M. in the chair that evening. Bro. Painter, P.M., then proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that it was a great pleasure to him to see Bro. Litchworth in that position, and expressing the hope that during his year of office the affairs of the lodge would continue to prosper. The W.M. very appropriately replied. He had, he said, every reason to hope that his year of office would be a successful one, and he trusted brethren would bring as many initiates as possible to augment the number of members of St. James's Lodge, in order to give him an opportunity of working the various degrees in Freemasonry. Before sitting down he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of their I.P.M." They had all witnessed the successful way in which he had performed his duties during his tenure of office. He had now lost the opportunity of presiding over them, but he (the speaker) was certain he would never be forgotten in St. James's Lodge, not only for the urbanity of manners which the brethren had always experienced at his hands, but for the great interest he had shown in promoting the affairs of the lodge. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, which Bro. Painter, P.M., gracefully acknowledged, remarking that his connection with the lodge from its commencement was one which he very much prized, and he trusted that the pleasant evenings which he had spent amongst the brethren he saw around him, would never be obliterated from his memory, whilst he would assure them that he would always do his best for Freemasonry in general and the St. James's Lodge in particular. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," observing that they had the pleasure of the company of three Past Masters that evening, but more particularly in connection with that toast would he call the attention of the brethren to the Installing Master Bro. Litchworth. He was sure it was very gratifying to all present to witness the able manner in which he had performed the duties of that beautiful ceremony. He (the W.M.) confessed he had attended numerous lodges and had seen the ceremony of installation often performed, but never had he witnessed it gone through in so accurate and impressive a manner as on the present occasion. Bro. Litchworth in replying thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded to the toast, and went on to say that he congratulated the lodge on the thorough Masonic spirit which up to the present time had influenced the brethren in all that they had done. Masonic banquets and meetings really did nothing unless there was something behind them, and he trusted that the St. James's Lodge might as long as it continued to exist, be animated with those feelings which had hitherto influenced it. "The Visitors" was next proposed, being coupled with the names of Bros. Oddy and Green, who suitably responded. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he was sure all the brethren would bear testimony to the excellent way

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MARRIAGE.

PRESTON-STEVENS.—On the 23rd ult., at St. Andrew's, Monckton Wyld, Dorset. William T. Preston, son of Sir J. H. Preston, of Beeton, Norfolk, to Alice M., daughter of Capt. F. H. Stevens.

DEATHS.

CULL.—On the 21st ult., at 29, Grove-road, St. John's Wood, Thos. Cull, aged 69.

EVERETT.—On the 27th ult., at 90, Clapham-road, Evelina Gertrude, third daughter of George Everett, in her sixteenth year.

HAYNES.—On the 26th ult., suddenly, at his residence in Shepherd's Bush, R. W. Haynes, aged 51.

HONEYCHURCH.—On the 26th ult., Thomas Honeychurch, Esq., of Mildmay Park, and Crutched Friars, in his 82nd year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The second meeting of the Stewards for the anniversary of 1879 has taken place, and the numerous attendance betokened the general interest in the welfare of the Institution and the success of the festival. Everything promises a most prosperous gathering, and a most satisfactory return, and Bro. Terry, the indefatigable Secretary, has already announced 253 Stewards, an increase of twenty-eight on last year. We rejoice sincerely at such a welcome appearance of things, and trust that the result will verify both predictions and hopes. East Lancashire, always alert and energetic, sends up alone sixty Stewards, and the festival will be presided over, as is well known, by our distinguished brother Lieut.-Col. Legendre Starkie, P.G.M. for East Lancashire. In his able hands the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be forcibly and fitly commended to listening auditors and warm hearts. We have ourselves no doubt but that Bro. Terry is going to make one of his effective "coups," after twelve months of untiring zeal and assiduity to the interests of the Institution, and we feel sure that our brethren will answer to his straightforward appeals, will second his endeavours, and reward his labours in so good, so honest, so true a cause. No Masonic association can boast a "more solid basis" than that on which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution "rests," the relief of aged and indigent brethren and their widows. We may feel much, as we do, for the orphan boys and interesting daughters of our friends and comrades, and long may our overflow of fraternal sympathy for them tend to support largely and liberally the Girls' and Boys' Schools. But the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution appeals, we venture to think, with increasing claims on our own individual feelings, in that many whom we relieve and support, we have known and worked with in lodge, and their widows seem most directly and distinctly to claim our fraternal "largesse," and our personal concern. If it be true that trade is bad and business unsettled; if it be the fact, undoubtedly, that complications of foreign nations have made our home prospects cloudy and precarious, yet, let us remember that charity, Masonic charity, knows and can know no pause in its benevolent efforts and beneficent duties, and that we may well seek to evince to an admiring world, that Masonic charity is still active and progressive, a demonstration, (if proof be needed), the reality of the professions of the truth of the theory of Freemasonry, namely—the honour of God and the welfare of man. May the anniversary of 1879 witness to that warmth of true Masonic charity in many a high and humble heart amongst us, which asks to be permitted to alleviate the burdens of some poor and failing brother, to cheer the lonely and the mourner, to cause the "widow's heart to sing for joy."

THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

We note a statement in a Transatlantic paper that the Grand Lodge of Illinois has espoused the cause of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has issued a "Bull" excommunicating practically the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We are very sorry for the Grand Lodge of Illinois; first, that it could act so foolishly, and, secondly, that it holds itself up to ridicule and laughter. We need hardly point out that such an act is "Ultra vires," and has no validity whatever outside Illinois. That such a proceeding will help the Grand Lodge of Quebec we do not believe, as it will serve to convince all thinking Masons whither the violence of a few illogical writers, or some very un-Masonic minds is leading worthy brethren. Indeed, such proceedings are alike undignified and indecorous in the highest degree, and constitute an abject parody on all our Masonic professions of fairplay, justice, toleration, precedent, Masonic amity, and Masonic comity; neither do we think that this most uncalled for and most un-Masonic course will be followed by other American Grand Lodges. There are in America brethren who are on a "par" with all, as to the knowledge of Masonic law, custom and precedent, alike in theory and practice. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has outraged that great principle which, until this last foolish "escapade" of theirs had never been disputed by any competent Masonic writer, that a lodge has a right when duly warranted to adhere so long as it suits its own convenience, or for good and sufficient cause, to its mother Grand Lodge. Numberless instances might be given in the history of all jurisdictions as to this universally recognized principle, and which may fairly be called a "landmark" of Masonic life. But the truth is that up to the present the Grand Lodge of Quebec has never hit the one little weak point in the position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The one strong point of the Grand Lodge of Quebec consists in this, that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, the Grand Lodge of Scotland made a friendly "waiver" of its jurisdiction; and that it can now claim a "reviver" on account of the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is more than doubtful. But we pass from this to point out, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is raising a false issue on untenable grounds. And great is our regret to learn that the Grand Lodge of Illinois has been so unwise as to commit such an un-Masonic act, and create so evil a precedent by a hasty and evidently ill considered decision, in endorsing the unsound assumptions and assertions of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We hope that there may be some little incorrectness in the report, as though reported in the *Voice of Masonry*, it seems so far to come alone from a zealous partizan of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

OUR INITIATION FEES.

A matter of no little importance to the present and future welfare of our now great Order, has been pressing for some time on the attention of the thoughtful and the serious amongst us. Our present initiation fees are much too low. If it be true that they might have been sufficient at the time they were settled, the progress of the Craft seems to show that he period has come carefully to reconsider them. At this moment English Freemasonry is threatened with two great evils; first, the tendency to introduce too many and unsuitable members; secondly the leaning to the benefit society system which crops up week by week in many forms and many ways. At this moment, more than ever previously in its history, Freemasonry holds out the possibility and prospect of striking material advantages, and there can be no doubt whatever that many are now attracted to Freemasonry by what it does do, by what it may do, by what it can do, for those who seek some return for "money invested," for subscriptions paid. We might say a good deal on this topic, from facts within our cognizance, but we spare our readers a too long exordium, and content ourselves with asserting the truth, which is uncontrovertible, declaring a reality, which may issue in grave evils to our excellent Order. Under these circumstances there is one remedy, which we beg to press upon our readers and all in authority, "increase the initiation fee." We are all aware that by the provisions of the Book of Constitutions, no lodge can charge less for initiation than £3 3s., and in addition to this a registering fee in London lodges of £1 1s., in the provinces of 10s. 6d. Thus in London the minimum is £4 4s., in the provinces £3 11s. 6d. Of course the London lodges as a rule have high entrance fees, both for initiation and joining, but in the provinces it is not so, except in some very rare instances, and we are not wrong in saying that whereas probably the average of all the London lodges might be put at £12, that of the provinces hardly reaches £6. As regards lodge subscriptions the difference is still more marked, just as the system of metropolitan and provincial lodge life is entirely distinct and contrasted. We have known provincial lodges in which the bye-laws provide for

12s. annual subscription, and a not unfrequent payment is 16s. annually. This constitutes an amount of payment which is trifling to those who think that Masonry holds out "great material benefits," and the consequence is that we are now initiating those who never were intended for Masonic lodges, whose very callings are precarious, and who inevitably, within a few years, more or less, come upon our general charitable resources and our particular charitable Institutions. At this moment, and under our present system, there seems to be no possible limit to prevent a further pressure on all our charitable resources, a pressure which leads to continual increase of our charitable "supply," and yet which does not seem to touch the charitable "demand." We then beg to commend to the careful consideration of our superiors this very important point, the opportuneness and need of change. As is always true, much may be said on both sides, and we do not advise hurry or recommend the legislation of "panic," which seems to be the controlling movement of some recent unadvisable changes suggested in our great Educational Institutions. What we hope is this, that Grand Lodge will appoint a committee to consider the whole question, fully and dispassionately, and that then we may, after clear discussion make the alteration alike needed and imperatively called for, for the stability and safe progress of our estimable and useful Fraternity.

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.]

"OLD, BLIND, AND IN WANT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The list of kind contributions is now closed, and, with your kind permission, I will next week mention the donations not yet publicly acknowledged, and the total sum contributed in aid of this poor lady.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON, 32^o,
Prest. Bd. G.P.

Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,
30th Jan., 1879.

AN IMPOSTOR, MASONIC CHARITIES AND
ITINERANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with pleasure the letters in your impression of the 25th ult. bearing above headings, and signed "P. N., P.M. 303 and 126," and "Almoner." Annually examining a great many such cases as they refer to, I can fully bear out what these brethren say as to the need of greater caution. I am glad to say that out of several hundred cases I have only been imposed on once by an unworthy brother, and on finding him so reported the matter to his lodge. I have only come across one real impostor, who had got large sums from lodges here on the faith of a diploma, on examining which (under a manifying glass) I found had several important erasures so as to suit the applicant. This impostor's career I stopped by impounding the diploma, and forwarding it to our R.W. Bro. the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

As to Bro. "Almoner's" experience of applicant's diffidence in letting communications being made to their lodge, I have only once come across such a case, and before the applicant declined to allow me to do so, I had come to the conclusion he was not in good standing in his lodge, and Bro. "Almoner" may rest assured the diffidence arose from the same cause.

Bro. "Almoner's" schedule is good to keep but not to publish, as every member of the applicants lodge would know the initials.

As it may assist some brother, I give you my course of proceedings:—

1. To examine most carefully but never to reply on certificates, as I regret to say deceased brother's certificates are sold, and I always, when I can, buy and destroy them.
2. To examine as to cause of misfortune.
3. To examine fully as officers of lodge and locality, so as to test local knowledge.
4. To examine Masonically.
5. Inform applicant I shall telegraph to the Secretary of his lodge as to his standing, and give applicant (if satisfied with his case) enough to maintain him until answer to telegram received. The answer to telegram is always received within the shortest possible time. I have never come across a refusal to reply or a delay.
6. If a mechanic wanting to return home, have him seen to the place of departure, hand to him his ticket and enough to maintain him during the journey.
7. On receiving answer to telegram write sender a full statement of the case.

Some of the cases have been most interesting, I hold numbers of letters of thanks from brethren delivered as also from their lodges after their return home. In one

case the amount was refunded me, which I at once reported to answerer of telegram.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON, P.P.G.M.,
P.G. Steward, G.S.S.B. I.C., P.M.
in 75, 131, and 620, P.P.G.W., Rep.
of the G.L. of Egypt, Hon. Sec.
134, Benicia, C., U.S., &c.

5, Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
25th January, 1879.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a subscriber to your paper may I ask you kindly to inform me whether a member of a lodge, being a P.M., but not the "Immediate P.M." of that lodge has a right to wear his blue collar and Past Master's jewel suspended to it at ordinary lodge meetings. If he have Provincial Grand Office, he, of course, wears the dark blue collar, &c., &c., but, in the other case, is the wearing of light blue collar only restricted to the officers of the lodge for the time being.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PROV. S.G.W.

[A P.M. is always a P.M. as long as he is a subscribing member of some lodge, and has a right, of course, to wear his jewel on all occasions.—Ed.]

MASONIC COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

By the proceedings of a recent Masonic meeting (which need not be named) I was forcibly reminded that some remarks under this heading had appeared in your columns. On searching my file of the *Freemason* I find the following letter in your number of 5th October, 1878:—

"As Freemasons we profess often a good deal; I fear that, like men in general, even we Freemasons are not exempt from the veriest littleness of humanity. Indeed, how could such exemption be expected? To say the truth, I fancy that if the veil were lifted which hides much of our Masonic life from the public gaze, we should be found to be equally susceptible, as other mere mortals, of all those passions which dominate the human will and agitate the human breast.

"For instance, in courtesy one to another, we are often gravely and greatly wanting, sometimes most markedly so, and though, as a Freemason, I am taught not to be uncharitable in thought, word, or deed, I believe that I am correct in my assertion. I cannot shut my eyes to acts which amongst ourselves are almost a ludicrous reflection on our noisy professions, and too often demonstrate in the culprits a weakness both of the head and the heart.

"I might say more, but I beg to day to subscribe myself,

"Yours fraternally,

"MASONIC COURTESY."

A reprint of this for the benefit of all whom it may concern may not be unseasonable.

Yours fraternally,

URBANITY.

20th January, 1879.

Reviews.

BYE LAWS OF THE A. AND A. RITE, ORIENT
OF PHILADELPHIA, &c. Sherman and Co.,
Philadelphia, U.S.

This interesting little compilation takes us back to 1781, and shows that at that period a lodge of perfection was at work in Philadelphia. The actual history of the A. and A.S. Rite is still veiled in somewhat of obscurity. In Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopædia* will be seen the latest collection of historical authorities on the subject. The German view, as propounded by Bro. Findel, seems to be this, that the A. and A.S. Rite, as now practised, is of American formation, and was brought back in its "fulness" to France from America about the beginning of this century; and to that view Mackey seems also to have joined himself. They appear to base their arguments on the fact that only twenty-five degrees were known to Stephen Moir. But in Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopædia* (see A. and A.S. Rite) it is clearly pointed out, such is only an *ex post facto* assumption, the *post hoc propter hoc*. That the separate grades from the twenty-fifth to the thirty-third existed in France, and Germany, and Switzerland, and were practised, some of them at any rate, in England before 1800, admits, it is clear, of certain proof. That the Thirty-three Degrees were formed into a consecutive system openly and formally in Europe before 1800 is no doubt a very debatable proposition. And as truth generally lies, if not "at the bottom of a well," at any rate "between two extremes" it is not incompatible with "historical evidence and accuracy, that the Americans may have formulated into one consistent whole those various grades, which from the 25th of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, form the 33 degrees now in existence. But the value of this little work is great as independent testimony, confirming the existence of the American growth of the A. and A.S. Rite, after the transmission through Steven Morin, for on this fact all seem to agree. We thank sincerely our kind friend and correspondent (E. C. E. Meyer) for sending us this little volume.

CHARITY EDIFIETH: A Sermon preached before the
P.G.L. of Norfolk, by H. T. GRIFFITHS, B.A., P.G.C.,
Norwich, Miller & Co.

We like much Bro. Griffiths modest but masterly sermon. It is alike effective and edifying, and thoroughly Masonic in tone and teaching. He draws out the argu-

ment from his text clearly and forcibly, and it will, we fancy, prove as acceptable to its readers as to its original hearers. We commend it warmly to the notice of the Craft.

AMABEL VAUGHAN, and Other Tales. By Bro. EMRA
HOLMES. Lake and Lake, Truro; George Kenning,
191, Fleet-street, London.

We feel that the motive for the publication of the second series of Bro. Emra Holmes's contributions to serial literature, (assistance to a decayed brother), is almost a bar to criticism; but in saying this we do not wish our readers to suppose that we are anxious to be critical or cynical, captious or complaining. On the contrary, independently of its mission of charity, the little work may claim perusal on its own merits, and for its own sake. All occasional contributions which are notoriously, as they must be, "pieces d'occasion," often "pan out" unsatisfactorily, and incompletely when reproduced in later years. What pleased at the moment our lighter hours pleases us no more to-day, and, as Dr. Johnson said, "success produces satiety, and reflection causes weariness." Still, with this reserve which we find needful every day, we are glad to welcome this little work of charity and an effort of Literature. Bro. Emra Holmes, well known to the readers of the *Masonic Magazine*, and to those (though in less degree) of the *Freemason*, has for some time devoted his pen to much of our Masonic passing literature, and not without success, not without pleasure to his readers. *Amabel Vaughan* comes then forward under very favourable auspices, and we trust will commend itself to the kindly feelings and literary tastes of the Order.

THE EAST ANGLIAN HAND BOOK AND AGRICULTURAL ANNUAL. W. Seman, Argus Office, Norwich.

This well known and useful annual comes before us in its twentieth appearance, and may well be noted and highly commended. Among its unusually interesting contents may be noted the following papers:—"East Anglian Farming in 1878," by C. S. Read, M.P.; "About British Agriculture," by J. J. Mechi; "A Hundred years ago," by Charles Sulley; "A Good Rat Story," "On the Application of Chemistry to Agriculture," by Dr. Drinkwater; "Fish Farming," by J. H. Keene; "Snipe Shooting in East Anglia," by J. Manley; "Stanfield Hall," by Edward Delves; "Norfolk Landowners, Past and Present," by Walter Rye; and "A Fisherman's Log Book," by R. J. Greville Fennell. The little book will repay perusal.

Mulum in Parbo; or, Masonic Notes and Queries.

I think it well to continue my list of Masonic books in the British Museum.

The Perjured Freemason Detected; and yet the Honour and Antiquity of the Society of Freemasons Preserved and Defended. By a Freemason. "For Perjury's a blast upon the mind." London: Printed for T. Warner, MDCCXXX. 30 pages, 8vo.

It begins with a short abridgment of the history of Freemasonry down to the present age. 3 p.p.

Then follows "a short entertainment between one of the Masters and a junior member lately admitted," and who is one of the weak brethren mentioned above. This is in the form of a dialogue, and occupies 4 p.p., and concludes part I.

Part II. Begins at p. 12, and treats upon the oaths, and the treachery and perjury committed, illustrating it by another dialogue between a Freemason and one Mr. Samuel Pritchard. The dialogue occupies 10 p.p. This brings us to p. 23, where begin some remarks upon the preceding dialogue as to Mr. Pritchard's design, and how far the event answered the malice illustrated by an imaginary dialogue with the same Pritchard, which occupies 5 p.p., and brings us to the conclusion, 2 p.p.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Obituary.

BRO. R. W. HAYNES.

We deeply regret to announce the very unexpected death, in his fifty-first year, of Bro. Robert William Haynes, Law Publisher, of Bell-yard, Temple Bar, which occurred at his residence, Shepherd's Bush, at about midnight on Sunday last.

Bro. Haynes was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, in February, 1875, and the following year he was exalted in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7. Although he had not undertaken any office, he was a warm supporter of the Charities, and, indeed, had subscribed to the Boys' School for many years before he entered the Order.

In the lodge, as well as in the chapter, he had won the sincere regard of his brethren; and those who had the privilege of enjoying the private friendship of our late brother have suffered a loss which cannot easily be replaced. As a man of business, he was marked by integrity and perseverance, as a husband and a father, by the most devoted affection; and as a friend, by a warm-heartedness and sincerity seldom equalled and never exceeded.

Bro. Haynes, who was a widower, leaves two daughters to lament their irreparable loss. The funeral will take place at the Brompton Cemetery, on the morning of Saturday, 1st February.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday next at 6 for 7.

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n which they had performed their several duties. In Bro. Adams they had not only a careful guardian of their treasures, but from what he had heard from Bro. Driscoll that evening when he went round the lodge to ask subscriptions for one of the Charities, a very munificent donor to the charitable objects of the lodge. Bro. Adams had kindly subscribed twenty-five guineas to the list of the Steward for the last new lodge (Bro. Driscoll), and had placed on Bro. Letchworth's list for the Girls' School, a similar amount. That was the best he could say for the Treasurer, but he thought it was saying a great deal. He trusted that the St. James' Lodge would long have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Adams occupying the position of Treasurer. As regards Bro. Driscoll, all the brethren knew what an excellent Secretary he proved himself. He had a very kind and pleasing manner, and was not at all calculated to let the brethren fall into arrears, should they be so inclined, which however had happily not been the case hitherto. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bros. Adams and Driscoll very gracefully acknowledged, the former observing that although he was not eager for office, he felt that the lodge was in some difficulty as to filling it, and when one or two of the brethren had requested him to accept it, he was induced, after weighing the matter in his own mind, to yield to their solicitation. His disinclination to become Treasurer arose from the fact that the acceptance of office involved his constant attendance at every meeting, whether it was an ordinary or emergency one, which was a tie upon anyone not to be undertaken without consideration. Yet, when one's services were generally met with that kindness which he had always experienced at the hands of the brethren of St. James' Lodge they became a labour of love and pleasure. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to him in connection with the Charities. Well, he could only say that it had been his privilege and pride to support the Charities of their great brotherhood as far as he could. He was proud to say he was already a Vice-President of all the Institutions, and it was his desire to make himself a Vice-Patron. He concluded by saying that since the brethren had entrusted him with the taking care of the funds of the lodge he hoped at all times to render a very satisfactory account of them. "The Officers" was suitably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and by the J.D., Bro. Hobbs. In proposing "The Charities," the W.M., who announced his intention to represent the Girls' School on the next festive occasion, trusted that the brethren would generously come to his aid that he might have a handsome sum on his list. Bro. Adams responded, and, in doing so, remarked that if the W.M. instead of going up for the Girls' School would transfer his labour on behalf of the Boys he (Bro. Adams) would then be willing to head his list with twenty-five guineas. He was quite sure that the Charities had every right to be thankful to the Craft in general for the liberal manner in which they were supported. He did not suppose there was any society in the world which more generously contributed to charitable objects than Freemasons, still he thought the sum might be largely augmented. After a few words from Bros. Driscoll and Letchworth it was agreed that Bro. Cusworth should represent both the Boys and Girls next year. The Tyler's toast was then drunk, and the brethren separated. During the evening Bros. Boulton, Parker, Hobbs, and Oddy enlivened the proceedings with several excellent songs.

PORTSMOUTH.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—The third regular meeting of this newly-constituted lodge was held on Thursday, 16th ult., at Freemasons' Lodge, Herbert-street, Landport. The lodge was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Richard John Murrell, who in an exceedingly able manner passed four brethren, and initiated a candidate into the Order. After the business had been concluded in the lodge room, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, High-street, Portsmouth, by special tramcar to supper, as they have no accommodation for any banqueting at their regular place of meeting; which, although large enough for a small lodge of thirty members, is totally inadequate to the requirements of so large a body as the Landport Lodge is destined to become. It was constituted on the 20th November, 1878, by seven well-known and distinguished brethren as the founders, and in the short space of two months it numbers forty-two active and enthusiastic brethren. After supper the W.M. eloquently proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with great cordiality. Bro. Mark Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas., in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. R. J. Murrell," remarked that he had known him many years, and had ever found him a kind-hearted and genuine Mason, and was very much gratified in attending to witness the admirable working of the W.M., and the other officers of the lodge that evening, auguring well for its continued prosperity. The toast was received with very great enthusiasm, and responded to by the W.M., who in reply said, that the success of the new lodge was mainly due to his worthy brother E. S. Main, P.M., the Secretary, and his esteemed and old friend Bro. J. Lillywhite, P.M., the Treas.; likewise to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. J. Clark, S.W., and Bro. Riddell, P.M., and those joining brethren who had so nobly come forward to disseminate the principles of Freemasonry in the large and populous district of Landport. Some very good songs were sung by the brethren, and a very enjoyable evening was spent over the first lodge supper since the consecration. Among those who attended to support the W.M. were, Bro. J. Clark, S.W.; E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Lillywhite, P.M., P.P.G.Reg.; Bros. Riddell, P.M.; E. Smith, Hancox, Russell, Cunningham, Good, Adams, Nayler, King, Kemp, Grant, McKinlay, Cousins, Andrews, Stroud, Hall, Dowse, Niven, and others. Visiting brethren, Bros. M. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Hayman, J.W. 257; L. Edwards, 342.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. There were present, Bros. J. Frost, W.M.; F. Reed, S.W.; W. A. Blackmore, J.W.; P. V. Denham, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; and J. G. Carter, C. Digby, A. Mason, J. J. Holland, S. C. Landon, A. A. Denham, and C. M. Monk, of the Earl of Spencer (1420). The brethren had the pleasure of hearing the ritual well rehearsed, Bros. Frost, Carter, and Digby—who are by no means the "three lesser lights"—alternately occupying the chair. Bro. Mason went through the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. P. V. Denham that of passing. Bro. Carter, in a clear and expressive way, delivered the E.A. charge. Bros. Monk and Landon (the former proposed by Bro. Reed, and seconded by Bro. Carter, and the latter proposed by Bro. Huntley, and seconded by Bro. P. V. Denham), were unanimously elected as members. Bro. Reed will be the W.M. at the ensuing meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).—The annual banquet of this well-known lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 24th inst., at the Portugal Hotel. Bro. Leggott presided as W.M. for the evening, Bro. Able officiating as S.W., and Bro. Squirrel as J.W. There was a good attendance of brethren to support the chair, and Bro. Stacey, the popular Preceptor, occupied the seat on the immediate right of the W.M. An excellent dinner having been discussed, with unanimous expressions of satisfaction, the W.M. proceeded to give the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," which were received with enthusiasm. The health of "The Pro Grand Master (Lord Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past," was next drunk. The W.M. then gave the health of "The Visitors." Bro. Hassell responded. He said that he had a peculiar pleasure in being present, as this was the lodge of instruction to which he had been first recommended upon becoming a Mason. He was made by Bro. Foulger, the Treasurer of this lodge, but had never before been able to attend it, as he left London just after being admitted as a member of the Craft. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for so cordially drinking the health of the visitors, and he had spent a most pleasant evening with them. Bro. Lee and another visitor also acknowledged the toast. Bro. Creak, W.M. of the Bedford Lodge, proposed "The health of the W.M." He had known Bro. Leggott many years ago, when he first came from Yorkshire, and, after losing sight of him for a long time, again met him in this lodge, where he (Bro. Creak) had gained all his Masonic instruction. It was a first-rate lodge, as many brethren could testify. Bro. Leggott was just about to take the chair at his mother lodge, and, with the instruction he had received at the Metropolitan, he was certain to acquit himself well as a good and intelligent Mason. The W.M. thanked Bro. Creak for the very handsome manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for so cordially drinking it. He was glad to see so many of the brethren present, and as to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, he could not speak too highly of it. He liked the lodge, and always looked forward to coming to its meetings. Before he sat down, he had to propose the toast of "The Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of their Preceptor, Bro. Stacey. He had known Bro. Stacey for some years, and a more genial and pleasant Preceptor he had never had the honour of meeting anywhere. Their Preceptor received all the brethren with kindness, and spared neither time or trouble in bringing young Masons well to the front as efficient Craftsmen. He trusted that Bro. Stacey would live many years to instruct them in the science and mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Stacey, who on rising to reply was warmly cheered, said that he took a great pleasure in this lodge. He recollected the time when he was the Preceptor of six lodges of instruction, but he never took so much pride in any other lodge of instruction as in this one. The peculiarity about its members was that they were to be found in all parts of the kingdom, and he could hardly go anywhere out of London without meeting brethren who had been as it were his pupils in that lodge. He would remind the brethren that the W.M. and Bro. Snelling, their Secretary, were Stewards of two of the Masonic Charities, and as there never was a time when charitable effort was so much needed in England as there was now, he hoped the brethren would hand their contributions to either the W.M. or Bro. Snelling. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens," and took advantage of the occasion to plead earnestly for the Masonic Charities. Bro. Snelling, with the permission of the W.M. drew attention to the fact that there was a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge. In three years they had been able to subscribe £610 to the four Masonic Charities, and he hoped that that amount would soon reach £1000, no insignificant sum for a lodge of instruction to raise. The Wardens briefly acknowledged the toast, and "The Health of Bros. Foulger and Snelling, the Treasurer and Secretary," was next duly given and responded to. Other toasts followed. In the course of the evening Bro. Hallam sang several pieces greatly, to the edification of the brethren. Other brethren also contributed to the harmony of the proceedings.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—A convocation of this old and distinguished chapter was held on the 23rd ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the new Masonic Hall. There were present amongst others Comps. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Cubitt, P.Z., acting J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Lawrence, S.N.; Harrison, P.S.;

Briggs, 1st Asst.; Maclean, 2nd Asst.; Wilson, P.Z. Bolton, P.Z.; G. Everett, M.E.Z. 1381; J. Webb, Ford, Downie, Ambrose, Heyward, T. Bolton, Fontain, J. Jones, Verry, Janitor. Comp. T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, (Freemason) was the only visitor. The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. with the assistance of his officers most ably exalted Bro. Bowie, of the Bedford Lodge to the Royal Arch Degree. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result. Comps. Hill, M.E.Z.; G. Everett, H.; Laurence, J.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Harrison, S.N.; Briggs, P.S.; and Verry, Janitor. The election of Treasurer was postponed. Upon the motion of Comp. Cubitt, P.Z., which was duly seconded and carried unanimously a Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Weaver for his services. Several propositions having been handed in, the convocation was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. In the absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. Cottebrune, P.Z., presided at the festive board. The customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been disposed of, the acting First Principal proposed in very happy terms "The Health of the Exaltre" which having been duly honoured, Comp. Bowie, responded by briefly expressing the very great gratification it had afforded him at being present that evening to receive at their hands the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. He had been highly impressed with the whole ceremony, thanks to the very able manner in which it had been performed by their worthy First Principal and his officers. The toast of "The M.E.Z. elect" followed. Comp. Hill in reply thanked the companions most heartily for the high compliment that they had paid him by unanimously electing him to the position of First Principal. He said he could not hope to carry out the duties as well as many of their old M.E.Z.'s had done but he would do his best, and he hoped to be well supported by the officers. The remaining toasts viz., "The Past Principals," "The Second and Third Principals," and "The Officers," were given quickly and having been duly acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. Everett, M.E.Z.; Page, H.; W. Mann, J. and acting S.E.; Speedy, 1st Asst.; Webb, 2nd Asst.; and T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, acting P.S. (Freemason). The visitors were Comps. Mortlock, P.Z. Industry and Faith; J. Bull, Prudent Brethren; Ferguson, Victoria. The ballot was taken for the following candidates for exaltation, and proved in each case to be unanimous:—Bros. Higgins, P.M. 1387; G. L. Everett, 177; Fowler, 1381; C. J. Davies and C. J. Davies, jun., 177; Wood, St. James's Union; Arlett, 869; and E. Chantler, 177. Comp. Downie, Industry Chapter, was also unanimously elected as a joining member. The first five candidates, being in attendance, were duly exalted to the supreme degree of the R.A. The three lectures were most ably rendered by Comps. Ferguson, Bull, and Mortlock. Previously to the closing of the chapter, Comps. Walls and Higgins were appointed respectively to the offices of S.N. and P.S. At the banquet which followed, the following toasts were done full justice to. "The health of the M.E.Z." was most warmly proposed by Comp. Mortlock, and cordially received. In reply, the M.E.Z. said that, although he had had some experience in Craft Masonry, he knew but little of the R.A. degree. He had been twenty-one years connected with the Craft, but only ten years with the Royal Arch. It had been his practice to endeavour to do things well or not at all, and, finding that he could not carry out the whole duties of the First Principal that evening, he had called in the assistance of their able Comp. Mortlock, who had discharged those duties most carefully and well. He felt proud at occupying the position of founder and Z. of the Kennington, and he would leave no stone unturned to render it a success. He hoped that they would make every allowance for his shortcomings that evening, and that on future occasions he hoped to be in a position to discharge the full functions of his office to their satisfaction. He believed that in a very short time the chapter would equal in every respect the Kennington Lodge. In conclusion, he thanked Comps. Bull and Ferguson for the assistance that they had also rendered to the chapter that evening. "The Exaltees" followed, and drew from each a most excellent response. In giving "The Visitors," the M.E.Z. took occasion again to revert to the services of the three distinguished companions who had honoured the Kennington by their presence that evening. Comp. Mortlock, in the course of his reply, congratulated the chapter upon possessing so good a working staff. It was not to be expected that a new chapter could be entirely worked without some little extraneous assistance. It had afforded him a great deal of pleasure at being present that evening, and the humble efforts that had been manifested by his co-visitors and himself, to render the proceedings a success, had been most cheerfully made. In conclusion, he congratulated the chapter upon the advent of five Exaltees, who would, he felt confident, reflect the highest credit upon the chapter of their adoption. Comp. Bull, having replied in similar terms, Comp. Ferguson briefly responded, by endorsing the remarks of the first speaker. It augured well for the prosperity of the chapter when, on such an off night, they could muster five such candidates for admission to the degree. He hoped that each of the exaltees would look back with pleasure to that night, and say with pride that he was one of the first to enter the Kennington Chapter, and he (the speaker) hoped that in time they would occupy the Principal's chair. In conclusion, he said that if the members that had been admitted that evening, and those that were coming in, would only manifest the same good feeling that appeared to exist among the founders, the bright future dawning upon the chapter would be still brighter. "The Second and Third Princi-

pals" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Page and Mann. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Walls and Webb. The first regular meeting of the chapter will be held on the second Saturday in the present month.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which has just completed the first year of its existence, was held on the 18th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel. There were present amongst others, Bros. Mason, W.M.; J. Baldwin, S.W.; W.M. elect; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., Secretary; Dunham, M.O.; A. Tisley, J.O.; Haynes, S.D.; Goodall, I.G.; Pearson, D.C.; Page, W.S.; Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Mann, P.G.R.; Poore, P.G.I.G.; Potter, Tyler; T. C. Walls, J.O. (*Freemason*). The visitors were, Bros. D. Dewar, P.G.R.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Organist; and Faulkner, Era. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Stevens most ably advanced Bros. Millis, P.M. Bedford, &c., and Lawson to the Degree of a M.M.M. The ceremony of installing Bro. Baldwin then took place. Bro. Poore being the Installing Master appointed Bros. Dewar, as S.W.; Mann, as J.W.; and Stevens, as D.C. to assist him in the ceremony, which was performed with that strict attention to ritual which is one of Bro. Poore's special characteristics. The addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Stevens. The officers appointed and invested were as follows:—Bros. Walls, S.W.; Dunham, J.W.; F. Walters, Treas.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Barney, R. of M.; Austen, M.O. (by deputy); Haynes, S.O.; Goodall, J.O.; Pearson, S.D.; Graham, J.D. (by deputy); Page, I.G.; Game, D.C.; Millis, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Gilbert and assistants. The preliminary toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Dewar responded at some length on behalf of "The Grand Officers," in which he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him, as one of the representatives of that body, at being present that day. He believed that the "Hammersmith" had a bright career before it. It was exceedingly well officered, and with the exercise of a little discrimination in the quality of the candidates seeking advancement in it, there was no reason why it should not eventually equal the most prosperous Mark Lodge in the country. In conclusion, on behalf of Bro. Binckes, he expressed that brother's great regret at being prevented through indisposition from attending the installation meeting that day. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in very felicitous terms. Bro. Baldwin briefly responded by stating that the duties of the position to which he had that day been inducted would receive his best attention. He had been but a very short time a member of the Mark Degree and consequently it would require him to devote great energy and perseverance to attain a thorough knowledge of his responsibilities but should he fail to come up to their expectation he hoped that they would bear kindly with him and put it down, not to a want of determination on his part to succeed, but to his very recent connection with the Order and consequent non-ability to master its arduous ceremonials. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters" the W.M. said that on that occasion his remarks would be almost entirely directed to the I.P.M. Bro. Mason, whose qualities and abilities were well known. He was the founder of the lodge and had devoted his best energies to render it a success and that he had succeeded in winning their good opinion was manifested by their unanimously voting him the very handsome jewel which he, the W.M., had great pleasure in then presenting him with. In concluding his remarks the W.M. expressed the great obligations he was under to Bros. Poore and Stevens for their kindness in attending that day to assist in the "working" of the lodge, and sincerely hoped that they would be spared many years to come among the brethren of the "Hammersmith" and take their position as their deservedly popular honorary Past Masters. The jewel, which was of very elegant design, and reflected great credit upon the well-known firm that supplied it, bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masters to Bro. John Mason, P.M., as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he officiated as 1st W.M. 1878." The I.P.M. warmly acknowledged the toast and the gift that accompanied it. Bros. Poore and Stevens also replied by thanking the W.M. for the very kind expressions he had used whilst proposing their health. They hoped that No. 211 would continue to prosper, and that as far as their numerous engagements would permit they would frequently attend the lodge, and render any assistance that might be required of them. The toasts of "The Advancers," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., in the Masonic Hall. The members present were, Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G.J.D.; Jas. Harper, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; John Gosdon, S.W.; W. Kennedy, J.W.; Dr. J. J. Lacey, as M.O.; Rowland Baster, S.O.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; A. Crawford, J.D.; T. Swainson, Steward; W. Swaith, I.G.; J. Close, Tyler; W. Tremble, R. Wilson, Jos. Merritt, Isaac Mills, Jas. Ramsay, W. Graham, F. Whittle, E. Clarke. There were also two visitors present from Faithfull Lodge, 229, Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (*Freemason*); and T. C. Robinson, J.O. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair, his term of office having expired. At the last meeting, however, Bro. Dalrymple

had been re-elected W.M. for the fourth time, consequently the business of the evening was merely of a formal character. The chair was taken by Bro. W. F. Lamonby W.M. 229, P.P.G.A.D.C., and the officers having deposited their collars and jewels in the East, Bro. George Dalrymple, W.M. elect was inducted to the chair of A., and proclaimed by the officiating brother. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Harper, I.P.M.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872 (Craft), S.W.; E. Clarke, P.M. 1267 and 1680 (Craft), J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; W. Macauley, S.O.; W. Tremble, J.O.; W. Walker, Chap.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, S.C.; F. Whittle, Reg. M.; J. Winter, S.D.; Dr. Lacey, J.D.; J. Back, Org.; J. Cramond, D.C.; A. Crawford, I.G.; J. Jordan, and W. Kennedy, Stewards; J. Close, Tyler. After a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lamonby, the W.M. proposed as a candidate for advancement Bro. T. Atkinson, P.M. Lodge 872, P.P.G.D.C. (Craft). The lodge was then closed in form. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent supper laid out in the lodge-room, when a few toasts were hurriedly gone through, under the presidency of the W.M., who, with others, had to leave Frizington by the last train from the benighted region, at 7.20 p.m. Henry Lodge is one of those originally worked under the authority of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, under the title of Trinity, No. 27. A charter of confirmation being granted by the M.W. Grand Master of England, in the early part of last year, the lodge was consecrated at Keswick, in July last, when a Moveable Grand Lodge was held there. Henry Lodge is now one of the most flourishing Mark organisations in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and no doubt the principal part of its prosperity is due to Bro. Dalrymple, who, as before stated, has been W.M. four times.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 17th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cocker-mouth. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M. (*Freemason*); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; R. Bailey, J.D., as M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, which was all the business, two candidates, previously balloted for, not being in attendance for advancement. After the Secretary had been instructed to make up the Grand Lodge return to the end of the past year, inclusive of six certificates for advanced brethren, the lodge was closed.

Ireland.

DUBLIN.—Lodge of Israel (No. 126).—The regular monthly communication of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 20th ult., in the Grand Lodge room, Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Rice. In addition to the regular members of the lodge, there were present, W. Bros. James C. Meredith, LL.D., Grand I.G.; and R.W. Bro. R. W. Griffin, P.G.S.B., and Rep. from Grand Lodge of Greece. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation of officers for 1879 was then proceeded with, and the following brethren were installed in their respective offices, viz.:—Bros. Krantzke, as W.M.; Goff, as S.W.; and T.G. Phillips, as J.W. Having been saluted according to custom, they respectively returned thanks. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rice, the outgoing W.M., for his attention to the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the W.M. requested the brethren to remain for a short time, as some of the brethren desired to evince to Bro. Rice, P.M., their feelings of high appreciation by presenting him with a mark of their esteem and regard. The Secretary, Bro. R. Stewart, read a very handsomely illuminated address, and Bro. Morris Harris, the Senior P.M. of the lodge, handed a beautiful gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rice, who thanked the brethren, and read a suitable reply.

ADDRESS.
"Lodge of Israel," No. 126.—Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin. January, 1879.
Address to Thomas Rice, Esq., P.M.

Dear Sir and Brother,—
We the members of the "Lodge of Israel," wishing to record our high appreciation of your honourable and impartial qualities as our W.M. for the year 1878, and your uniform kindness on all occasions to every individual member of our Order, and your own lodge in particular, herewith beg you will accept from us a small *souvenir* on the occasion of your retiring from the honourable and arduous post as Master of this lodge. We take leave to assure you of our sincere regret at losing in you a Master to whom we could always look with confidence and good faith. With a firm and business-like manner of carrying out the duties of your office, you have ever acted towards those under your charge with the most brotherly consideration. We can only add that we hope you will, as a Past Master, help, aid, and assist us in the future, as you have done in the past, so that we may be able to point to you as an honour to the Masonic fraternity.

Wishing you long life and happiness, and that you may be spared to spread the light of Freemasonry, in which you are so great an ornament,

We beg to remain, yours fraternally,
M. HARRIS, P.M., K.B.G.P.
J. G. KRANTZKE, W.M.
J. J. SULLIVAN, P.M.
T. G. PHILLIPS, J.W.
Committee.
ROBERT STUART, Secretary.
(Here follow subscribers' names.)

REPLY.

20th January, 1879.

W.M. and Brethren.—

To respond suitably to such an address as that which you have just presented to me is a task to which I feel totally inadequate. I find it almost impossible to select words which would fully convey to you the depth of my gratitude. I assure you I have never experienced such a mingling of feelings as I do on the present occasion—feelings of surprise and thankfulness.

Surprise, when I consider how undeserving I have been of such a mark of favour as you have just evinced towards me. I know of nothing in my conduct, either as a member of the lodge, or as one of its officers, to warrant such an outcome of friendly feeling and regard as you have just displayed by your valuable present.

It would be false were I to deny that I have taken a deep interest in the affairs of this lodge ever since I became a member of it; and to the affairs of Lodge 126, my interest is not confined, for it extends to every institution connected with our Order.

During the years I spent in the several offices of the lodge I felt the spirit of honest and earnest ambition flowing higher and higher as I approached that honourable and responsible position, which I have just vacated, and with that spirit of ambition within me, I became the more conscious of my own weaknesses and shortcomings, when I contemplated the duties and responsibilities of the exalted position of W.M. of the lodge. It needed no such evidence as an address and testimonial to assure me of your personal esteem, and truly Masonic feeling towards me, for these you have constantly proved by the assistance, support, and forbearance, which you so willingly accorded to me during my year of office as your W.M.

It is alone to that support and forbearance, must be attributed whatever small success may have attended the discharge of the duties which devolved upon me. The feelings of thankfulness which so largely mingle with those of surprise, I cannot sufficiently express. I can only give you my word of solemn assurance, that these feelings are genuine and sincere. The kind and too flattering expressions contained in your beautiful address I could not attempt to reply to; but the words of friendship and regard which it contains I will never forget, and I ask you to believe that they are fully reciprocated by me to the members of Lodge 126.

The valuable present which accompanies that address I shall ever guard and preserve for its intrinsic value as well as a memento of the friendly spirit and fraternal feelings which I know prompts you to present it; and I trust it may ever keep me in constant remembrance of the great lessons which are conveyed to the minds of all true Freemasons by the symbolic teaching of the compasses and square.

The feelings of honour and pride with which I shall ever regard the Degree of Past Master, are beyond my power of expressing. This jewel will ever serve to remind me of the pleasantest year of my Masonic career—the year I spent as W.M. of my own parent lodge—the Lodge of Israel, a lodge which has ever held an honourable position amongst the lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Although I have served in all the offices of the lodge, and have now surrendered the last and most honourable of these offices, yet my interest in its well being is not diminished. I cannot share the feelings, which I regret, is so manifestly exhibited by many, who on leaving the chair of the W.M. can console themselves with the idea that they have nothing more to do in the affairs and labours of the lodge.

This line of reasoning I cannot adopt, for I am strongly of the opinion that every P.M. should try to be in his place at the lodge meetings, and so endeavour to promote the interests of the lodge, by his presence and advice, and thus afford to his junior brethren the benefit of the experience which by his years of service he has been able to acquire.

My earnest prayer is that the year we have just entered upon may be one of much prosperity to the lodge, and that its meetings may be happily begun, conducted with order, and closed in harmony. That brotherly love may prevail, and every moral and social virtue may cement and unite us. Again thanking you for your valuable present and address.

I remain, yours truly and fraternally,
THOS. RICE, P.M. 126.

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The installation meeting of St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, will take place this afternoon at Cannon-street, Terminus Hotel. A full report will appear in the *Freemason* next week.

The "Freemason" of this week consists of twenty pages.

Bro. H. P. Matthews announces his annual evening concert for Wednesday next at the Shoreditch Town Hall. A number of popular vocalists will support the well-known buffo, and the result will no doubt be a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Carnarvon and Mizpah Ball will be held at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday next, the 7th inst. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. Brethren to appear in full Masonic Craft costume.

LORD CARNARVON AND THE NEWBURY FREEMASONS.

On Friday, a deputation from the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Freemasons, Newbury, No. 574, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Samuel Hunt; the immediate Past Master, Bro. G. Knight; the Senior Warden, Bro. S. Knight; the Senior Deacon, Bro. Walter Wilson; the Junior Deacon, Bro. W. T. Toms; the I.G., Bro. Plenty; Bro. Richard Ravenor, Past Master, and Bro. George Cosburn, waited upon Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of the Order, at Highclere Castle, for the purpose of presenting his Lordship with an address of congratulation upon his marriage. The deputation reached Highclere at a quarter to eleven, being received by Mr. Allen, Lord Carnarvon's secretary. Lord Carnarvon, with the Countess, Lord Porchester, and Lady Winifred Herbert, having entered the saloon, Bro. George Knight introduced the brethren, and the Worshipful Master then asked Lord Carnarvon's acceptance of the address, which was read by Bro. Cosburn, in the absence of the secretary, Bro. C. Hopson. The address was as follows:—

"LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, NEWBURY, No. 574.
"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England.

"The officers and brethren, in lodge assembled, this third day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. Stephen Knight, S.W., seconded by Bro. Richard Ravenor, P.M.:—That the most hearty congratulations of the brethren be respectfully tendered to your Lordship on the occasion of your marriage. The brethren pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to grant to you and yours health and happiness, and that, as a distinguished brother, and also as a highly esteemed neighbour, you may long be spared to enjoy the rich blessings of Divine Providence.

"S. G. HUNT, W.M.
"CHAS. HOPSON, Secretary."

The address was exquisitely engrossed and illuminated and artistically ornamented with Masonic emblems, the square and compasses, with a shield bearing the Borough Arms, appearing beneath the title of the lodge. A red morocco case, suitably lettered in gold, lined with white satin, accompanied the address, both being supplied by Bro. Cosburn, of the Caxton Printing Works, Market-place.

Lord Carnarvon, in acknowledging the presentation said he received with very great satisfaction and gratitude, on behalf of Lady Carnarvon and himself, that splendidly illuminated, and to them most interesting and pleasing, document. He assured them that they should prize it very highly, both as speaking the sentiments of what he might call by the informal, but nevertheless more pleasant, name of the Newbury Lodge of Freemasons, and also for the kindness and personal feeling which had dictated it. They had been good enough to mention in the address that they presented it to him in his double capacity of a neighbour and also as one holding high office in the Craft, and all he could say was that he rejoiced to welcome them there in that double capacity. As neighbours they had known each other for a great many years, and he believed there had never been any friction or anything that had tended to mar the good intercourse and friendly feeling that had existed between himself and he might say every single person in Newbury, and he hoped that state of things would long continue. There had been repeated occasions on which they had been able to exchange good offices and evince kindly feelings, which had bound them together for so many years, and which he trusted might long last, both on the part of himself and Lady Carnarvon and his family. As regarded their common bond of Masonry, that was as they knew a peculiar bond which he believed to be strong and enduring. Theirs was one of the most ancient and, as he believed, one of the most powerful, wealthy, and prosperous societies in the world, and, as he had often taken occasion to remark at Masonic meetings, if as Freemasons they chose to live up to the standard that was set them, and act in accordance with what they professed, they would not fall very far short of that morality and those duties which were impressed upon them by the highest authority they knew and recognised. As regarded Lady Carnarvon, he tendered her best and grateful thanks for this mark of kindness and goodwill. There were many things in this world which they prized highly, and there was nothing they set so much store upon as the goodwill and friendship of those among whom, and near whom they lived. Lady Carnarvon had had the great happiness in her old home of enjoying the regard, affection, and goodwill of all those among whom she had grown up, and to whom she had been known all her life, and he hoped it would be the same in her new home to which he was sure she brought every good wish and every kind feeling; and he trusted that they and others who through his life had given so many tokens of friendship, goodwill, kindly offices, and sympathy would extend the same through the life of Lady Carnarvon. He thanked the Freemasons of Newbury very much for coming there that day and presenting to them that handsome and valuable document, which they would very much prize throughout their lives.

Bro. Cosburn, on behalf of the brethren, then expressed the hope that on some suitable occasion the noble Earl would honour the Newbury Lodge with his presence.

His Lordship replied that he should have great pleasure in doing so.

The members of the deputation were subsequently invited to partake of luncheon with the Earl and Countess and family.

Lord Carnarvon proposed "Prosperity to the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope," which was responded to by

Bro. Hunt, the Worshipful Master, who concluded by proposing "Health and happiness to Lord and Lady Carnarvon," thanking them for the handsome and courteous reception which they had accorded to the deputation.

Bro. Cosburn then proposed "The Health of Lord Porchester and Lady Winifred Herbert."

Lord Porchester replied, and said that it had given him great pleasure to know that the Freemasons of Newbury had paid such a compliment to his father.

The Earl and Countess then took leave of the deputation and withdrew. Mr. Allen conducted the party over the Castle, pointing out the valuable paintings and works of art which it contains.

CONSECRATION OF THE UBIQUE LODGE No. 1789.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, the future home of all the Royal Artillery Masons within the circle of the Metropolis. The fulfilment of a need long wanted for our gallant brethren who have "Ubique" for their motto, and whose branches, like Masonry itself, spread over the four quarters of the globe, has now been accomplished, thanks to Bros. Ritchie, Weston, and Smythe, household names among the military Masons of the London district, who alone are responsible for the baptism of this Masonic "Woolwich Infant."

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively rendered, and we have only to mention the names of the Right Worshipful Bros. W. Hyde Pullen, 33, P.G.S.B. of England, and P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Wight; assisted by the Rev. Ambrose, T. Hall, M.A., Chaplain, to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, P.M. 416, and P. Prov. G. Officer for Surrey, who upon this occasion filled the office of consecrating Chaplain, to assure our Masonic brethren of the results produced by their united efforts. To those who have seen the consecration of a lodge, it is totally unnecessary for us to describe it, suffice it to say that the ritual was most elaborate, and splendidly carried out by the consecrating officers. Bro. Weston, P.M. 1536, then installed Bro. Ritchie, and with the usual honours the brother was placed in the chair of K.S. He then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Smythe, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; C. Solbé, Chaplain and Treas.; A. G. Saunders, Sec.; J. W. Kirkbride, S.D.; T. Holleman, Org.; J. A. Watkins, I.G.; J. McCaffery, D.C.; and J. Lacklanel, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Ritchie, P.M. 00, who during the ceremony of consecration filled the chair; of S.W.; F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13 and 1536, P.P.G.S. of W. Kent, who filled the Junior Warden's chair; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; H. G. Picken, W.M. 1536; A. Bookham, W.M. 604; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; H. G. Sparks, P.M. 552; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142, A.G.D.C. England; C. B. Payne, P.M. 27; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, D.C. 913; C. Buckland, 1536; H. de Grey, 706; W. Taylor, 1536; G. Smith, 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; G. Bugache, 12; E. Palmer, 913; D. Nichols, 12; G. A. Mason, 1636; E. Turner, 1536; Joyce Murray, 1706; Wilson, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Weston then finished his arduous duties by giving the charges, and notwithstanding the fact of his having a most critical audience, fairly and honestly did the work entrusted to him. Bros. Pullen, Hall, Hammerton, Thomas, and Nicholas were then elected hon. members of the lodge, and each returned thanks. Votes of thanks were then ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the lodge to Bros. Pullen and Hall, for their services in consecrating the lodge, and to Bro. Whiston for installing the W.M., which were carried unanimously.

Several nominations were then made for both initiates and honorary members, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet was one of Bro. Nichol's especial efforts, and was a superb illustration of the arts of the *cuisine*.

After the clearing of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and in so doing said it was needless for him to say a single word to them in praise of their beloved Sovereign. Her worth and virtues were household words to the whole world, and as military men they above all others were bound to support and strengthen her hands, as their motto said, "all over the world." (Cheers.) As loyal Englishmen and as Masons, he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. (Cheers.)

The next toast was that of the "Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." The W.M. said they were now about to speak of one who took a great interest in the Craft, and who, in his exalted position had ever been a help and service to them on all and every occasion. There were around him, the W.M., that night, brethren who had had the honour of seeing His Royal Highness in his position as G.M.; and they could bear testimony to his generous desire to promote the Craft and its interest by his presence and example. (Cheers.) He asked them, therefore, to drink the toast with all the honours it deserved. (Cheers.)

In response to the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Thomas and Pullen, Bro. Thomas said that the eloquent speech of the W.M. had placed him in this position, that he must say something more than had been said, or say nothing at all. (Cheers.) He could only thank him and the brethren for their kind and hearty reception of the toast. In regard to Lord Skelmersdale, he was one of the most generous and amiable of men; kind, courteous, and considerate, and it was with such feelings they always met him, and with which he was always received at Grand Lodge. He could only wish that some of the Grand Officers, whose names were household words in Masonry, had been present that night, to see how their names were honoured by that young lodge. He

wished success to the lodge, and its motto, because it was not only the motto of artillery men, but of Masonry "all over the world." (Loud cheers.)

The next toast was that of "The Consecrating Officers," and Bro. Pullen, in the course of a long and interesting speech, returned thanks for the honour paid him and Bro. Hall, giving at the same time, the W.M. and brethren some excellent advice as to the carrying out the duties attendant on their positions, and wishing them every success in their undertaking. Bro. Hall as well replied.

Bro. Weston then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying they would find that in placing Bro. Ritchie in the chair as the first Master of the lodge that they had placed the right man in the right place.

Bro. Ritchie said he must use an old hackneyed saying, and own that he could not find words to express his thanks to them for placing him in the chair of such a lodge as the "Ubique," as they had done that day. He should endeavour to uphold the dignity of the position, and at the end of his year of office place it, as it was given to him, pure and unsullied in the hands of his successor.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Hayes, Picken, Pounhall, and Nichols responded. That of "The Officers," brought Bro. Forsythe to the fore, and in no measured eloquence, but in a strain that held all the brethren, he said he felt himself at a great disadvantage in responding to the toast so eloquently given by the W.M. The many able speeches that had been given that evening by the W.M., Bro. Hyde Pullen, and the other Grand and Provincial Officers, who had honoured the Ubique Lodge by their presence that evening, were so eloquent, that, in fact, he required their sympathy, and a deal of it. In the first place he wished in the name of the officers to return his very sincere thanks for the able manner, the kindness of thought, the delicacy of feeling, and the more than flattering compliments their W.M. had been pleased to preface the toast with, as well as the flattering reception it had earned at the hands of the brethren. At a time like the present, when they heard of the Great Orient of France (so ably alluded to by the G. Chaplain) and one or two lodges in Brussels and America, who had repudiated that name—the very keystone of all honourable, true, and honest Masonic bodies—from their rituals it was, he averred, the solemn duty of the officers of their infant "Ubique Lodge" to attend to their duties in such a manner as to assist the W.M. in preventing all such from gaining admission into their lodges of England should they have the temerity to attempt it. He had included a few American Masons, but it was nevertheless most gratifying to know that they, the Masons of England, were supported by an array of 700,000 American Masons, who were one with them in all things Masonic. (Cheers.) With the exception named Masonry was increasing throughout the world. That they had upon no light authority. Here our brother paid a high compliment to Bro. Kenning, and his staff, who he declared had done great good in the advancement of Freemasonry, not only by their reports, but by their scientific and historical researches into Freemasonry, as registered weekly by the *Freemason*, and kindly mentioned the name of Bro. Jolly, who had favoured them with his company at the launching of this "Woolwich Infant," the Ubique Lodge, into the world of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Referring again to the able and eloquent remarks of Bro. Hyde Pullen, to whom they were indebted for sending forth into the Masonic world—well, to put it modestly, "a thing of beauty," which would, he trusted, be "a joy for ever," he asked to pay, in the name of the officers, an acknowledgment of their indebtedness to their distinguished brother, and to assure him that his head might lie lightly on his pillow, so far as his anxiety was concerned with respect to the punctuality of the officers of their lodge. For was not military time a proverb? That was his guarantee for the anxiety expressed so eloquently and feelingly by their distinguished brother. He said their motto, "Ubique," means in its fullest sense "Here, there, everywhere"—to do this, that, or everything. It was only his modesty that prevented him saying that they stuck at nothing—(cheers and laughter)—and could do everything. (Continued laughter.) Such were the W.M. and officers of their lodge, whose future lustre their W.M. had so boldly and manfully proclaimed was the goal he intended to reach ere his year of office was expired, and it was for them—the officers—to see that nothing on their part should mar this glorious determination. With such a W.M., all things within the grasp of mortals were possible. Then let them brace up for their work. Let "Ubique" be their standard, "Brotherly love" their support, "Charity to all men" their password, and the good fight must end in "Victory! victory! victory!" (Loud and continued cheering.)

The brethren shortly after separated.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was on Saturday last unanimously elected Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, and on Monday last was also unanimously elected a member of the Farrington Without Lodge, No. 1745.

The installation meeting of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, takes place on Saturday next, Feb. 8th. Bro. R. Payne, of Lothbury, is the W.M. elect. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following is the Agenda for Wednesday, the 6th February:—

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October, 1878, to the 14th January, 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	...	£507 17 6
" " Unappropriated Account	...	...	191 10 5
" Subsequent Receipts	...	...	435 3 1
			£1134 11 0
By Disbursements during the Quarter	...	...	£198 16 10
" Balance	...	...	757 18 9
" " in Unappropriated Account	...	...	177 15 5
			£1134 11 0

of which balances there is in the hands of the trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England, £546 16s. 10d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry Frances as Z., John Wordsworth as H., Mark Potter as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to the called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Riding, of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Eggesfield Collin as H., Thomas Mandle as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called the Nicholson Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, in the county of Cumberland.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Wellsman as Z., Henry Wadham Dalwood as H., John Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, London, to be called the St. Dunstan's Chapter, and to meet at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the city of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

A memorial having been received from the members of Chapter No. 1260, for permission to change the name from the Hervey to the John Hervey Chapter, the committee recommend—as the M.W. Grand Master has granted the permission to its members so to call the lodge—that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee regret to report the lamented deaths of Companion Benjamin Head, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed Member of the Grand Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th December, and of Companion John Boyd, P.Z., No. 145, an elected Member of the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in whose place Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of some other companion.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th January, 1879.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday in the board-room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. H. A. Dubois in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Col. Creaton, W. G. James, E. Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, John A. Rucker, John Mason, Thomas Cubitt, F. B. Baker, Thomas W. White, John C. Stevens, William Stephens, Griffiths Smith, G. Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thomas J. Barnes, E. Letchworth, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, C. J. Perceval, H. Potter, E. Spooner, A. Tisley, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes authority was given to the chairman to sign cheques for £1,374 10s. for accounts, and also a cheque for £178 10s. to be returned to the Mansion House Princess Alice Fund, paid by the committee of that fund for the admission of a daughter of the late Captain Grinstead to the school, but the child being above the age within which a child can by the laws of the institution be admitted, the Committee were constrained to refuse her.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Soulsby, the Secretary of the Mansion House Fund, in which he expressed the hope that the Committee would see their way to admitting the child.

Bro. Rucker thought that a letter should be written to Mr. Soulsby in answer, regretting the circumstances of the case, but stating that it was a fixed and established law of the institution that a child must be under eleven years of age to be admitted to the School.

Several petitions were received. As some of them were for children who had sisters in the school, the question was put by the Chairman whether they did not come within one of the new laws which prescribe that only one daughter in a family shall be in the Institution at the same time. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., explained that the new laws were not yet confirmed, and that until they are confirmed the old laws remain in force. This view was admitted, and the petitions received the usual consideration.

One case was admitted by purchase, and one was deferred for a month for further enquiries.

The Chairman then reported, with great regret, two vacancies in the House Committee, by the death of Bro. Benj. Head and Bro. John Boyd.

Bro. Rucker moved that the regret of the brethren on the loss they had sustained be recorded on the minutes.

The motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were then nominated to fill the vacancies:—Bros. Edward Spooner, John Mason, Edw. Cox, Thomas Cubitt, Frank Richardson, Dr. Wm. Holt, and J. A. Farnfield.

The election will take place on the next General Committee.

One child was withdrawn by her father from the list of candidates for next election.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

—The children of this Institution visited the pantomime at the Crystal Palace yesterday, to which they had been kindly invited by the Directors of the Company.

We regret to learn that Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, is confined to his room at Stoneleigh Abbey by an attack of bronchitis.

The Court went out of mourning for the late Grand Duchess of Hesse (Princess Alice) on Wednesday.

The ceremony of Installation of the Principals will be worked at the Domestic Chapter of Instruction, held at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday evening next at 8.30, by Comp. W. Smallpeice, P.Z. 21.

VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND.—It should be the aim of everyone to grow their own vegetables. It is true economy besides being a pleasure. To do so is very simple, and the greatest novice may soon be a good gardener by purchasing "Sutton's Amateurs' Guide in Horticulture," the most practical work on gardening yet published. It should be read by everyone who has a garden, and may be had post free from Messrs. Sutton and Sons, the Queen's Seedsman, Reading, for 15 stamps or for 1s. at all Railway Bookstalls.

The installation meeting of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, was held at the Rampant Horse Hotel, Norwich, on Thursday last. Bro. E. Pankhurst was the W.M. installed. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A Masonic ball in connection with the Friendly Lodge, 1513, and in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at the Public Hall, Barnsley, on Thursday.

We regret to learn that Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., in descending a staircase on Monday evening last, missed his footing, owing to weakness in the right leg from old wounds, sustaining a very severe compound fracture of the left kneecap. The gallant captain is, we are happy to state, progressing favourably, but the injury is of so serious a nature that some time must elapse before he can leave his bed.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to grant a warrant for the formation of a new lodge, to be called the Coborn Lodge, and to meet at the Bow Vestry Hall. The consecration will shortly take place.

A meeting of the Thistle Mark Lodge of Instruction is held every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Haymarket. The attendance of Mark Master Masons is invited.

CHILDREN'S IRISH STEW DINNER.—The sight witnessed on Wednesday, last., at noon, at the fifth dinner given by the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C., at their Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, E., to the poor children, will be long remembered. The earnest cry for admission and the great rush was distressing to all engaged in this noble work. Hundreds pressed with plates and spoons in hand. Hunger was depicted on many faces, and the quick way in which they devoured the Irish stew was an additional proof of their sad need. Those who had not been successful in obtaining tickets lingered outside patiently in the cold, waiting with almost despairing hope to be recipients of any that might be left. So heartrending was the scene outside that a second dinner was provided, and even then numbers had to be refused. To carry on this work of charity during the winter months, funds are still needed, and a trifle from each reader would not be missed, but would satisfy the craving hunger of several of these poor children, and would be thankfully received by Miss Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin, at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury-circus, E.C.

Bro. F. H. Cozens, of 21, Treherne-road, Brixton, has the superintendence of the musical arrangements for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Sleeplessness, flatulency, acidity, nausea, and all dyspeptic indications may be speedily relieved by these famous Pills, of which large quantities are shipped to all parts of the world. The constantly increasing demands for Holloway's medicine proves its power over disease, and its estimation by the public. In weakness of the stomach, in diseases of the liver, and in disorders of the system caused by cold or a sluggish circulation, no medicine is so efficacious, no remedy so rapid, as these Pills, which are altogether incapable of doing mischief. By quickening digestion, they give refreshing sleep, sharpen the appetite, impart tone to the digestive organs, purify and enrich the blood, regulate the secretions, and strengthen the whole physical frame.—[Adv't.]

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS LIFEBOAT, ALBERT EDWARD.—The Freemasons' Lifeboat, the Albert Edward, stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, was instrumental on the 24th inst., in rendering most important service to a shipwrecked crew of 14 men, from a large barque, the "Hebe," ashore on the Swin, Middle Sands. The intelligence having been conveyed to the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. expressed, through Col. Dighton M. Probyn, much pleasure and satisfaction at the service rendered by the Lifeboat "Albert Edward," which was presented to the Royal National Life-boat Institution by the Freemasons of England. Through the courtesy of Bro. Richard Lewis, the Secretary of the Institution, we are in possession of, and shall place before our readers next week, a full account of the rescue.

The "Broad Arrow" states that Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn has returned to Bangalore from a tour of invaliding and inspection of the military stations of the Neilgherries and the Western Coast.

Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. for Sussex, accompanied by his W. Deputy and officers, will pay an official visit to the Wellington Lodge No. 341, Rye, on Thursday next on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Francis Millom.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 7, 1879.

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, FEBRUARY 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.
" 1925, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.

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, FEBRUARY 4.

Colonial Board at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1264, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.
" 1208, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1603, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
Rose Croix Chap. 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Grand Chapter at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
Rose Croix 68, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., 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, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Fauces Arms, Faunce-pl, Kenngt at 8.
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.
Thistle M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement's Dances, 265, Strand.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1681, Londesborough, 68, Regent-st. W.
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st. W.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms, Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq. W.

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, Ponsonby-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.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints, Town-hall, Poplar.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.

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.
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.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.
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.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 4.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 16, Walton, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerald's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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