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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire. The festival, as will be seen from the list of subscriptions given below, was a grand success, and is one more proof of the growing interest which is being taken in the Masonic Institutions. This interest was also evidenced by the immense gathering of ladies and brethren who assembled on the occasion, for, except when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was Chairman of the festival, a larger company has not been gathered together. The entertainment was admirably managed, and, while reflecting the greatest credit on the Stewards, obtained in all directions the warmest praise. The arrangements at the dinner table were perfect, and in the Temple, where a concert was given, the greatest attention was paid to the comfort and convenience of the visitors.

Amongst the brethren who supported the Chairman were Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Col. Creation, P.G.D.; Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec.; Bro. S. Dr. Barringer; Col. Somerville Burney; Dr. Jabez Hogg; Dr. Strong; Honorary Surgeon to the Institute; Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk; The Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P.; Bro. W. Ough, P.G.P.; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secy., R.M.I. Girls; Bro. F. Binckes, Secy., R.M.I. Boys; Bro. C. J. Cooke, P.P.S., G. W. Kent; Bro. W. Beattie, P.M., 142; Bro. F. J. Macaulay, W.M., 142; Bro. H. C. Levander, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes; Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. E.S., West Yorkshire; J. L. Hine, Manchester; Bro. George Kenning, P. Prov. S.D., Middlesex; Bro. H. A. Dubois, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, Marshall, Bro. Ramsay, Bro. T. W. Tew, Dep. Grand Master W. Yorkshire; Bro. Headon, Bro. Freeman, Bro. Moody, Bro. Lambert, Bro. W. Lake, Bro. Saillard, Bro. Jolliffe, Bro. Dewar, and Bro. Massey (*Freemason*.) Nearly 400 sat down to dinner. The Board of Stewards, numbered 283 (an unprecedented number), comprising many of the most influential brethren in the Craft.

When the cloth had been removed, grace was beautifully rendered by the professional ladies and brethren, and the list of toasts was then gone through.

In proposing the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the Chairman after alluding to the great loss Her Majesty had recently sustained in the death of the Princess Alice, assured the brethren that Her Majesty took great interest in the Masonic Institutions. He also added that Her Majesty's grief at the present time was shared in by the Craft, and that in all her joys and sorrows the Freemasons, who were among her most loyal subjects, felt them as their own.

The Chairman afterwards proposed "H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., the Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family;" "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M.;" "The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers," the last of which was responded to very briefly by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Suffolk.

The toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," was the next on the list.

The Chairman: Ladies and Brethren—The next toast I have the honour to propose is one which, of itself, on the present occasion, must necessarily commend itself to your notice, it is that of "The Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." It is for the advancement of this Institution we are here assembled; and it is for its success we all here have exerted ourselves; and I now pledge you in the remarks that I may make, to drink its continued prosperity. I feel perfectly sure, from the support the Masonic

body has given, and, I am happy to say, the support of those not belonging to our body have given, and by this numerous and influential company now before me, that nothing that I can say in favour of this Institution can fix the benefits of the same more deeply in your minds than they are fixed, no eulogiums that I can express or find words to adduce, can, I am sure, add any more to the zeal of you here present, or to those brethren in London and in the provinces who have worked so hard, and so successfully, on this, and on other occasions for the furtherance and maintainance of this Institution, and when I look around me and see the enthusiasm exhibited by those present, I feel the deeds of those present and of those whom they represent, put quite into the shade any remarks that I may make to enhance the furtherance of this good cause, but, as President on this auspicious occasion, it behoves me to make a few remarks on the origin, the rise, the nature and objects of this Institution. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons has two separate interests. First, the aged Freemasons, and second, the widows of Freemasons. I will take the first portion as being the oldest part of the Institution. The Institution for granting annuities to aged Freemasons was suggested by the M.W. G.M., his late R.H. the Duke of Sussex, in 1842, since which time 487 brethren have been elected on its funds. After the last election there were 145 brethren receiving £40 per annum each, or, in all £5800. The permanent income is as follows:—

Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter	£600	0	0
Dividends in Funded Property ...	787	0	0
	£1387	0	0 p. annum.

The residue of the income, including the working expenses of this branch of the Institution, has to be provided for by donations and annual subscriptions. There are thirty-five candidates for election in May next and only twelve vacancies. The second branch of the Institution is the widows of aged Freemasons. The Treasurer's Fund was established under the sanction of the late Earl of Zetland in 1849, since when 260 widows have been elected. After the last election there were 135 widows receiving £32 per annum each, or, in all £4220. There are also eleven widows receiving half their late husband's annuity (for three years from death) amounting to £220.

The permanent income to the Widows is as follows:—

Grand Lodge and Chapter	... ..	£350	0	0
Dividends on Funded Property	... ..	560	0	0
		£910	0	0

The residue of the income, including working expenses, has also to be provided for by donations and annual subscriptions. There are forty-three widows, candidates for the next election, and only five vacancies. There is an asylum at Croydon, attached to the Institution, affording a home for thirty-three annuitants in addition to the annuity, each of whom has two rooms, and are provided with coals during the winter months and Medical attendance gratis. Thus, you will plainly see, that the only reliable income for these two branches of the institution is £2297, and the expenditure at the present rate is £10,340, being an expenditure of £8043, to be provided for by charitable donations. Such, ladies and brethren, is a brief summary of the origin, expenditure and mode of raising the funds for this Institution. This extra sum of £8000 is raised by the voluntary donations of Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters, private Chapters and Lodges, private Masonic brethren, and much to their honour, some who are not members of our Order, and without the aid of these voluntary gifts it would be impossible to pay the number of annuitants now receiving relief, of keeping up a sufficient staff of officers to carry on the business of the Institution or maintaining the Asylum. There are, as you are aware, two other noble Masonic Institutions attached to our Order, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, both for the benefit of the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons. These two Institutions have well ordered and noble buildings not far from the Metropolis; each of these Institutions, the boys, the girls, the aged Freemasons, have their peculiar advantages, their particular sphere of action and their special claims, and there is this great claim and benefit in the well doing of each of these noble Institutions, that there is no clashing in their various interests, neither does the working or the prosperity of any one of these interfere with or deter the prosperity of the other two. There are, as I dare say most of you know, three great and distinct Orders of architecture which Masons particularly prize, and attach great weight to—these are the Doric, the Ionic, and the Corinthian. Carrying out the comparison with regard to these three Institutions, each possessing in itself a definite mark and charm, yet not clashing with the others, and, as in the three styles of architecture, each has a particular feature of adornment and attractive line of beauty, so in each of these three Institutions there is an element of beauty and harmony, which adorns the Masonic structures, without in any way diminishing the benefits conferred by any one of the three preponderating over one another. I feel sure, as I look around me on this present assembly, that I have no need to resort to special pleading for any particular Institution that may form part of the Masonic charity, but, as our meeting here to-day is on the occasion of the annual festival of the aged Freemasons and widows, our aspirations and desires naturally turn themselves to the well-being and furtherance of this Institution in particular. It has been the custom amongst all civilized nations, both ancient and modern, heathen and Christian, to pay respect to the aged of their communities, and therefore, amongst a body of men like we Masons, whose principles are founded on the truest lines of charity, honour,

virtue, and morality, a respect for the comforts of old age amongst its members, and a desire to make the latter end of life pleasant to those who when in former years were in more affluent circumstances, but whom the storms of adverse fortune have overcome, must naturally exist. There can be no more pleasing sight for anyone than that of an old man or old woman whose locks, like the snow-drifts of winter wreath round their heads as a garland of silver, passing the remainder of their allotted life in comfort and in happiness. Neither, on the other hand, can there be a spectacle which will conjure up in a well-regulated mind more feelings of pity, and regret, and compassion than that of an aged and forlorn creature, perhaps a cripple, with no one to care for him or her, no one to cheer them, dependent on uncertain charity for a miserable bare existence—one whose case is so pathetically described by one of the most descriptive of our English poets of the last century:—

"The wretched woman, forced in age, for bread,  
To strip the brook with mantling rushes spread,  
To pick the wintry fagot from the thorn,  
To seek her nightly shed, and weep till morn."

It is to avoid such misery as this that the Masonic community has instituted, organised, and maintained the Institution for the benefit of whose funds we are met together. A celebrated Roman orator, and no mean philosopher, has recorded that each portion of age has its charms, and each phase of life has its definite period assigned to it, so that the feebleness of boys, the high spirit of young men, the steadiness of more fixed manhood, and the maturity of old age has something material which ought to be enjoyed in their time, and we know that old age, especially an honoured old age has so great authority that this is of more value than all the transient pleasure of youth, enjoyable as they may be. But as neither grey hairs nor wrinkles can of themselves command respect, let the former portion of a man or woman's life when such life has been honourably spent, reap the just esteem of mankind in general, and if of a Masonic life, should they be so circumstanced, the benefits of this Institution, which is a mark of the esteem of the Masonic brethren, for great care and caution is exercised in admitting members into this Institution, and the former character and mode of life is strictly enquired into before any one can be admitted to partake of this Institution's benefits. It has been said of old, in Greece, when that country was the centre of civilization, of arts and science, that Lacedemon was the most honourable abode for old age. I say here this day, in this great Metropolis of the world, of England, of commerce, and enterprise, and of Masonic sentiment, that for a Mason this Institution is the most honourable abode for old age of all I know, for nowhere is so much conceded to that time of life, nowhere is age more respected. The times of year naturally instance the life of mankind. Spring represents the time of youth and the promise of future fruits, the remaining seasons are left for the development, ripening, and gathering of these fruits, as therefore in nature so in Masonry if the first conduct of the young Mason be good and healthy, and the blossom of his early career ripens still further into perfection, his case in old age will be similar to the ripened fruit which when plucked from the tree comes off of its own accord, without wrench or violence, and is amenable to all who partake of it, and if misfortune, or adversity overtake such a one, his fruit will be stored in the orchard home of this Institution, and the trunk that bore the fruit will not be left to wither and decay, unheeded and neglected, but cared for and preserved in the garden of the Masonic Fraternity. We are perfectly aware, that as a community, we, like all others, must exist for good or for evil, and if only performing certain duties, which duties must be founded on true noble principles. But we can contend for the former and avoid the latter, for all communities have necessarily an effect more or less on society at large, and we say that we have performed, and are performing, duties which have been, and are now, for the benefit of mankind also. We have passed away as a body of men from the utility of construction as Masons, but the deeds of those of our Order who existed in former ages are written in tablets of stone, and in indelible monuments of our history (I am now speaking of Freemasonry in England) from one end of England to the other, through the length and breadth of the land. These are visible in the works of man's handicraft—our old parish churches, round which slumber the remains of our forefathers, some nestling in our beautiful Southern vales and dales, some raising their elegant tipped spires to the vaulted roof of Heaven, serving as beacons to travellers here, and pointing to a road beyond this earthly orb, or turn we our eyes again to those splendid efforts of architectural skill, our minsters, our cathedrals, our abbeys, mediæval mansions, and castles, within whose walls the literature of the dark ages has kept secure, and from whose embattlements the engine of war kept at bay the invading foe. These we point to as example of those men who have preceded us, and though some have been ruthlessly destroyed through fanatic frenzy and heated turmoil, still, even their beauty in their ruins adds a charm to the beholder, and cannot fail to awaken the feeling that there were master minds in those days whose talent and skill in beauty of Gothic architecture, now has been destroyed. And here I may mention that there is set on foot a committee of Freemasons, under the patronage of the P.G.M. of Herefordshire, to restore the west front of St. Alban's Cathedral. But now we have another duty to perform, and our efforts for good to mankind have taken a different direction, we are a body of men who want to cultivate virtue and charity amongst ourselves, for the benefit of our Order and for the example of the outer world. What the Masons in the old dark ages did by constructing these noble buildings, which have been of so much use to mankind, and so ornamental in their appearance, we now wish to emulate, by raising a structure of education and morality for the still furtherance of the general good, and, as we expect to see



No. of Lodge.			
1637	Bro. Wm. Stephens	...	15 15 0
1787	" Joseph Tanner	...	20 5 0
1707	" Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C.		105 0 0
The first labour of an Entered Apprentice.			
			£447 0 0
<b>MONMOUTHSHIRE:—</b>			
The Province	Bro. Wm. Williams	...	105 0 0
Lodge.			
1429	Bro. Wm. Watkins	...	31 10 0
			£136 10 0
<b>NORFOLK:—</b>			
The Province	Bro. H. G. Barwell	...	254 2 0
Lodge.			
52	Bro. Wm. A. Tyssen Amherst	...	52 10 0
			£306 12 0
<b>NORTHS AND HANTS:—</b>			
1764	Bro. Hamilton W. Parker	...	£50 0 0
<b>NOTTINGHAM:—</b>			
402	Bro. Chas. T. Jacoby	...	...
<b>OXFORDSHIRE:—</b>			
357	Bro. E. L. Hawkins	...	31 8 0
478	" James Cavom	...	...
1399	" Thos. B. Brown	...	10 10 0
			£41 18 0
<b>SOMERSETSHIRE:—</b>			
The Province	Bro. Captain A. T. Perkins	...	£38 17 0
<b>SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION):—</b>			
The Province	Bro. Robert Margrave	...	£225 0 0
<b>SUFFOLK:—</b>			
81	Bro. Wm. Page T. Phillips	...	55 12 0
114	" Wm. Clarke	...	110 5 0
1452	" W. O. Chambers	...	5 5 0
			£171 2 0
<b>SURREY:—</b>			
889	Bro. J. J. Holland	...	...
1046	" Horatio T. Taylor	...	21 0 0
1395	" Rev. C. W. Arnold	...	106 1 0
1714	" Henry Hacker	...	37 10 0
			£164 11 0
<b>SUSSEX:—</b>			
315	Bro. A. J. Hawkes	...	105 0 0
315	" R. J. Pope	...	21 0 0
			126 0 0
<b>WARWICKSHIRE:—</b>			
567	Bro. Joseph Boddington	...	38 17 0
<b>WILTSHIRE:—</b>			
The Province	Bro. Wm. Nott	...	237 10 0
<b>WORCESTERSHIRE:—</b>			
377	Bro. Geo. Taylor	...	42 0 0
<b>YORKSHIRE (N. AND E. RIDINGS):—</b>			
57	Bro. Thos. Thompson	...	22 1 0
1611	" Thos. Cooper	...	...
1611	" J. S. Cumberland	...	...
1611	" A. T. B. Turner	...	...
"	" W. P. Husband	...	...
			50 5 0
			72 6 0
<b>YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING):—</b>			
R.W. Bro.	Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards	...	...
139	Bro. Rev. Arthur W. Hamilton-Gell	...	...
"	" W. H. Britain	...	...
"	" Joseph Bromley	...	...
"	" Edward Tozer	...	...
"	" J. F. Littlewood	...	...
"	" W. D. Allen	...	...
154	" W. H. B. Tomlinson (J.P.)	...	...
208	" R. J. Critchley (J.P.)	...	...
290	" Wm. Harrop	...	...
302	" Henry Smith	...	...
302	" Benj. Broughton	...	...
304	" John Batley	...	...
304	" C. L. Mason	...	...
380	" Capt. J. Wordsworth	...	...
448	" C. T. Rhodes	...	...
904	" John Fawcett	...	...
910	" W. F. Clark	...	...
			£550 0 0

<b>LIST SINCE IN:—</b>			
1612	Bro. Thos. Kingston	...	21 9 6
862	"	...	29 8 0
Making a total, for London and the Provinces, of		...	£13,926 8 0

Loud and long continued cheering followed the reading of this list, and Bro. Woodford, as Chairman of the Board, having, with the permission of the Chairman, asked for three hearty cheers for East Lancashire, which appeal was enthusiastically responded to, the East Lancashire brethren were warmly congratulated on having achieved such a result as a total list for their province of £3542.

Sir Henry Edwards, R.W. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," whom he characterised not only as one of the best of Masons, but as a thorough Englishman, and a most worthy type of the head of the domestic circle.

The Chairman having replied, Bro. Hedges replied to the toast "Success to the other Masonic Institution: the Girls' School (Festival 14th of May); the Boys' School (Festival 25th of June)." There were loud calls for Bro. Binckes, who, in answer thereto, also made a most energetic speech on behalf of the Masonic Institutions generally, but particularly the Boys' School.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Stewards," compli-

mented those brethren on the success of the meeting, and on the admirable arrangements which had been made.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (who sat on the left of the Chairman), President of the Board of Stewards, responded.

R.W. Sir.—At this late hour of the evening it would ill become me to trespass on the patience of the meeting, "anxious to migrate to more harmonious sounds and pastures fair," but I should not be doing my duty, if, as Chairman of the Board of Stewards, I did not return the thanks of my many zealous friends and coadjutors for the honour which this large assembly has done them in drinking their health. If the labours of the Stewards have given pleasure and comfort to the brethren they are heartily satisfied, their anxieties are rewarded, their pains recompensed. Sir, allow me to congratulate all present, on the happy fact, that under your auspices, and with the aid of the energetic brethren of your province, we have so well begun 1879 in the cause of Masonic charity, that Masonic charity, which, we so often say, blesses them who give as well as they who receive, that charity, I repeat, which renders our beneficent Order, the pride of its members, the admiration of its contemporaries, and a real utility and a lasting blessing to mankind. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Ladies" was then given, and the brethren joined the fair sex in the Temple, where the concert was held, ably presided over by Bro. Joseph Clever.

The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some beautiful vocal performances by Madame Ashton, Miss Agnes Ross, Miss Lizzie Evans, Bro. H. Ashton, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, the English Glee Union, Bro. A. Hubbard, and Bro. Theodore Distin, the same artists also performing at the concert given in the Temple. Bro. F. H. Cozens had the direction, and presided, with Bro. Fountain Meen at the pianoforte. Bro. G. S. Graham also gave his startling organophonic performances, which included selections from several operas.

The favour worn by the Stewards this year is worthy of special commendation. In former years a rosette with tassels has been the distinguishing mark of a Steward, but this year a handsome solid silver medallion about the size of a florin, bearing on one side the inscription "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and on the other the Arms of the Chairman, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie took its place. The workmanship was all that could be desired, and is very creditable to the firm entrusted with its execution. We doubt not but that every brother who had the privilege of wearing the medal on Wednesday will carefully preserve it as a souvenir of the most successful festival of this admirable Institution.

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, the day after the very successful annual festival of the Institution. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided, and there were also present, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, Samuel Rawson, Henry G. Warren, R. H. Giraud, W. Stephens, James Brett, John A. Farnfield, John G. Stephens, Charles F. Hogard, John M. Case, William Hilton, C. A. Cottebrune, W. F. Nettleship, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Henry Smith, Thomas W. Tew, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

Bro. Terry, after reading the minutes, reported the death of six annuitants and one candidate for next election. Bro. Terry also read a letter from Bro. E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., Solicitor, enclosing £990 19s. 10d., which he had received from the private estate of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Treasurer. Bro. Terry stated that the result of this was that the Institution did not lose one farthing by the failure of the firm of bankers of Willis, Percival, and Co. Bro. Terry likewise said he had now to report, as most of the brethren were aware, that the festival of the Institution, held on Wednesday evening, was largely attended, that Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, presided, and that the subscriptions amounted to £13,875 10s. 6d., with fifteen lists to come in. There had been a Board of Stewards numbering 288 brethren, the largest Board of Stewards they had ever yet had. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks was then passed to Col. Starkie for presiding at the festival. Another vote of thanks was also passed to the Board of Stewards for their great and successful efforts for the comfort and convenience of the visitors.

The Chairman then said that the brethren had heard of the great success of the Institution the night before, and a great deal of that success was due to the Board of Stewards of East Lancashire, and more especially to the Chairman of that Board, Bro. J. L. Hine. He thought it would be a graceful compliment to that brother if they elected him a Vice-President of the Institution for his services.

A motion was made to that effect, and carried unanimously.

Cheques for annuities, men £1280, and widows £1097, were authorised to be signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman announced that there were thirty-three male candidates and seventeen to be elected at the election in May, and forty-three women, and four to be elected.

The Chairman said that after the great success of Wednesday, and seeing that there were only four vacancies for widows at the next election, he thought the Institution might elect ten extra candidates.

The Committee agreed to this.

The balloting papers were afterwards settled, and a letter having been read from Bro. S. L. Tomkins, Manager of the Capital and Counties' Bank offering to receive subscriptions for the Institution, the Committee accepted the offer with thanks.

The Committee then adjourned.

**REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.**

**Craft Masonry.**

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst. at Anderson's Hotel, where the new lodge room afforded ample room for what would have been elsewhere a crowded assembly. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M., presided, and there were also present, among 104 brethren, of whom fifty-seven were visitors, the following:—Past Masters Buss, Atkin, Greene, Harrison, W. H. Gibbon, C. B. Payne, D. Jacobs, S. J. Samble, J. Coult, Hoare, Walker. Visitors:—Bros. T. Bull, P.M. 145; Masters, 145; Smith, 1441; Barlow, 95; Gray, 704; S. W. Webb, W.M. 1607; H. H. Pendlebury, 1056; Green, W.M. 1524; Lee, P.M. 1524; Hollands, P.M. 1321; Bungler, S.W. 435; Smith, 157; Butler, 414; Leslie, 1604; Richards, 154; Hume, P.M. 209; Read, 73; Reed, 1287; Geo. Teddle, 11; Brookmer, 1541; Wood, 1446; White, 340; McGowan, 1287; Binckes, Goodman, W.M. 147; Lloyd, 1201; Hooper, 435; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Summers, 871; Rudderforth, S.D. 12; Webster, 807; Berry, 1695; Corrich, 101; Rushton, 1677; Wells, 299; Smeed, 1585; Anley, 177; W. W. Morgan Lee, 211; J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; Ellis, 554; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Pevott, 861; Waters, P.M. 1201; Daniels, P.M. 65; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Spurrell, P.P.G.S.W.; Kent, 615; W. T. Howe, G.P.; Waghorn, P.M. 946; Dance, I.P.M. 754; Wills, P.M., G.S.W. Kent, 299; Musto, P.M. 1349; Harvey, P.M. 299; Jones, 1612; and Kennard, 145. The W.M. first installed Mr. James Francis Hale, and afterwards, on presentation duly made to him, installed Bro. William Richards as Master of the lodge before a Board of Installed Masters, numbering thirty-four. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. T. J. Maidwell, I.P.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Coulson, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M., Sec.; Kemp, S.D.; Cuthbertson, J.D.; Grammer, I.G.; Murch, D.C.; David Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; King, Assistant W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses, which were fluently given by Bro. Maidwell, the lodge voted £25 to a distressed brother, fifteen guineas to the Girls' School for Bro. Maidwell's list, and £2 to a brother, late a member of the lodge, who was in distress. Lodge was then closed and banquet served. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. Buss, Asst. G.S., and Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., responded for "The Grand Officers," but, the hour being late, the speeches were made very short. Bro. Maidwell, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the brethren had seen very little of the W.M.'s working that evening, although what they had seen had been perfectly done. Referring to the old adage that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," he would ask the brethren to wait to see what the W.M.'s capabilities were before they came to any conclusion on the matter. The W.M., in reply, said that if he did not say so much, and that so ably as some of his predecessors had said, it was for the reason that a long address was not his forte. He had been in this Egyptian Lodge many years; he had spent some of his pleasantest hours in it, and made some of his firmest friends in it; therefore he felt great honour in presiding over the brethren. Last December they paid him the highest honour they could in electing him without a dissentient vote, and while he was their Master he would endeavour to justify that vote of confidence. In proposing the toast of "Bro. Maidwell, I.P.M.," the W.M. presented that worthy brother with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and said that he believed every brother would endorse his observation, that Bro. Maidwell had performed his duty as Master as well as any brother who had held the chair of that lodge, adding that he knew the jewel would be valued by Bro. Maidwell as one of his greatest treasures. Bro. Maidwell, responding, apologised for any defects in his reply, which he hoped the brethren would excuse, because of the novelty of his position as a P.M. He highly appreciated the unanimous feeling the brethren had shown towards him, and assured them that what little he had done had been dictated by the love he had for the lodge. He first came among the brethren as a joining member and after he had been among them many times as a visitor. He came so often as Bro. Jacobs' visitor, Bro. Todd's visitor, and as the visitor of other brethren, that at last he was ashamed to come in that character any longer. Still, he was always pleased to be a visitor at the Egyptian Lodge, but when he became a member he tried to prove, from the office of D.C. upwards, that it was his earnest endeavour to do the best he could for the lodge, to work to the best of his ability, and to uphold the dignity of the old lodge. As long as that met with the approbation of the brethren he was satisfied, and he should ever regard the jewel just presented to him as one of his most valued possessions. Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., responded for "The Visitors and the Masonic Charities." For five-and-twenty years he had advocated brethren visiting lodges, as there was nothing which tended more to do away with sectional organisation. Every one naturally considered his own lodge the best, and it was only by going among other lodges, instituting comparisons and drawing contrasts that the brethren derived a large amount of information. Bro. Buss had alluded to one subject which he (Bro. Binckes) could not suffer to pass by unnoticed. The Egyptian Lodge had never forgotten the great principle of charity, and while he saw in this old lodge worthy traditions handed down from a time-immemorial foundation, he, as a visitor, and as an official charged with duties connected with the great Masonic Institutions, had to thank the brethren both for their hospitality and their charity. He concluded by wishing that these great virtues might long

be the distinguishing characteristic of the Egyptian Lodge. Bro. Maidwell then announced that he had secured on his list 111 guineas for the Girls' School. Bro. Buss replied for "The P.M.s., Treasurer, and Secretary," and said it gave him great pleasure to see the lodge prosper from year to year and its funds increase. He was always pleased to see the lodge liberal in its charity, but, while entertaining that feeling, he was anxious to check too great liberality otherwise the funds would soon be swamped. It was a principle of Masonry that the Master should not err, but it was extraordinary to see how he erred on the side of extravagance as soon as he became a P.M. There were very few lodges which had supported the Charities for the last twenty or twenty-five years as the Egyptian, and if it ever occurred that the funds of the lodge at the end of any year would enable them to give twenty-five, thirty, or even fifty guineas to the Charities he should never stand in the way. Bro. Poole, P.M., Secretary, also responded, and Bro. David Jacobs, P.M., W.S., replied, in very happy strains, for the honour the brethren had done him in drinking the toast so heartily. He assured the brethren that in the position he held he should try to promote the happiness of the brethren. The S.W. having replied to the toast of "The Officers," the Tyler's toast was honoured, and the brethren separated. Bro. Knight Smith treated the brethren to music and singing during the evening.

**LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).**—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. M. Spiegel, W.M., presided for the first time, assisted by Bros. Hymans, S.W.; Campion, J.W.; Bakes, S.D.; L. Myers, J.D.; Benjamin, I.G.; Lazarus, P.M., D.C.; and Bann, Steward. After reading the minutes, ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred Davis, Alexander, and Gardiner, which proved unanimously in their favour. Bros. B. and M. Hart, having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hart passed to that degree. Resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the above named three gentlemen were then duly initiated, and the brethren seem highly pleased with the excellent working of their new W.M. After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned for light refreshment, and the usual loyal toasts were respectively proposed. For "The Grand Officers" Bro. Albert, P.G.P., responded, and Bro. Bean for "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," Bro. Hickman, S.W., proposed "The W.M.," and in his remarks mentioned the many years the W.M. worked faithfully in the Craft, and more especially for the Lodge of Joppa, and they all rejoiced in seeing him in the chair, which he so worthily occupies. The W.M. briefly responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Candidates," and implored them never to forget the time when they were placed before the W.M. in the East, and to remember the three great principles on which our Order is founded, which he explained briefly. Bro. Davies replied, and Bro. Fletcher, 180, replied for "The Visitors." The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," and in his remarks said, on his installation he compared the Past Masters as the ornaments of the lodge, and, further, as one of the three great pillars which supports our lodges, namely, beauty, but finding this evening the assistance he had from the Past Masters he came to the conclusion that they were in reality "the" three great pillars, as without them no lodge could properly be carried on, now regretted that in former years he spoke so lightly of them, and admitted he did not know their value. Bro. Dodson, P.M., replied. Bros. Hymans, S.W.; Campion, J.W.; Baker, Benjamin, and Bann replied for their respective offices. Bros. Benjamin, Fletcher, B. and M. Hart, and A. Davis gave great satisfaction to the brethren by their excellent vocal entertainment, more especially a duet sung by Bros. Benjamin and Davies. Visitors present were Bros. Fletcher, 180; Samuel, and Barrett.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The February meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Brethren present:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M.; Cohe, P.M., acting S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Bright, Fisher, Lucas, Chillingworth, jun.; Perkins, Barker, Goddard, Pratt, Lorkin, Carter, Copelin, Agutter, Groves, Cook, and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Cook was raised to the degree of Master Mason, and Bro. James E. Groves was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. Charles Arkell, with thirteen votes, Bro. Rickwood polling nine votes. Bro. George Kenning, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treas. Bros. Carter, Goddard, and Agutter were elected on the Audit Committee. The consideration of the alteration in the bye-laws was adjourned to the October meeting. The audit meeting was appointed for Thursday, the 20th inst. A distressed brother was relieved with £5 5s. od. The lodge was then closed.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Anderton's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Tucker, presided, and a very large number of the brethren honoured the occasion with their presence. The members of the lodge present were numerous, and the Past Masters who attended were Bros. Tucker, I.P.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., and installing Master; and P.Ms. J. Bowron, W. Wainwright, W. Yetton, J. Giffin, W. R. Marsh, R. Ayton, J. Taylor, and John G. Stevens. The list of visitors includes Bros. Latreille, P.M. 1056; Browne, 194; Solomon, 194; G. Chappell, 147; W. Chappell, 147; Siedman, 172; Taylor, W.M. 1421; Harrison, P.M. 206; Carter, P.M. 1044; Cook, 1585; Crammer, 334; Alston, 103; Nash,

79; Myers, P.M. 820; G. Ward Verry, P.M. Burdett Coutts; Dance, P.M. 754; Musto, P.M.; Charles Lacey, P.M.; Motion, P.M.; McCarthy, Joyce, Goodhall, J. Harrison, Richards, Wayland, Stephens, W. H. Ellis, Calverley, P.M. 1349; H. Massey (Freemason). After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., took the chair of W.M., the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Bowron, P.M., and the J.W. chair by Bro. Wainwright, P.M. Bro. Barnes then installed Bro. Charles Isaac Digby, W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office were Robert James Tucker, I.P.M.; George Hollington, S.W.; William John Edney, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treasurer; John G. Stevens, P.M., Secretary; George A. Payne, J.D.; Stephen Crane, I.G.; S. Fromm, D.C.; G. Williams, W.S.; G. T. H. Seddon, Organist. The offices of D.S. and Tyler were left open, as the brethren who were to fill those offices were absent through unavoidable causes. After delivery of the charges by Bro. T. J. Barnes, and the transaction of some formal lodge business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren then adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Craft," spoke of her Majesty as taking great interest in the Craft, and in everything that concerned Freemasonry. In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," his worship said that the Prince of Wales was also very much interested in Freemasonry, and that other members of his family were likewise faithful supporters of the Order, for only a twelve-month ago the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold occupied the two Wardens' chairs in Grand Lodge. The other formal toasts having been given, Bro. Tucker proposed "The Health of the W.M." In doing so, he said that he and Bro. Digby had been associated together ever since he had taken the Third Degree. Bro. Digby had followed him step by step, and he was pleased now to see him in the honourable position now occupied by him. Bro. Digby was a brother whom he (Bro. Tucker) very much respected, and he was sure those brethren connected with the lodge when they had had an opportunity of forming his acquaintance would respect him equally. Bro. Digby was a brother who was never known to have the slightest ill-feeling towards anyone, and no one had the slightest ill-feeling towards him. Bro. Digby was determined to be respected by every one that knew him, and he had succeeded, and there was no better proof of it than in this Lodge. The W.M., in reply, said he was deeply grateful for what had been said of him, but such eulogistic terms were used in proposing this toast that they had really taken his breath out of his body. He was not prepared to receive such commendations as he had heard, but he hoped they were deserved. At the end of his year of office he hoped the brethren would be pleased to say he had done his duty. He would endeavour by every means in his power to discharge his duties faithfully, diligently, and with energy. It was just ten years ago that he was introduced into Masonry. Bro. Barnes was then Master, and the way the ceremony of initiation was performed by him on that occasion created such impressions on his mind as had never been eradicated, and never would. On the contrary, having grown, as he had grown, older and stronger, they had now resolved themselves into firm, irremovable convictions that Masonry was one of the grandest, if not the grandest and noblest institution in this land or any other land. The toast of the "P.M.s." followed, to which Bros. Tucker and Barnes replied. In the course of his reply Bro. Barnes said the Past Masters had the interest of the Doric Lodge deeply impressed on their minds and embedded in their hearts. When the time came, which could not be far distant, when he would be removed from the brethren, some other brother, he felt, would be ready to succeed him, and would be found fully equal to the performance of the duties that had fallen on himself, and would do everything that was necessary for the welfare of the lodge. To "The Health of the Visitors," Bros. Harrison, Carter, Myers, Lacey, and Musto replied. Bro. Barnes replied to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," and as an old Past Master, who was standing Steward for the lodge at the festival of the aged Freemasons next day, he exhorted the brethren to support those Institutions which had grown from very small beginnings, and had taken upon themselves obligations which they were bound to fulfil. The toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the list. Bros. Seddon, Steadman, and J. G. Stevens entertained the brethren with some excellent songs.

**GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at half-past four by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. C. Mount, and his office-bearers, Bros. Robert Payne, S.W.; John Rhodes, J.W.; J. W. Thomas, Chaplain; Fred. West, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, Sec.; P. Turner, S.D.; D. F. Kirk, J.D.; A. Mount, D.C.; Oswald Gardner, I.G.; and T. Wilson, Steward. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditor's report was read, which showed that, besides contributing several handsome sums to the Masonic Charities, there were abundant funds in hand. The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. A. Sturt, seconded by Bro. Maysfield, and carried unanimously. There being no initiations, passings, nor raisings, Bro. Robert Payne, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. R. C. Mount, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony of installation in the most effective way, and the charges which were read by the Secretary, Bro. James Lewis Thomas, P.M., were answered in a very satisfactory manner. After this, Bro. Payne proceeded to the investment of his officers for the ensuing year, appointing Bros. Wm. Rhodes, S.W.; Benjamin Turner, J.W.; Frederick West, Treasurer; J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary; Walsh

Thomas, Chaplain; Frank Kirk, S.D.; Oswald Gardiner, J.D.; Frank Swain, I.G.; S. Wilson, D.C.; Albert Mount, Wine Steward; and Woodstock, P.M., P.Z., Tyler. The I.P.M. then proceeded to charge the newly elected W.M. on the manner of performing the duties of his office, and delivered his farewell address to the brethren with much eloquence and effect, after which the Worshipful Master presented P.M. Mount with an elegant Past Master's jewel, in consideration of the effective way in which he had acted during his tenure of office. Bro. Mount who was warmly congratulated on the acquisition of the decoration, very appropriately acknowledged the gift, remarking that he would always regard the jewel as one of the happiest mementoes of his life, for he felt that it was a testimony of his having earned the good will and esteem of all the brethren of the Granite Lodge. The lodge was then formally closed and the brethren repaired to the banqueting-hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, where a magnificent banquet was served. Besides the brethren already mentioned, there were present, Bros. John Oliver, I.M.; George Hackford, P.M.; H. W. Collins, P.M.; W. Henry Mugeridge, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M.; A. Stuart, Wm. F. Rowell, Allen James Hewitt, Fredk. S. Osmond, G. W. Chapendy, D. W. Pearce, John B. Lee, E. J. Pain, W. Parkins, W. F. Tomkin, Geo. Lansdown, W. Wilkinson, W. Cooke, W. Wood, Fred Worssam, R. Masefield, F. Swain, Robt. F. Giles, W. W. Kell, J. Browning, Richard Coad, Septimus Baker, and A. C. Shelley. Amongst the visitors present we observed the following:—Bros. H. T. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; S. Wheeler, I.G. 414; D. Matthew, 12; James Cutbush, P.M. 1385; John Crake, 1687; Thos. Leigh, 1687; C. E. Jueiqua, 1687; Wm. Beattie, P.M. 142; Macaulay, W.M. 142; Fred. Cambridge, 1706; James Kendall, 1420; Geo. Collier, 1237; Geo. D. Bondy, Wm. Dyer Burnaby, Sec. 42; Thos. A. Hull, 595; E. Letchworth, P.M. 1237; T. Wilkens, 1420; W. Maple, P.M. 657; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728; A. Tryner, 18; D. H. Witherbon, 414; J. Early Danks, S.W. 1101; J. T. Brown, P.M., P.G. Sup. of Wks. Berks and Bucks; Jno. Hernaman, M. Glaisher, F.R.S.; H. H. Collins, P.M. 23; J. Peters, P.M. 1460; M. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, 685; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (Freemason). After the cloth was removed the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and Craft," said that it had always struck him as being singularly apposite that the toast of the Queen should also comprise that of the Craft, because it was an essential element—in England at all events—that Royalty formed part and parcel of its constitution. It was unnecessary for him to occupy the time of his audience by commenting upon the virtues of Her Majesty. He would simply express the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe might long spare her to reign over a prosperous people, and that the Craft might continue to flourish under her benign influence. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the brethren remaining standing while they sang the National Anthem. The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," in proposing which the W.M. observed that H.R.H. had shown himself to be a patron of the liberal arts and sciences, and the brethren as Freemasons all knew that the liberal arts and sciences were an essential part, he would not say of the education, but of the principles inculcated in the minds of Freemasons. They made them a study, and His Royal Highness had set them a bright example in this respect, which he (the W.M.) trusted the brethren would all endeavour to emulate. (Hear, hear.) Bros. T. Baxter, Geo. Carter, and W. Winn then favoured the company with an effective rendering of the gleec by Davy, entitled "Just like Love." The next toast was "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was cordially responded to, whereupon Bro. Geo. Carter sang in exquisite taste the pretty ballad "Sweethearts." Bros. Glaisher P.G.D.; Cottebrune, P.M.; and Thomas, P.M., Secretary, very suitably acknowledged the toast. The former trusted that at all times the Grand Officers would command by their conduct that esteem and respect which at present they enjoyed. (Hear, hear.) He was quite sure that if they in any way followed the bright example set by the Earl of Carnarvon, who performed every Masonic duty with which he was charged in a manner that was a pattern to every one, they would always stand high in the estimation of Freemasons. Nor could he say that Lord Skelmersdale was less energetic, less careful in the performance of his Masonic duties. (Hear, hear.) He believed the Grand Officers generally were Grand Officers because they had carried out to the letter the principle enunciated by the I.P.M. that evening, that no effort of his should be spared in the endeavour to devote the best of his ability to perform the work he had engaged to do with credit to himself and benefit to the lodge. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Glaisher concluded by pointing out that during the last twenty years the number of lodges had increased from 600 to 1800, a circumstance from which the brethren would gather that there were only a limited number of offices in the Grand Lodge every year. But the Granite Lodge, he was glad to say, already claimed among its numbers one whom he (the speaker) had very much pleasure in frequently meeting at the Grand Chapter—Bro. Thomas. (Hear, hear.) He thanked the brethren most heartily in the name of the Grand Officers for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bros. Past Masters Thomas and Cottebrune having also offered a few graceful remarks in acknowledgment of the toast, the I.P.M., Bro. R. C. Mount rose, and said it was unnecessary for him to tell the brethren why he had monopolized their attention for a few moments. He had to propose one of the most important toasts of the evening. He wished only that the proposition should have come from some one that could have done it more justice than he could, although no one in the room entertained a stronger desire to do it justice than himself. He had the pleasure

of proposing "The Health of the W.M." There were many around the table that evening who knew the W.M. much more intimately than he (the speaker) did, and who could speak of his good qualities outside the pale of Freemasonry. Unfortunately for him he knew him only as a Freemason. But in that connection he could bear testimony to his honour, truth, his manliness of heart, his geniality of temper, and his skill in the Craft. (Applause.) Ever since Bro. Payne had come into the lodge in a state of darkness he had been a thorough Mason. He had gone through every office with the greatest credit, and he (the speaker) thought that fact alone spoke volumes for what the brethren might expect of him in the chair. The toast having been heartily drunk Bro. Winn, who was in excellent voice, delighted the company by singing the familiar song "Vanity let it be," for which he was loudly encored. The W.M. in replying said when he was put into the chair of King Solomon that evening it was the most crucial point of his existence, but he thought it was equalled, if not excelled, by the position in which he was placed at that moment. To occupy the chair of King Solomon by their suffrages, and those suffrages unanimous, was an event which he could not help thinking marked an epoch in his life. It showed him that his endeavours to do what was right and proper to gain their brotherly esteem had not been without its reward, and thankful and proud he was that he had been enabled to attain that very enviable position. But the acclamation with which the brethren had received the toast of his health had rendered the task of responding an exceedingly embarrassing one, because he felt the obligations he had taken upon himself as their Master were of an exceedingly responsible nature. He could only say—and he thought it was the most grateful recognition of all the kindness he had experienced at their hands, from the first moment that he entered the lodge until the present occasion—that, God helping, him no effort of his would be wanting to fulfil his duties. He always held that whatever a man put his hand to that he should do with all his might; and if he had felt that he could not occupy the position of presiding over them he would never have accepted it. (Hear, hear.) "The Visitors" having been proposed and drunk, the glee from "Macbeth," "When shall we three meet again?" was admirably sung by Bros. Baxter, Carter, and Winn, after which Bros. Burnaby; Burney, P.M. 1615; Peters, P.M. 1160, J.G.W. Middlesex, and Letchworth, P.M. 1237; replied in suitable terms. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," in a few complimentary sentences, after which Bro. Baxter gave an excellent rendering of "Norah, the Pride of Kildare." In replying, Bro. Mount, I.P.M., said he could not disguise the fact that he felt a little melancholy at the idea of passing away from the active work of the lodge—that the various offices he had filled should know him no more. But it was a satisfaction to feel that having passed through those offices, having finished his work, and having gained such applause and approval as he had received that evening, he should now sit at his ease as a Past Master with the magnificent pendant which hung at his breast. He assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the manner in which they had drunk the health of the Past Masters. In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. congratulated the brethren on having two such efficient officers as Bros. West and Thomas. Nothing was left undone by those brethren that could in any way further the affairs of the lodge. "The Pilgrim of Love" was then very ably sung by Bro. Carter; and Bros. West and Thomas acknowledged the toast in a few appropriate remarks. "The Officers" having been drunk, and replied to by the S.W., Bro. Rhode's "Mynheer van Dunk" was sung by Bros. Carter, Baxter, and Winn, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. All the arrangements for the banquet were most creditably carried out, Bro. A. Mount, who has always acted as W.S. at the installation banquet, leaving nothing undone to provide for the comfort of the brethren.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 30th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. Bernard Meyer, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Neville Green, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Sec.; W. H. Lee, P.M. Sec.; T. C. Chapman, P.M.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; E. Dignam, S.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; C. Brame, J. Symes, J. Varney, T. Norman, G. Ferrar, R. Polak, F. Brasted, W. H. Brand, A. Ferrar, E. W. Silk, R. George, A. R. Olley, C. Olley, W. Beasley, C. Lorkin, J. Hill, J. Bell, A. Leoffler, F. Bonner, E. A. Harding, H. Robinson, W. J. Watkins, and the following visitors:—J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; John Green, P.M. 27; Charles B. Payne, Grand Tyler, P.M. 27; R. A. Steel, P.M. 1194; Elias Somers, P.M. 1602; W. Fieldwick, S.W. 1364; T. Cross, J.D. 1194; J. Brown, 975; C. Barrow, 1424. After the usual introductory business had been transacted, the chair was assumed by Bro. Lee, P.M., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. Neville Green, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Chapman, P.M., for installation, and a Board consisting of ten Past Masters having been formed, he was duly installed, according to ancient custom. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year:—Bros. W. H. Brand, S.W.; F. Brasted, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; E. Dignam, S.D.; C. Lorkin, J.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; A. Ferrar, D.C.; R. Polak, Steward; W. Gilchrist, Tyler; the whole of these appointments being highly satisfactory to all present. After the completion of the ceremony, some propositions for initiation were received, and the lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment then took place to the banquet table, which was well supplied, under the superintendence of Bro. W.

Ferrar. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, Bro. Green, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally received and duly honoured, after which "God Save the Queen" was sung by the brethren. The W.M., in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," referred to the many valuable services his Royal Highness had rendered to the Craft, and to the great success it had attained under his rule. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Cross. The W.M. then proposed "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," with which he coupled the name of Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, and eulogized the efforts of Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale in the cause of Masonry, expressing the pleasure felt by all Freemasons in having such "good men and true" as Grand Officers, and the pleasure felt by the lodge in being honoured on this occasion by the presence of Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, who, they were all very glad to see, and hoped that he would come amongst them many times during the present year. Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, returned thanks for the Grand Officers and expressed his acknowledgments for the compliment paid to that distinguished body. Bro. Buss then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M.," and expressed the pleasure he felt in having the opportunity of being present at the installation of Bro. Green. He had known the W.M. since the latter first came to London, and he could assure the brethren that in Bro. Green they had a W.M. who was not afraid of work and who would spare no efforts to make his year of office a success. He congratulated the W.M. and the brethren upon the thorough success which had attended the proceedings, which augured well for the future of the lodge, Bro. Green was well supported by the Past Masters, who, he was sure, would render him every possible assistance. This toast was received with great enthusiasm, clearly evincing the popularity of the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Green, W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech acknowledged the toast, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been received, and assured them that he would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said that he felt proud to be surrounded by the distinguished brethren who had favoured him by their presence. At that late hour he could not call upon them all to respond, and as he intended to reserve Bro. Terry for another toast, he would ask Bro. John Green to reply. Bro. John Green, P.M., Egyptian Lodge, 27, in reply, said he was sorry it had not fallen to the lot of some more competent brother to respond to this important toast. He could only thank the W.M. for the genial terms with which he had welcomed the visitors, and the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge for the hospitable manner with which they had been entertained. It had given them all very great pleasure to witness the cordiality and good feeling which had characterised the proceedings of the evening, the whole of which had given the greatest satisfaction and delight to the visitors. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and stated that Bro. Chapman, P.M., and himself had undertaken to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped they would receive the hearty and substantial support of the brethren on behalf of the Institution to which he had referred. He would call on Bro. Terry to respond, and he hoped that every brother present would place his name on the list. Bro. Terry, Secretary, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied in an eloquent and stirring speech setting forth the claims of the Masonic Charities in general, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in particular, and he trusted that as the lodge would be represented by two Stewards at the approaching festival, the list would be creditable to the brethren, and that the name of every brother present would be found as a contributor, if even to a small amount. He could not, considering the state of the balance-sheet expect a grant this year from the lodge funds, but he was sure the brethren would, notwithstanding this drawback, send up a good list. This appeal was favourably responded to by the brethren, and a handsome sum was subscribed for the Charity. The W.M. then rose to propose "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," saying that he knew the brethren would receive and drink the toast with the same pleasure that he proposed it. He well knew that he should not rely in vain on their assistance during his year of office, with this toast he should couple the names of Bros. Lee and Chapman. Bro. Lee, P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the health of the Past Masters, and assured the brethren that Bro. Chapman and himself would use their utmost endeavours to promote a continuance of that cordiality and good feeling which had been so prominently exhibited that evening. In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him in doing it, as from the way the appointments were received by the brethren they evidently thought with himself that he had made a very good selection, and hoped that there would be plenty of opportunities of proving their proficiency. As the hour was late he would call upon Bro. Brand, S.W., to respond for the officers. Bro. Brand, S.W., responded for the officers, and thanked the W.M. for the honour he had done them in appointing them to office, and promised him a cordial and hearty support. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were highly satisfactory throughout. Bro. Cross presided, during the lodge business, at an American organ, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Lorkin, J.D., and at the pianoforte after the banquet. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Brasted, Cross, Lorkin, Olley, and others.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).**—This lodge held its first meeting this year on the 5th inst. at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney.

and in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. W. T. Morphew), the I.P.M., Bro. Robinson, took the chair. Having opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, he resumed to the First, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. He then took the ballot for Messrs. Outram and Collick and also for Bro. Hulatt, which proved in each case unanimous. Bro. White having been examined and entrusted was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Marshall having also qualified himself, was duly raised to the M.M. Degree. P.M. Wright then kindly relieved Bro. Robinson, and initiated the foregoing candidates. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till February.

**ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).**—The first meeting of the lodge since Christmas was held at Freemason's Hall, on Friday the 7th inst. Present: Bros. W. E. Gordon Leith, W.M.; B. F. Cramer, S.W.; H. M. Sydney, J.W.; Hyde Pullen, Treas.; D. W. Dewar, Secretary; J. B. Stevens, J.D.; Joseph Steele, I.G.; Chas. E. Soppet, I.P.M.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; G. J. Robinson, Mark Beaufoy, D. W. Rees, G. W. Justin, Eugene Delacostes, W. L. Harvey, John B. Ball and Chas. Waters. Visitors: Bros. Col. Randolph, W.M., 1383; C. W. E. Pines, P.M., 257; G. Pigache, 12; H. S. Hansard, 197; E. S. Lintott, 1687 and E. Valeriani, 1687. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Pullen, at the request of the W.M., raised Bro. Harvey to the Sublime Degree of a W.M. The W.M. having resumed the chair, passed Bros. Ball and Waters to the Degree of F.C. The rest of the business having been transacted, the lodge adjourned to refreshment and spent a very pleasant evening under the genial presidency of the W.M.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, Feb. 10th, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel. Brethren present:—The Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, W.M.; Hyde Pullen, acting S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; Thomas Jones, Secretary; Rev. R. Lee, Dr. H. Alder Smith, E. Y. Jolliffe, S. White, Thomas Benskin, Alfred Brookman, Dr. S. Benton, John Jackson, and H. C. Levander. Visitors:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M. 192; T. J. Thomas, W.M. 28; J. H. Sillitoe, 317, P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; N. B. Headon, 1426; Edwd. Humphrey, 538; John H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; E. J. Altman, 101; E. Marner, 1673; G. D. Lucca, 101; G. S. Snellgrove, 12; J. A. West, 76; Bertram Noakes, 92; Geo. Watson, 21; E. J. Janau, 1641; A. J. Protheroe, 22; H. S. Legg, 171; Dr. Great Rex, 22; Walter Lumley, 4; and Ellis Jones, 28. The minutes of the last meeting were read, Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette then installed Bro. A. J. Altman into the chair in a most able manner. Bro. Altman after investing Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette as his I.P.M., appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. H. Alder Smith, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Jones, Secretary; W. S. Chapman, S.D.; Alfred Brookman, J.D.; Dr. S. Benton, I.G.; E. Y. Jolliffe, D.C.; S. White, Steward; John Jackson, Steward; Thos. Benskin, W.S.; W. Steedman, Tyler. A very handsome gold jewel, set with a large diamond, was presented to Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette as a mark of respect and affection entertained by all the brethren towards him as a wise, generous, and well instructed Master, discharging his duties with true Masonic precision, upholding the high standard of charity as the end of all Masonry, and as a brilliant expert in the theory and practice of our most ancient rites and ceremonies. It was proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation that the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., for his gift to the lodge, qualifying it as Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ordered to be entered on the minutes. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the I.P.M., that ten guineas be given from the funds of the lodge to the Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund, which was carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the preceding business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the charge of the newly elected W.M., A. J. Altman (one of the founders of the lodge). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with great effect by the presiding and retiring W.Ms. and responded to by various brethren, Bros. Hyde Pullen, Brette, Legge, White, Alder Smith, and others. The brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge regard Bro. A. J. Altman with much affection, knowing that the prestige of the lodge will be maintained, and its usefulness continued under his prudent management. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette attended the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as Steward for this lodge the amount of £106 11s. 6d. being contributed.

**ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Newby-place, Poplar, on Friday evening, the 7th inst., there being present Bros. J. Dennis, W.M.; J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, I.P.M.; J. S. Turner, S.D.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. House, D.C.; J. Grout, Org., and several other brethren, members of the lodge, also the following visitors:—Bros. H. May, P.M. 212; T. Burne, 162; T. Brown, 1362; and E. Martin, 879. The work consisted of two raisings, two passings, and two initiations, Bros. Rundell and Pitam being raised, Bro. the Rev. J. H. C. McGill and H. W. Fenner passed, and Messrs. Robinson and Day admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the Degrees were worked by the W.M. in his own inimitable style, the officers ably supporting him. Bro. the Rev. McGill was then invested Chaplain by the W.M., who said it gave him great pleasure to make the appointment, as the presence of such an officer greatly added to the (Continued on page 72).

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## BIRTHS.

BENSKIN.—On the 6th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, the wife of Thomas Benskin, of a son.

CHURCHILL.—On the 10th inst., at Holm Lea, West Dulwich, the wife of Cameron Churchill (1610), of a daughter.

FERMS.—On the 6th inst., at Stockport, Cheshire, the wife of A. E. Firms, of a son.

HIRSCH.—On the 5th inst., at Leinster-square, Bayswater, the wife of O. Hirsch, of a daughter.

LYTTON.—On the 6th inst., at the Government House, Calcutta, the Lady Lytton, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BRIGDEN—WESTON.—On the 6th inst., at Brighton, Frederick Brigden, to Kate, only daughter of Oliver Weston.

## DEATHS.

CHADWICK.—On the 5th inst., at Forres-st., Edinburgh, the wife of E. Chadwick, Esq., of a daughter.

WOODALL.—On the 9th inst., at St. Nicholas House, Scarborough, John Woodall, Esq., in his 78th year.

WHITE.—On the 3rd inst., at his residence in London-street, Swindon, R. L. White (1295), aged 45.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1879.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL FOR 1879.

The scene witnessed on Wednesday evening will not soon be forgotten by those who were present, and before a crowded hall, and an enthusiastic auditory, Bro. Terry announced, considering many attendant circumstances, a result really marvellous, and one that reflects no little credit on our generous and warmhearted Craft. For what was it that Bro. Terry read out which brought down such enthusiastic cheers?—it was—that with 15 lists yet to come in, the returns amounted to £13,875. This sum will probably reach to over £14,000 when all is returned, and we repeat it is a very wonderful result, and one that reflects every credit alike on the brethren, the Stewards, the lodges, and Bro. Terry. To the Province of East Lancashire, whose amiable and genial P.G.M. so ably presided at the festival, the thanks of all friends to the Institution are truly due, and we congratulate Bro. Hine, the Chairman of the Charity Committee, and our many excellent and true hearted friends in East Lancashire, on the success of their noble and praiseworthy efforts in the cause of Masonic charity. At this festival the provinces, including Middlesex, have sent up in round numbers £7644, as against £6230. East Lancashire heads the list of course with the munificent contribution of £3542. West Yorkshire *semper virens* as the gallant and esteemed Prov. G.M. would say, follows with £550. Kent is not very far off with £430; and Bucks and Berks succeed with £336. Middlesex is close at hand with £311, and Norfolk does not retrograde with £306. South Wales, western division, produces £225; while Hampshire is credited with £187; Suffolk with £171; Surrey with £165; and Norfolk and Gloucestershire run a tie with £144. In the metropolis the highest amount brought in is by Lodge 933, T. J. Barnes, £325 10s. No. 781, Clement Bredan, sends £178; 1426, James Freeman, remits £151 2s.; while 1118, L. G. Gordon Robbins, sends £157 10s.; 174, T. H. Seddon, forwards £135 10s.; 1607, Frederick Brown, £134 18s. 6d. We, therefore, on this our first great Masonic charitable festival for 1879, are glad to announce to our Order on this striking proof of its vitality, zeal and charity, and congratulating Bro. Terry on this happy response to his eloquent appeal and untiring labours, we desiderate earnestly for Bros. Hedges and Binckes the same felicitous results, the same brilliant returns.

## THE RESTORATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBANS.

By a report elsewhere our readers will perceive that a meeting has been held to form a Committee in London to co-operate with a Committee of Hertfordshire brethren, for the purpose of the restoration of the remarkable and beautiful Minster at St. Albans. Owing to various causes, the meeting was not so largely attended as could have been wished, the notices not having been extensively distributed, and many brethren being ignorant of the assembly. But we are glad to call the attention of our readers to the report of the meeting elsewhere, and to say, that an adjourned meeting of the Committee will take place next Wednesday at 4.30, at Freemasons' Tavern, when all brethren interested in the subject will be welcomed, and it is hoped that some may bring brethren friends with them. That wonderful structure at St. Albans appeals to Englishmen and Freemasons very forcibly, and directly, in order that it may be revived from decay and devastation, and be rendered, as "God's House" should be, "exceeding magnificent." As Freemasons, let us bear in mind, that all the operative Guild legends mention Alban or Albanus, as the president of a Guild assembly,

as the procurer of a charter, as one who settled the price of wages. We probably have in this a confused account of the proceedings of a Roman operative Guild of Masons under his protection or direction. Be this as it may, there is every reason, as it appears to us, why we Freemasons should not be ashamed of those old operative legends, why we should seek to participate in so good and so needful a work, and lend our aid to the complete restoration of this noble building on patriotic, archæological, and Masonic grounds. It will be seen that H.R.H. the Grand Master has given his name and subscription, and we invite attention to the list of subscriptions already promised or paid, which will, no doubt, soon be much larger. The maximum amount has been fixed at five pounds, but as it is hoped that the subscription will be universal among English, and we would fain hope may even be aided by American Freemasons, any lower sum will be accepted by the active Secretary, Bro. Keyser. Any communication to him should be addressed C. E. Keyser, Esq., 47, Wilton-crescent, S.W. We hope on Wednesday, the 19th, to see a numerous assembly in so good a cause.

## LEGACIES TO FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Frederick Thomas Wethersill, of Woodside, Bowden, and Mansion-street, Manchester, has left £1000 to the Masonic Charities, to be disbursed on the recommendation of the W.M. and the Wardens of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44. We are glad to note the fact, not merely for the money itself, but because we think Masonic legacies to our great Charities are good things, per se, and to be encouraged in moderation and common sense. We know too much of the history of many of our great general Charities in this country to admire very much, if at all, the animus which has marked and controlled many of the donors of sums for public charities. Probably, as a good old commissioner of charities used to say, we hardly see in anything else in life so many proofs, if proofs be wanting, of the littleness, of the animosities, of the vindictiveness of humanity. But though we are aware that, as in anything here, everything is liable to be abused, whether we regard the best longings of our race, or the most thronging impulses of our nature, the gifts we possess, the faculties we employ, yet as abuse never takes away use, we think that in due moderation we may fairly laud and encourage such acts of Masonic memory and good will. Many of our brethren may fairly bequeath a legacy to the charities or to their lodges, and we have always thought that our whole Masonic existence would be more free and elevated, more removed from cold calculation or sordid apprehension, if our lodges possessed a certain amount from capital to apply to the general purposes of the lodge, and the particular claims of charity. Of course there are evils in everything here below, and we do not shut our eyes to what others have pointed out as possible complications in this respect, but, in our opinion, the advantages so counterbalance the disadvantages, that we are pleased to note Bro. Wethersill's kindly recollection of the Order to which he belonged, and to hold up his example to the imitation and example of our readers.

## 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.]

## THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Referring to the queries of our Bro. Dr. Irving de Lisle, J.W., Victoria Lodge, New Zealand, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 8th February, I notice a similar question in the Masonic department of the *New York Dispatch*, of January 19th, relative to the presumed status of Royal Arch companions in a Board of Installed Masters. For myself, I do not know how many, or what grades are included in the degree of Royal Arch, as prac-

tised in Ireland; but, under the Scotch and American Constitutions, the degree of Past Master is included merely as a grade like that of Mark Master. This is how Bro. John W. Simons, M.W. Past Grand Master, State of New York, and Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, disposes of the question as to status of Royal Arch companions in a Board of Installed Masters. I give the query and answer, *verbatim* :—

QUESTION—"Has a Royal Arch Mason a right to be present when the Past Master's Degree is conferred on the Master elect? If so, has he (the Royal Arch Mason) a right to instal the officers?"

ANSWER—"A Royal Arch Mason, who has been the duly elected and installed Master of a blue lodge, has a right to be present when a Master elect is qualified for installation—not otherwise; and hence, the mere fact of a man being a Royal Arch Mason, does not qualify him to instal the officers of a lodge. He can only gain that privilege by having been lawfully elected, installed, and having served as the real Master of a just and duly constituted lodge, which means that a mere ceremony does not take the place of actual service."

The italics in the above, I may observe, are mine. My especial reason for quoting the authority of our distinguished American brother is, that it may be accepted with greater force, coming, as it does, from a jurisdiction where the chapter degrees are much more extended and diversified, than they are under the rule of the Grand Chapter of England.

The question of our Bro. Dr. Irving de Lisle, and its very apparent difficulty, is plainly the result of chapters working simultaneously in New Zealand, under the three separate jurisdictions of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Yours fraternally, W. F. LAMONBY, P.M.  
Lodge 1002, H. Chapter, 119.

**MASONIC CHARITY AND ITINERANTS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Almoner's letter in this week's *Freemason*, and do not wonder at his experience and mine differing so widely, as I have little doubt but he has been imposed on to nearer ninety per cent. than twenty per cent., and that three-fourths of the certificates shown to him have been bought ones.

Nearly thirty years ago I met a similar gang of swindlers (non-Masonic).

I would suggest to Bro. Almoner to obtain (as said) the assistance of a smart policeman, who will doubtless be able to give him the history of most of his applicants, and he will find that they are well known in the city where he resides, especially his American, Indian, and foreign friends.

My system of telegraphing costs me only a few shillings a year, although I send them all over the United Kingdom, and pay for the reply; doubtless doing so stops Bro. Almoner's friends coming back.

I have never met a case of an answer not being returned same day.

True foreign cases are seldom met with, and the greatest caution should be taken with them.

As to breaking the journey there is no way of avoiding this. A good safeguard (in doubtful cases) is to endorse the relief on the certificate. This should not be done generally.

Yours fraternally, JAMES H. NEILSON.  
5, Up. Mount-street, Dublin.

**BRO. KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Would you be so kind as to mention in the next *Freemason* that my husband Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, has been very dangerously ill and quite unable to attend to any business? Indeed, last week, from Wednesday to Friday, I hardly expected he would live. He is now a little better but extremely weak, and still unfit to resume his usual pursuits. If you would kindly state this in the *Freemason* it would be a sufficient reason for the delay which has unavoidably occurred in answering the letters of his many Masonic correspondents throughout the country.

Yours faithfully, MAY MACKENZIE.  
Hounslow, Feb. 11th 1879.

**QUERIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to bring under the notice of the Grand Lodge of England a case which occurred here a short time since. A resident in this town was proposed as a member in Lodge 471, but withdrawn, as his proposer and seconder were informed that if he went to the ballot he would be rejected. To the great surprise of nearly all present he was visitor at the last lodge, having been accepted at Lodge No. 15, in London. The question is asked is it right that a lodge, that distance from the town where the person is living, with three lodges in it, should accept any one without first making enquiries whether he has been proposed in either of them and why he was not accepted?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
A MEMBER OF No. 471.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your issue of the 1st inst. a letter from "A Prov. S.G.W., asking whether a P.M., when attending a lodge of which he is not the I.P.M., has a right to wear a blue collar with a P.M. jewel suspended to it.

Your answer is, that he has that right.

I would now ask whether it is customary for him to avail himself of it?

Yours faithfully and fraternally, W.M. 1768.

**Reviews.**

**THE VOICE OF MASONRY AND FAMILY MAGAZINE, January. Chicago, U.S.**

This well-known American Masonic magazine comes before us under the sole editorship of Bro. J. W. Brown, the veteran writer and cyclopaedist. Bro. Albert Mackey seems to have resigned the co-editorial pen, and like the "last rose of summer," Bro. Brown is left to bloom and blossom alone. But, certainly, the *Voice of Masonry* lives in 1879 with undiminished vigour, and speaks with no faltering or failing tones. It contains fifty-three articles, longer or shorter, as the case may be; some, no doubt, very short, but it is well "got up" and edited, and deserves patronage and will repay perusal. The *Voice of Masonry* may fairly be considered one of the leading Masonic journals in the world, and there are few which can compare with it, either in the variety and interest of its matter or the clearness and ability which its contributors display. We always receive it with pleasure and read it with care.

**KEYSTONE. Philadelphia.**

Our good old friend the Philadelphia, edited by our confrere Clifford P. MacCalla, gives week by week abundant tokens of good sound Masonic life. Long may it continue to flourish, and may our brethren in America and Pennsylvania estimate aright, as no doubt they do, the value and importance of so cultivated and conscientious an editor as our most esteemed friend and correspondent.

**PUBLIC LEDGER ALMANACK, 1877. J. W. Childs, Philadelphia.**

We welcome once again this most useful and interesting publication, and are glad to call the attention of our readers to it, especially all about to visit Philadelphia, all who are interested in those things, which a "fellah ought to know."

**A FREEMASON. An extract from the works of ZSHOKKE.**

Translated from the German by Bro. ERNST E. WULFF.

We have been much struck with a little translation from Zshokke, which, executed by Bro. Wulff, of Glasgow, is now issuing from the printing office of the proprietor of the *Freemason*, and of which an early copy has been sent to us. It seems to us to be well done and likely to be much read. It is alike interesting and forcible, correct and convincing in itself, and cannot fail to do away with some misconceptions of, and dispel many objections to, Freemasonry. It appears to us to be alike opportunely and wisely published, and though we fear if Masonic books are many Masonic readers are "few and far between," yet we still trust in the dawn of a better day for Masonic literature, when its writers shall be more appreciated, and its readers will no longer be counted by units, but by thousands. We are glad to call attention, then, to this unpretending, but useful "brochure," which is very neatly printed, and is both readable and amusing in the highest degree.

**ON THE VENTILATION OF ROOMS, HOUSES, &c.**

By Bro. P. HINCLES-BIRD. C. L. Marsh and Co., 138, Fleet-street, E.C.

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**FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT BRIGHTON.**

A wedding of more than usual interest, combining the civic and Masonic elements, took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., in the fashionable town of Brighton. The proceedings commenced with the merry peals ringing from the belfry of St. Nicholas Church, the crowds assembled in the vicinity of St. Peter's indicating that one of those interesting events in which the majority of mankind take an interest, was about to be consummated. Needless to say, the indications were correct, and the happy "contracting parties" on this particular occasion were Miss Kate Weston, only daughter of Bro. Councillor Oliver Weston, North-road; and Mr. Frederick Brigden, third son of Bro. Alderman J. L. Brigden, J.P., Ex-Mayor of Brighton, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W. Sussex, of the Western-road. Fifteen minutes past eleven was the hour fixed for the wedding, and long before that time the approaches to St. Peter's Church were densely crowded. An almost similar condition of things reigned within the sacred edifice itself. The wedding party arrived within a minute or so of the appointed time, the bride being conducted to the altar by her father, who subsequently "gave her away." In close attendance were the three bridesmaids—Miss Jessie Brigden, Miss E. White, and Miss Ettie Thorpe. The bride was attired in a white satin dress surmounted by an embroidered veil. The bridesmaids wore white cashmere dresses trimmed with ruby velvet, their hats being similarly adorned. The Rev. J. J. Hannah conducted the marriage service, and the responses were given in a clear audible tone. As the party were retiring to the vestry, Mr. Crapps played Mendelssohn's spirited "Wedding March" on the organ. A move was then made for Wentworth House, Marine parade, where a satisfactory dejeuner was served by Mr. Booth, of East-street, and was partaken by a large number of friends who had assembled to wish the newly-married pair "bon voyage." The company present included Mr. Albert Adams, Mr. Felix Adams, Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Brigden, Miss Brigden, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brigden, Bro. and Mrs. Buckman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke,

Miss Goldsmith, Rev. Julius Hannah, Bro. Alderman Lamb, ex-Mayor of Brighton, the Mayor Bro. Alderman Davey, J.P. (P.M. 732), Mr. and Mrs. R. Perry, Mrs. Reffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Tugwell, Miss Thorpe, Bro. Councillor Oliver Weston, Mrs. White, Bro. Sturt Weston, Miss Emily White, Mr. O. Weston, jun., and Master W. C. Weston. During the "after-breakfast" proceedings, the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Davey) proposed the "Bride and Bridegroom," which was acknowledged by the bridegroom. "The Bridesmaids and Best Man" were toasted at the invitation of Bro. Alderman Lamb, and responded to by Mr. J. Brigden, who had officiated in the latter capacity. The graver responsibility of proposing "The Parents" was undertaken by the Rev. Julius Hannah, and appropriately replied to by the respective "heads" of the families. In order, we presume, to pay a special compliment to the ladies—the value of their co-operation under similar circumstances being so obvious—Bro. Sturt Weston asked the company to drink the health of the "Visitors and Ladies," which was characteristically replied to by the Mayor. The "happy pair" started on their honeymoon by the 3.45 for London, and after spending a week in the "great city," they will proceed to Leeds. We subjoin a list of the presents :—

Set of six fish knives and forks, Mr. James Brigden; tea pot, Mr. A. Adams; coffee pot, Mr. F. Adams; sugar basin, cream ewer, and sugar tongs, Mr. Steer; biscuit canister, J. O. Nichols, Esq.; butter dish, Mr. J. Dell; gilt egg stand; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard; cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brigden; polished oak sardine box and marmalade ditto, Mr. O. Weston, jun.; salad spoon and fork, Mr. and Mrs. Boucher; Sévres china bijou dejeuner set, the Mayor; gilt inkstand, Master W. C. Weston; cut glass lustres, Miss Jessie Brigden; elegant floral-pattern plated table epergne, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perry; pickle stand, Mr. and Mrs. White; gilt sugar vase and tongs, Mrs. T. Tugwell; table service (45 pieces), Mr. and Mrs. T. Tugwell; six silver tea spoons, Mrs. S. Gosling; silver brooch, Mrs. Parsons; bread platter knife, Mrs. White; Bible, silver tea spoon, pair of oil paintings, mahogany cabinet of games, and Parian clock, by the father of the bride; walnut-wood inkstand, Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe; mantel clock, Mr. Lambert; glass water bottles and goblets, Master Reffitt; Japanese card holders, Mrs. J. W. Fuller; set of table mats, Miss E. Barker; set of toilette furniture, Miss Emily White; china dessert service, Mr. S. P. Weston; glass flower epergne, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke; engraved glass service, a Friend; china tea service, an old Servant; pair of China cupid spill vases, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Eyles; set of Majolica ware jugs, ditto teapot, ditto egg stand, Mrs. Payne; Oriental china tea service, Mrs. Reffitt; Majolica ware cheese stand, the employes of Messrs. Oliver Weston & Tugwell, North-road; Olive-wood Cigar Cabinet, Mr. J. Tugwell; Bisque China toilet service, the Misses McLean; book slide, Mr. Guille; silver-mounted carver, fork and steel, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley; pair of blue pot pourri jars, Mr. and Mrs. Buckman; three papier mache tea trays, assistants of Messrs. O. Weston and Tugwell, Cliftonville; dining room marble mantel clock, Mr. S. P. Weston; pair of bronze equestrian figures, Mrs. Funnell; pair of mantel vases, Miss Goldsmith; Parian jug and silver spoon, Mrs. Ballard; gold bracelet, Mr. Fred Brigden (bridegroom); cruet frame, Mr. J. Young; black and gold whatnot, Bro. Alderman Brigden and Mrs. Brigden; nut crackers, Mr. Councillor Farr.

**ANNUAL BALL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 819.**

The New Concord Lodge, No. 819, held its annual ball in the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. There was a full muster of the members present, besides the usual large contingent of visitors whom the ball in connection with this lodge yearly attracts. Shortly after nine o'clock the genial and popular Master of Ceremonies, Bro. R. Johnson, entered the hall, and dancing soon commenced, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part in the first quadrille:—Bro. Wm. Stead, W.M., and Mrs. Harper; Bro. W. H. Main, P.M., and Mrs. Notson; Bro. J. R. Gallant, P.M., and Miss Bryant; Bro. T. Bartlett, P.M., and Mrs. Bartlett; Bro. R. R. Harper, S.W., and Miss Todd; Bro. R. R. Harper, jun., and Miss Fisk; Bro. J. Stillwell, and Mrs. Stillwell; Bro. W. Pierpoint, D.C., and Miss Stillwell; Bro. A. J. Patter, and Miss Sharvell; Mr. and Mrs. Turnham, Mr. and Mrs. Worth.

Dancing was kept up briskly until twelve o'clock, when the company which, by this time, numbered about 170, repaired to the supper-room, where there was provided a splendid cold collation, over which the W.M., Bro. Stead, presided, supported by the Stewards.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The New Concord Lodge," were duly honoured. Bro. Bartlett suitably acknowledged the latter.

"The Ladies" was next proposed by the W.M. in a happy speech, and was responded to, in equally felicitous terms, by Bro. Main.

Dancing was resumed shortly after one o'clock and kept up till about four o'clock in the morning. The programme was elaborate and varied, much of the music arranged for the dances being selected from some of the most popular of the latest comic operas. The band, under the leadership of Bro. H. J. Dane, very efficiently supplied the music.

The ceremony of installation of Principals will be worked at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday evening next at 6 o'clock, by Comp. William Stephens, P.Z., &c.

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efficient working of the ceremonies, and proves an assistance to the W.M., who, in the absence of a Chaplain, usually recited the several prayers. The investiture was applauded by the brethren in Masonic form. Bro. W. H. Fairfield, I.P.M., then moved that, as the W.M. would represent the All Saints Lodge at the R.M.B.I. Festival, the sum of £5 5s. be placed on his list from the funds of the lodge. This being unanimously agreed to, the W.M. expressed thanks, and stated he had then a sum of fifty guineas, and relied on the individual efforts of the brethren to supplement the amount. This resulted in a further sum of ten guineas being then and there collected. A circular having been read from Bro. F. Binckes, asking for a Steward from the lodge for the annual festival of the R.M.I.B., Bro. Coleman, S.W., announced it was his intention to serve the office, and trusted the brethren would support him. The lodge was then closed in due form. At the after proceedings, which consisted simply of light refreshment (this being a non-banqueting lodge), the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and in responding to that of "The Visitors," Bros. May, Burne, Martin, and Brown severally expressed gratification at their reception, and all agreed that the work in the lodge had been performed in a manner never surpassed at any lodge they had attended.

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This new but highly prosperous lodge met on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur; W. M. C. Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. Middx., J.W. and Secretary (pro tem.); Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.O. of Middx., Hon. I.P.M.; Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably raised Bro. C. Potter, passed Bro. Strugnell, and initiated Mr. William Williams into Craft mysteries. The ballot was then taken and declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Royal Hanover Lodge, as a joining member. The following notices of motion were then considered—by the S.W., "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge, and placed in its name upon the list of Bro. Ramsey, P.M., as Steward to the forthcoming festival in connection with the R.M.I. for Girls." By the Hon. I.P.M., "That for services rendered to the lodge, Bro. Hart, of the St. James's Union, be elected an honorary member." Both of these motions having been duly seconded were carried nem. con. The visitors present were Bros. Rickin, W.M., 1536; Murden, S.D. 171; G. Manners, J.D. 1589; Hart, St. James's Union; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The lodge having been closed in ancient form, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary Loyal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very feeling terms by the I.P.M., in which he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him and the members of the lodge at seeing the W.M. once more among them in the apparent enjoyment of good health. On the last occasion when the lodge met two months ago, the most serious reports were rife as to the W.M.'s condition, it being stated that it was only a question of a few days whether he would succumb or not. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U., however, to restore him to health, and he hoped that it would be many years before Bro. Jackson would be called upon again to undergo so severe an ordeal. The W.M. having made an able response, immediately proposed "The Health of the Initiate." In introducing this toast the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the advent that evening of a brother whom he was sure would not only reflect credit upon the lodge of his adoption, but upon the Order generally. He was necessarily one of the youngest Masons in the Craft, as he had only just attained his majority. In conclusion he hoped that in the course of time he would become an able exponent of the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Williams, in reply, briefly thanked the W.M. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast, and also expressed his obligations to the brethren for having admitted him as one of their number. As the W.M. had predicted he hoped to become a good working Mason, but if unable to achieve that end, he would promise to do nothing that should disgrace Freemasonry. "The Visitors," followed, and having been responded to, the W.M., in very felicitous terms proposed "The Health of the Officers." This toast having been duly acknowledged, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duty, and the proceedings terminated.

**SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Louis Stean, W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; J. Cox, Hon. Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; R. Marshall, S.; G. C. Young, Org.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Besides a good attendance of members of the lodge, there were also present, Bros. W. P. Dukes, P.M. 15; W. Hester, P.M. 749; E. S. Parker, P.M. 1579; C. W. Cox, S.W. 1566; R. W. Biggs, J.D. 1421; A. Wagstaff, 188; S. J. Wolton, 1693. From the reading of the minutes, it appeared that at a lodge of emergency, Bros. Funston, Waynforth, King, and Matthews had been raised to the Sublime Degree. After the usual formalities, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson, was duly entrusted with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bros. Tidball, Thrower, and Drysdale were then duly passed to the F.C. Degree. Mr. W. J. Stevens was balloted for and afterwards initiated into the ancient

mysteries of the Order, the work being admirably done. Bro. W. H. Brand, No. 1524, was elected a member of the lodge. Other business was also transacted, and a sum of £10 was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. Beasley having undertaken to serve the office of Steward at the forthcoming anniversary festival. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson with the collar and jewel of Chaplain of the lodge, and Bro. G. C. Young, who had previously been appointed Organist, was now likewise formally invested. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, which was served by Bro. Grist in his usual excellent manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson warmly acknowledging the kindly spirit and excellent working of the Worshipful Master, and the visitors expressing high approval of the conduct of the Master and his officers, as well as the unanimity which appeared to exist amongst the whole of the brethren. The meeting was altogether of a very satisfactory character, and this new lodge is evidently making very satisfactory progress.

**MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on the 6th inst. Bro. J. Lever occupied the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, and a fair number of brethren being present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Mr. Whitfield was balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and was then duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry as an E.A. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., this ceremony being performed in a most impressive and able manner by the I.P.M., Bro. D. Doubar, and who had also previously performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing with Bro. Lisenden; after which the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

**RYE.—Wellington Lodge (No. 341).**—On Thursday, Feb. 6th, an official visit was paid to this lodge by the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. of Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.) He was attended by his officers, most of whom left Brighton by the 7.55 morning train. It was the annual meeting, and Bro. Francis Milson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was held at the George Hotel. An initiation having been exceedingly well performed by Bro. Rubie, the outgoing Master, Bro. W. Dawes, P.G. Registrar, went through the ceremony of installing the new Master in an elaborate and masterly manner. At the conclusion of the business (2.30), the brethren adjourned to the Cinque Ports Hotel to dinner. This early hour was fixed that the Prov. G.M. might return home the same evening. An excellent repast was provided, and the arrangements generally were very satisfactory. In responding to the toast of his health, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Sir Walter Burrell said that although the town of Rye had been reached by them at considerable inconvenience, owing to bad railway accommodation, it had afforded him and his officers considerable pleasure to be present, and especially to witness the very efficient working of the lodge. On referring to the minute book he said he found it was eleven years ago to the day that a similar official visit had been paid, but his intention being to attend each lodge at short intervals, he hoped to see the brethren of the Wellington Lodge again ere long. The other toasts were of the usual complimentary character, "The Health of Bro. Rubie," who had occupied the chair during the past two years, being given in especially flattering terms. Several officers and brethren of the province of Kent were also present.

**WIMBORNE.—St Cuthberga Lodge (No. 622).**—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the W.M. elect W. Bro. C. H. W. Parkinson, P.M., 386, and P.G.J.W. (Dorset), was installed Worshipful Master of "St. Cuthberga" Lodge, No. 622, he having been elected to fill that honourable position in his own lodge at the last meeting of the brethren in January. W. Bro. Hammond (P.M. 622), conducted the installation ceremony in a very efficient manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—W. Bro. J. Atkins, I.P.M.; C. W. Wyndham, S.W.; Bro. W. Wyke Smith, I.W.; W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Heath, Chap.; T. T. Budden, Treas.; J. Whitehead Smith, Sec.; Bros. Lodder, S.D.; Bugden, J.D.; Clifton, I.G.; Haylett, Tyler; W. Bro. Hammond accepted the collar of D.C.; and W. Bro. J. Whitehead Smith that of Organist. A large number of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren were present, and after the business of the lodge was closed they adjourned from the lodgeroom to the Corn Exchange, where a very elegant and substantial banquet awaited them, provided by Bro. Hoare, of the Criterion Hotel, Bournemouth. About fifty sat down to the banquet, including the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Montague Guest, the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. P. Gundry, W. Bro. Hambro (W.M. of the Blandford Lodge); Bryan, (W.M. of the Winchester Lodge); Captain Hanham, G. Burt (of Swanage and London), Rev. W. M. Heath, the Masters of the Poole and Wareham Lodges, and Past Masters from Ringwood, Bournemouth, Weymouth, Blandford, and Shaftsbury. The usual Masonic toasts were given, not forgetting "The Charities," for which W. Bro. H. C. Burt responded. The collection at the table in aid of the charities amounted to £7 7s. The banquet was well served, well attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, under the presidency of the W.M., and a few songs and recitations added interest and harmony to the meeting, which proved one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of "St. Cuthberga," and W. Bro. Parkinson is to be congratulated for such an auspicious commencement of his year of office. It may

be noted that the lodge at their meeting on Monday voted £10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the like sum for the Girls, and a similar sum for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

**HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday the 4th inst. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Parsons Hall, presided, assisted by a goodly number of Past Masters, including Bros. W. Hillinan, Weeks, Purnell, Harrison, Good, and Francis, and a very large number of brethren. Additional interest in this meeting was probably created by the presence of a number of visitors; the W.M. having generously invited the seven brethren who were the founders of the recently constituted Landport Lodge, Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G., Treasurer, and many officers and brethren from the neighbouring lodges. The ceremony of raising a brother was very efficiently and creditably performed by the W.M., who was ably assisted by a well-drilled and intelligent staff of officers. After the business of the lodge had been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, and partook of an excellent dinner, served in Bro. Purnell's best style. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given with considerable confidence and ability by the W.M., Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas., responded for the P.G.M. and his officers, and humorously alluded to their former visits, especially the laying of the foundation stone of the new Hall in such unfavourable weather. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that he considered this toast as the principal one that evening, as they were delighted to honour the founders of the Landport Lodge, and officially recognised them in their good work in establishing another centre in the large and populous borough of Portsmouth for spreading the benign influence and genuine tenets of Freemasonry. The toast was received with great cordiality and enthusiasm, and ably responded to by Bro. John Clarke, S.W., who, with his usual earnestness, replied at some length to Bro. Hall's kind remarks. Bros. E. S. Main and A. Riddell, Past Masters, 1776 also responded. The W.M. of the Landport Lodge, Bro. R. J. Murrell, was unable to attend, in consequence of a meeting of the Watch Committee of the Town Council. Some capital songs by Bros. J. Stroud, J.W. 1795, and G. T. Cunningham, 1776 concluded a most agreeable and harmonious meeting.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The first meeting of this lodge, after the feast of St. John the Evangelist, was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M.; J. Black, I.P.M.; T. Bird, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; J. Fearon, Sec.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. W. Robinson, J.D.; R. Harrison, I.G.; W. Paisley, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, S. Ferguson, J. Towers, J. Borrowscale, C. H. McCall, T. C. Fearon, J. C. Nicholson, T. Mason, and W. F. Lamony, P.M. (Freemason). The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mason, having given proof of his proficiency, claimed preferment, was intrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and he was re-admitted, and duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. in first-class style. The new officers, also, performed their work in the most correct and effectual manner. The working tools were presented by the J.W., and the charge of the degree delivered by the S.W. After the lodge was closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Black, I.P.M., warmly complimented the W.M. on the ability displayed by him in the chair. The W.M. subsequently, in sympathising terms, congratulated Bro. T. C. Fearon on his recent providential escape from shipwreck. Bro. Fearon, it may be observed, is the son of the Secretary of Skiddaw Lodge, and was initiated in that lodge four or five months ago, passed in his mother lodge, and raised in Antient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool, prior to shipping to South Shields, as chief officer of the *Doriga*, bound to Valparaiso, with coal. The vessel foundered in the Bay of Biscay, on the 21st of last month, and the whole of the crew were fortunately rescued by the S.S. *Zena*, which landed them at Liverpool, two days after. Bro. Fearon, under such circumstances, it may be readily conjectured, received a hearty welcome at the hands of his brethren of Skiddaw Lodge. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Lamony, P.M., gave notice of motion for the formation of a Masonic library, in connection with the Skiddaw Lodge, with the appointment of a committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters, and Secretary, to carry the same into effect.

**KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).**—The installation festival of this lodge, postponed from the previous monthly meeting, on account of a serious accident to the W.M. elect, was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst. The lodge has recently removed to its old quarters at the Keswick Hotel, which is a decided improvement on the cheerless, uncomfortable, and utterly unsuitable nature of the previous quarters at the County Court Rooms, whatever sceptics may say to the contrary. Without for a moment attempting to bolster up the practice of lodges holding their meetings in hotels, in this instance it was a matter of choosing the lesser of two evils, for we are thoroughly convinced that, had the late lodge premises been keenly inspected by some high authority, they would at once have condemned the building on Masonic structural grounds. Greta Lodge, we may add, although, for the first few years of its existence, a flourishing concern, has latterly fallen into decay; but it is to be hoped that a new era of prosperity has dawned upon Masonry in the "capital of the lakes;" indeed, there is now every indication that such will soon be a *fait accompli*.



To revert to the business of Monday, the members were summoned for five o'clock, but, although there was an initiation on the summons, it was half an hour ere the lodge was opened. The members present were:—Bros. William Lamony, W.M., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Wood, P.M. P.P.G. Org.; E. Hinks, W.M. elect; D. Pape, S.W.; Jos. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; Jon. Scott, S.D.; G. P. Abraham, Org.; W. Gaspey, D.C.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; C. Thompson, Tyler; J. Wales, F. Jackson, W. Thornton, J. Rushford, T. Usher, D. Crowden, and A. Pettitt. The visitors were:—Bros. H. Cook, P.M., 149; White Laren and 1225; Barrow-in-Furness, P.G.S.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; W. B. Gibson, P.M., 119, P.G., Secretary; J. C. Hunter, P.M., 962; Workington, and 1225; R. Hooker, P.M., 1225; J. Huartson, P.M., and Treas., 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; J. T. McIntosh, 1225, and W. F. Lamony, P.M., 1002, P.P.G., Reg. (*Freemason*). Bro. Hinks, the W.M. elect, it should be stated, attended the meeting under very disadvantageous circumstances, he having pluckily travelled all the way from Barrow-in-Furness, a complete cripple, the result of the accident before noted. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read, adjourned, including alteration of the date of meeting from the Monday before full moon till the first Tuesday in each month. W. F. Lamony, P.M., was invited to take the chair, when Mr. James Coward, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and regularly initiated into Masonry. The initiate, having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cook, P.M., 119 and 1225, assumed the presiding officer's position, and performed the whole ceremony of installation, inclusive of the investiture of the officer's said charges, with a correct and rhetorical ability scarcely to be excelled anywhere. The officers were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. W. Lamony, the P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; D. Crowden, J.W.; J. Barrow, Treas. (re-elected); J. Wales, Sec.; W. Hodgson, S.D.; W. Wilson, J.D.; G. P. Abraham, Osg. (re-elected); J. Rushford, the I.G.; T. Usher, D.C.; C. Thompson, Tyler (re-elected). On the proclamations being put from the chair, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the installing Master for his kindness in coming so far, and the elaborate manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also

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**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**

—The above lodge met on the 3rd inst. The officers were Bros. G. H. Stephens, 1623, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, 1623 S.W.; W. Stuart, P.M. 1141, J.W.; W. Pennfather, S.D. 1623, I.P.M.; and E. Mallett, Secretary. The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—

- FIRST LECTURE.**
- 1st Section Bro. S. P. Catterson, S.D. 548.
- 2nd " " R. Tilling, S.D. 765.
- 3rd " " T. Butt, S.D. 907.
- 4th " " J. Taylor, D.C. 554.
- 5th " " H. J. Lardner, S.D. 1745.
- 6th " " W. Stuart, P.M. 141.
- 7th " " H. J. Lardner, D.C. 1623.
- SECOND LECTURE.**
- 1st Section Bro. Perkins, S.D. 765.
- 2nd " " Moss, 1275.
- 3rd " " Davison, P.M. 765.
- 4th " " Rumball, S.W. 141.
- 5th " " Stuart, P.M. 141.
- THIRD LECTURE.**
- 1st Section Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.
- 2nd " " J. McButt, I.G. 1623.
- 3rd " " Pennfather, S.D. 1623.

Among the numerous brethren present were noticed Bros. Themans, P.M. 141; Mansfield, P.M. 1137; Smith, 1623; Greenwood, 1623; Van Raalte, J.W. 917; Tilling, jun., 765. The whole of the working was of a high character and an intellectual treat.

**METROPOLITAN MARK LODGE.**—After a lapse of several years an attempt has been made to revive this once famous Mark Lodge of Instruction. The first meeting took place on Wednesday last at eight o'clock at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed by Bros. Manden (W.M. Thistle), W.M.; Farwig, S.W.; H. Longtom (J.W. Brixton), J.W.; Baber, as S.D.; Burrel, I.G. As this is the only lodge of instruction in the Metropolis for this degree it is hoped that Mark Masters will attend regularly at eight o'clock punctually at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street.

**Royal Arch.**

**PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER (No. 145).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall; there were present, Comps. E. H. Thielay, P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; J. C. Cox, H.; H. Veun, J.; and the following Past Principals, Comps. H. Dicketts, T. Bull, E. Moody, W. Platt, G. S. States, P.Z., S.L.; G. Biggs, P.S.; W. H. Brainz, 2nd Asst.; H. Sadler, Janitor; J. G. Manby, Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J. Chinnery, J. H. Leggot, J. Moon, T. W. Leuty, C. A. Woods, J. Waugh, T. A. de Leliva, H. Hall, A. Daw Kerrel, G. Clark, M. A. Woodliffe, the Rev. W. H. Frazer, and the following visitors Comps. Smallpeice, P.Z.; and W. Kipps, P.Z. The minutes of the preceding convocation were read and confirmed, Bros. A. W. Martin and H. Smith the candidates present, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and duly exalted by the M.E.Z. The ceremony being performed by the officers in the excellent manner which has become so notorious with the Prudent Brethren Chapter, an address of condolence was voted to be forwarded to Comp. Jermyn Boyd, son of the distinguished Mason who has so recently departed from this life, leaving such a vacancy never to be forgotten in the

Chapter of Prudent Brethren. Owing to this lamentable occurrence, the M.E.Z. requested Comp. Thos. Bull, he being the eldest eligible member to take the Treasurership of the chapter, until the next annual election of officers; which onerous responsibility was cheerfully accepted. Letters of apology for non attendance were received from Comp. D. Haslet, S.N., and others. Business being ended, the chapter was closed and adjourned. The companions dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, due solemnity being observed.

**Mark Masonry.**

**OLD KENT LODGE.**—A meeting of the members of this distinguished and prosperous lodge was convened on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall-street. There were present, among others, Bros. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., acting W.M., in the absence, through severe indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. Charles Jacques; E. C. Mather, S.W.; Henry Venn, J.W.; J. H. Wynne, P.M., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M., &c., &c., Secretary; J. Moon, M.O.; H. Dicketts, S.O.; W. B. Date, J.O.; J. O. Wood, J.G.; S. Rosenthal, P.M., &c.; W. Roebuck, P.M., &c.; A. Solomon; and Rawles, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. J. Pulley, P.M. 54, and T. C. Walls, S.W. 211, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Joseph Tanner, P.M. Eleanor Lodge, was ably advanced to the M.M.M. Degree by that veteran in Masonry, Bro. Poore. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was unanimously in favour of Bros. Mather, Wynne, and Rawles. Previously to the lodge being closed, a notice of motion was given that the annual subscription should be raised. The Old Kent has attached to it a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and when the Mark business was concluded, Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.C.N., proceeded to open the lodge in the former Degree, for the elevation of several distinguished brethren who were in attendance for that purpose. The respective chairs of J. and S. were ably occupied by Bros. Poore and Roebuck, and Bro. Rosenthal officiated as P.C.N. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. C. Walls. The brethren who were inducted to this very interesting degree were Bros. Tanner, Dicketts, Wood, Pulley, and Rooks. Upon the conclusion of the work, Bros. Mather, Wynne, and Rawles were unanimously elected to the respective offices of W.C.N., Treasurer, and Warden. The brethren then adjourned to a well served collation, ably presided over by Bro. Roebuck. Bros. Dewar, Wynne, and Rosenthal replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was acknowledged by his *locum tenens*, Bro. Roebuck. In response to "The Advance," Bro. Tanner expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the two ceremonies of the Mark and Royal Ark Degrees had been performed. In concluding his speech, he hoped that the members of the Old Kent would never have occasion to regret having admitted him among them. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Poore and Walls. "The Health of the Past Masters" was given, and drew in response from Bro. Dewar a stirring appeal on behalf of the funds of the new educational scheme in connection with the Mark Degree. The brethren, to show their appreciation of Bro. Dewar's efforts to promote this laudable undertaking, and as a mark of their unanimous approval, subscribed £5, which handsome amount was duly handed to the Treasurer, for the purpose of its being forwarded to the proper quarter. "The W.M. Elect" came next in order, and his toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Mather modestly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Health of the Officers," Bro. Roebuck dwelt at some length upon the great and valuable services of Bros. Wynne, Treasurer, and Dewar, Secretary, and to whose exertions the prosperity of the Old Kent was mainly due. In concluding his remarks, he said that the other officers were equal in working capabilities to any Mark lodge in London, and he hoped that they would in turn ultimately arrive at the proud position of W.M. in the Old Kent. This pledge having been responded to, the Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday last, at half-past five o'clock, the W.M., W. Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., in the chair. Bro. C. P. Mackay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; G. Clark, jun., M.O.; J. Curtis, S.O.; Acland, acting J.O.; J. Baldwin, Secretary; Dr. Pearse, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Evans, I.G.; and K. Potter, Tyler. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Acland, 139, as a joining member, and having proved unanimous, the next business was to ballot for Bros. J. J. Gibson, Belgrave, W. Weekes, Stuart, and A. T. Pearce, Carnarvon, and the two latter being in attendance were duly advanced to the honourable degree. The ceremony was well performed by the W.M., the musical portion being very efficiently rendered by W. Bro. W. G. Brighten, G. Mark Sup. Works, and Prov. G.S. Middx. and Surrey. There were several honorary members and visitors present, among whom were Bros. J. H. Leggett, J. W. Thistle, J. K. Pitt, W.M. elect 198; Pulman, G.M.S.; M. J. Larham. After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed and adjourned until the second Saturday in May.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Nervousness and want of Energy.—When first the nerves feel unstrung and listlessness supplants energy, it is the right time to take some alternative as Holloway's Pills to prevent disorder running into disease. These excellent Pills correct all irregularities and weakness. They act so kindly, yet so energetically, on the functions of digestion and assimilation that the whole body is revived, the blood is rendered richer and purer, the muscles become firmer and stronger, and the nervous and absorbent systems are invigorated. These Pills are suitable for all classes and all ages. They have a most marvellous effect on persons who are out of condition, they soon rectify whatever is in fault, restore strength to the body and confidence to the mind. —[ADVT.]

**CONSECRATION OF THE CREATON LODGE. No. 1791.**

The consecration of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 10th inst., in the presence of a large and distinguished assembly of Freemasons. The following is a list of the brethren who took part in the interesting ceremony:—Bros. Col. Creaton, W.M. designate; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain; John Hervey, G. Sec., Consecrating Officer; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, A.G.D. of C., P.M. 142; James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, 1580; Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.M., P.G.J.W. Middx.; C. Nunn, P.G.S.B.; G. Skeggs, W.M. 144; E. Paetel, 1624; W. Mann, 749; W. Banfield, W.M. 31; W. Honeyball, J.D. 1681; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., 2; E. Powell, J.D. 1624; H. Pearce, P.S.W., 2; W. Hope, S.W. 2; J. Crenshere, W.M. 1441; Seymour Lucas, 1441; W. Rennolds, 1441; S. Ward, 186; Heather Bigg, P.M. 1; John Rucker, P.M., G.D.; Frank Percival, 1341; Pixley, P.M. 29; B. C. Payne, P.M. 27; Galt Fisher, S.D. 1624; W. Park, 511; L. B. Pullen, P.M. and Treas. 180; E. Farini, W.M., S. James's Union, 180; E. Collins, P.M., Westbourne, 733; Woodward, P.M., Unity, 1637; Ferguson, 173; W. Williams, 173; Hewett, W.M. 235; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; S. Carrington, 1314; E. Collins, 25; J. S. Pierce, P.G.S. 2; E. Bridge, 784; C. Taylor, D.C. 1624; G. Slingsby, 1624; J. C. Flatterly, W.M. 1624; S. Jones, J.W. 1624; G. Biggs, P.M. 435; T. Matthews, 1624, G. Dyer, P.M. 186; L. Burgoyne Pillin, I.P.M. 180; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met in an ante-room of the hall, at half-past four, and thence, forming themselves into processional order, marched into the lodge room, where they received the Consecrating Officer, Bro. John Hervey, P.M., Grand Secretary, who, on taking the chair, appointed as office bearers pro tem., Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D., as S.W.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., as J.W.; J. Terry, P.P.G.J.W., Herts, D. of C.; and J. Dyer, P.M. 1314, as I.G. The lodge being opened by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., he addressed the brethren with his usual clearness and effect. He said, that they were again assembled to form a new lodge, and one, too, which has taken the name of an honoured brother amongst them—Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton (applause), and to whose services to Freemasonry, for many years, alike for the Craft at large—the Charities in particular, he could bear most ample testimony. He hoped all success would attend the Creaton Lodge, and he felt sure, that in its future career, it would never derogate from the high character of him whose name it bore. Bro. Hervey then went on to say, that with this repetition of consecration and applications for new lodges, not only were we now almost beginning another hundred on the roll, and entering into 1800, but he felt he was bound to say a few words of kindly caution. It was to be feared that many now were seeking Freemasonry from its material benefits, its remarkable educational institutions, its helpful annuities, but he thought it right to point out that Freemasonry ought not to be merely strong in numbers, but in the character of its members, and, therefore, too much care and discrimination could not be exercised in the admission of new members. He might say a good deal more, Bro. Hervey continued, but as we have a long evening before us, I will now, congratulating the brethren on the present assembly, proceed with the appointed ceremonies of consecration. (Applause.)

Bro. Hervey's address was evidently most welcome to, and in accordance with, the sentiments of the influential gathering.

The usual ceremonial on such occasions was followed and interspersed with some most effective music, and at the proper place, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., delivered the following oration:

M.W. Consecrating Officer—I have been requested to deliver the customary oration to-day, at the consecration of the Creaton Lodge, and the duty is, on personal grounds as well as for Masonic considerations, rendered alike to myself a deep pleasure and a great privilege. In the first place, I am very glad to be permitted to take part in the always interesting ceremony to the attached members of our Order, as a mark of respect, esteem, and attachment to our common friend and brother, Colonel Creaton, whose services to the Craft have been so many and so real; whose interest in all our Charities never wavers, whose personal merits have so rightly attracted to him the confidence of his brethren, and whose whole Masonic and public career has attached to him so many applauding and admiring comrades. To myself, V.W. Sir, I venture to repeat, it is a subject of very great personal pleasure to be permitted, in my humble capacity, to be associated with these proceedings, and to act as one of the Consecrating Officers under your distinguished presidency, when a new lodge is about to be devoted by our ancient ceremonial to the service of Masonry, to the welfare of mankind, and is henceforth to be known amongst us by the name of my excellent and distinguished friend and brother, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, as the Creaton Lodge. Some opposition has been hastily made to the adoption of the names of living Masons for our lodges, but in this view, I, for one, cannot concur. We have many names of lodges amongst us which recall pleasantly to our memories old friends and long services to Masonry, (and which I need not mention, being known to us all), and there is this one advantage in it, as it appears to me, in all deference to those who think differently. We have in the names whether of departed Masonic brethren, or patron saints, or the cardinal virtues, or social qualifications, or local cognomina, after all, what is only distant and what is abstract, a custom of the past, partly mythic, partly historical, as the case may be, and only appealing, after all, to ourselves, in what is ideal, what is philosophically true, or welcome, or admirable, or commendable. But in the name of our brethren we have the practical proof of what Freemasonry is, what it does, what it teaches, inasmuch as in admiring their talents, or sympathising

with their merits, recalling their good services to our common Order, or offering to them the tribute of our heartfelt attachment, good will, and respect, we seek to perpetuate in their honoured names, familiar to our lips as household words, those Masonic attributes we most desiderate, those Masonic excellences we most commend, those Masonic services we deem to be the most deserving of our affectionate recognition, or our grateful recollection. But I pass on to other topics. In the next place, I rejoice to think that the Creaton Lodge, which we consecrate to day, represents what is, after all, the very life of true Freemasonry in England, the aggregation of individual brethren who know each other, who value each other, who respect each other, who are attached to each other, and who thus essay to form within the sacred enclosure of the lodge another pleasant retreat of mutual sympathy, friendship, content, and goodwill. This new lodge has not, I understand, been formed hastily, or unadvisedly; it is not marked either by the unsatisfactory condition of too rapid growth, or mere personal anxiety for office; it is the result of much consideration, and is established to meet a want of many brethren, some of old standing in the Order, of congenial tastes and pursuits and well-known respectability, to find a nucleus of adhesion, a centre of attraction and a bond of union in the important duties and pleasant sociability of a Masonic lodge; and I feel sure that it will be the hope of all now present, that this Creaton Lodge may prosper, alike in its material and its Masonic condition, that it will be noted among our many other distinguished bodies of Masons for its obedience to authority, its love of order, harmony, and concord; its hospitality, and its liberality, its good Masonic work, and its large Masonic heart in the cause of Masonic charity. As one of the Consecrating Officers to day, I beg to express the sincere wish, which I believe will be echoed by my superior officer and coadjutors, as it will be, I feel sure, by all present, that no cloud may obscure its bright and onward career, but that it take a foremost place among English lodges, and be a source of pride to its brethren and an ornament to the English lodges. And, thirdly, V.W. Sir, I, for one, as a very old Mason now (like yourself), venture to rejoice in the creation of a new lodge. I hear, sometimes, remarks that we are forming too many new lodges, and that we are moving on too rapidly. I, for one, do not believe it. On the contrary, I feel sure that in every new lodge, when rightly conducted, we have a fresh incentive to every moral, and every social virtue; we have an additional guarantee for the peace and good order of society; we have a new declaration of the great principles of toleration, and civil and religious liberty; we have a reiterated appeal to loyalty and obedience to law. For what is that which Freemasonry really does proclaim, that good old Order of ours, so often assailed by the ignorant and the credulous; so often maligned by the perverse and prejudiced; so often ridiculed, and even excommunicated by the petulant and the intolerant? What is it that it certainly does teach to all, to neophytes and to men? Am I wrong, Sir, in saying that Freemasonry, though not religion, (as it cannot be), and never professes to be, is a most religious Fraternity, in that it makes both the foundation stone and the keystone of its glorious Masonic arch which spaces the universe, acknowledgment of, reverence, and trust in God Most High, the Great Architect of the Universe, Kings of Kings, Lord of Lords? Freemasonry does not seek to dogmatize, as regards either, the belief or the conviction of men; it imposes no tests; it asserts no formulae of inflexible or fallible authority. Its only Theology is that which tells us to believe in the great fatherhood of God, and the living brotherhood of man, and strictly to obey God's law, and avoiding all controversies, and rejecting all discussions, just as it repudiates all persecution for conscience sake; it seeks to unite all who can say "Our Father which art in heaven," around its beneficent and peaceful altars of simple religious faith and earnest religious duty. Freemasonry bases all its goodly moral teaching, on what? On the dicta of Masonic authors, or Masonic philosophers, or Masonic sages? On the axioms of antiquity, or the didactic excellence of mere human morality? Most certainly not! It simply and solely builds up its whole moral lore on God's Holy Word—the Bible—ever open in our lodges, the first great light in Masonry, and which constitutes alike the strength and the unity, and let us add the glory and the bond of Anglo-Saxon Masonry; that which gives cohesion to our whole moral teaching, which throws its holy and purifying light over the whole circle of Masonic morals, which while it reminds us of our needful sympathies and wants and conditions of men, never forgets to own to, to look up to, to confide in God Most High. And thus based on the best of books, the inspired source of Divine wisdom and truth, Freemasonry bids us be loyal subjects, and good citizens, exemplary members of that family, and home life so dear to us as a wise and understanding people, and impresses upon us due regard to all our public and private callings, and enjoins us to carry out on all occasions daily and hourly, both abroad and at home, the principles we profess, the teachings we avow. In this world of change and imperfection, where all is still morally in disorder and weakness, where infirmity too often accompanies the best resolution, and failure attends on the most consummate plans, we cannot hope or suppose that Masons are exempt from the errors or weaknesses of mortality, or that in our numerous brotherhood we all, be we who we may, can always square our duty with our inclinations, or our practice with our professions. But still it is well to remind ourselves from time to time, (making due allowance for human imperfections), that as Freemasons we profess to be a band of brothers, rejoicing in each other's prosperity, grieving in each other's adversity, foes to detraction and slander, and averse to backbiting and animosity, and

even bound to uphold what is fair, and proper, and due from one brother to another, by proving ourselves, alike in dark as in sunny hours, above the paltry and time-serving propensities of our fallen nature, and ever ready and anxious to commiserate the sorrows and relieve the wants of those whom we call friends and brothers to day. Remembering these truths, we seek to drive from our midst the fawning voice of flattery and the base accents of dissimulation. We endeavour to be true to one another, and to be alike considerate and compassionate, making needful allowance for human feelings, as bearing in mind our common mortality, but promptly generous and large-hearted to alleviate the misfortunes of others by kindly words and actual deeds. Brethren of the Creaton Lodge, let me earnestly impress upon you to day those sublime precepts of our Order, which inculcate mutual sympathy, mutual forbearance, mutual tolerations and mutual good will, and, and above all, let me remind you that Freemasonry, though great and goodly in itself, though having many striking gifts and pleasant hours, is nothing without its nobler and higher aims of charity and goodwill to the great brotherhood of man. Without Masonic charity we should be, perhaps, a decorative building indeed, adorned with precious stones and cunning ornamentation, but the spirit would be wanting, and we should have the crumbling walls of a perishing tabernacle to meet, and avert the encroaching hand of time. But illustrated and adorned by the excelling grace of charity, Freemasonry helps and ennobles its own professions by the reality of its services to the brotherhood and to mankind, and standing now before the world as the most zealous and energetic of all earthly institutions in its advocacy and support of charity, let us trust that it will never forget that it owes to that great truth a great part, at any rate, of its usefulness to its members, and its blessings to the world at large. Sir, I have done, and I will only now repeat that I am glad to be permitted, once again in my Masonic career, to bear my humble testimony to the utility, the value, the importance of Freemasonry, alike to the order and stability of society, the happiness and advance of the brotherhood, and the lasting unity and peaceful progress of every portion of the habitable world.

After the reading of the oration, which was frequently applauded, the 133rd Psalm was sung, and the formulae of the programme were duly and solemnly performed, the musical arrangements being ably carried out, under the direction of Bro. Ion Cattle. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, the rest of the brethren retiring, and the W.M. designate was formally installed in the chair of King Solomon. The brethren, on being readmitted, saluted the W.M. in the customary form in the Second and Third Degrees, after which the W.M. appointed and invested for the ensuing year the subjoined officers:—Bros. H. J. Johnson, S.W.; John Williams, J.W.; J. Nielson, S.D.; John H. Buck, J.D.; and J. I. Cattle, Secretary. The remaining office-bearers will be appointed at the next meeting. The W.M. then proposed that the following brethren should be elected as honorary members of the lodge:—John Hervey, P.M., Grand Sec.; A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain; J. Terry, P.P.G., J.W. Herts; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; and E. J. Barrow, P.G.D., all of whom, having been unanimously elected, briefly acknowledged the honour thus conferred upon them. The Secretary next read the names of several joining members, and this constituting all the business before the meeting, the lodge was formally closed until the second Thursday of March.

It goes without saying that, under the direction of such distinguished and able officers, the proceedings throughout were most ably and impressively conducted. The business being over, the brethren retired to the banqueting hall in the Freemasons' Tavern, where they were provided with a sumptuous banquet. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by his officers. Grace was said by the Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford. On the cloth being removed, the customary Masonic toasts were drunk.

The W.M. said the first toast of the evening which he had the honour to propose was one always given at every assembly of Englishmen and Freemasons. It was the health of the first lady in the land, the first sovereign in Europe, the daughter of a Mason and the mother of Masons (hear, hear), "Her Majesty the Queen," and he begged to connect with the toast "The Craft." The toast was enthusiastically drunk, all the brethren standing while the National Anthem was sung. The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." which was cordially responded to, Bro. Cattle singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing "The Grand Officers Present and Past," the W.M. referred in eulogistic terms to the unceasing interest and the great ability which all the Grand Officers shewed in connection with the Craft. After this Bro. W. G. Reynolds gave a recitation, entitled "Doncaster St. Leger," in a very effective manner. In replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, remarked that he always felt very great diffidence when he rose in the presence of so many distinguished Grand Officers to return thanks for the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. But he felt sure that with their usual kindness the brethren would accord him a few moments of their attention while he ventured to express on behalf of the Grand Officers and himself their earnest thanks for the honour conferred upon them that evening. The Present and Past Grand Officers were deeply sensible of that honour; and he assured the brethren that the Grand Officers were always happy to retain the good opinion of their brethren in Freemasonry, and were always glad to render their services on all occasions when they were needed and useful. (Hear, hear.) There were many reasons why the Grand Officers were pleased to be present that evening, namely, to rally round their excellent Consecrating Officer, the Grand Secretary, one of the most hard worked men in

their Order, (cheers), and offer to him that humble support which his important duties and high merits so fully claimed. He need say nothing as to the regard, attachment, and, he would say, affection, which the entire Craft entertained for their valued friend. (Cheers.) And, in the second place, they had come in such numbers to support their old and esteemed friend the new W.M. (Applause.) It had been his (the speaker's) good fortune to know the W.M. for many long years, and he believed he could say the same of many round the table that evening, and he knew that the whole career of the W.M. as a Mason had been guided by one great principle—not his own welfare, not his own promotion, not his own self-gratification, but the welfare of his brethren, the advantage of their great Charities, and the diffusion of kindly feeling and brotherly goodwill among all the brethren with whom he was brought in contact. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He was himself happy, and he felt convinced he was expressing the feelings of every Grand Officer present, to have been permitted to be present, and to inaugurate the Creaton Lodge. As a member of the Craft he felt more and more proud of English Freemasonry. It was now standing before the world in a position which it had never previously attained. Its Charities were the pride not only of the brethren, but the admiration of the outer world, and he hoped and trusted that they would all long continue to remember that the great aim of Freemasonry was not merely office or rank, or power, or splendour, or even social enjoyment, though that was most excellent in its way, but it was to endeavour to show sympathy for the sufferings of their fellow-creatures, to bind up the wounds of broken-hearted brethren, to pour in the balm of consolation into the afflicted bosom, and to show that goodwill, that sympathy which ought to be the distinguishing aim of every human being, and which he trusted would ever be the leading characteristic of every true-hearted Freemason. (Cheers.)

The W.M., again rising, said he had now come to what he might term the toast of the evening—the health of the brother who had done such good service that evening. He referred to the Grand Secretary. He was sure they all felt a deep debt of gratitude to him for coming to the ceremony of consecration, and discharging the duties, which he had done so ably and nicely. Bro. Hervey was always ready to give his services when required, and, notwithstanding that he was slightly indisposed, he had done his work most admirably. (Hear, hear.) Anything that he might say beyond that was quite unnecessary. Bro. Hervey was so well known that among Freemasons his name was a household word.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which Bros. Ion Cattle and Frank Percival delighted the company by singing the beautiful melody from Balfe, "Excelsior."

Bro. Hervey, in acknowledging the compliment, after thanking the brethren for the cordial reception which had been accorded him, begged to remind his hearers that the praises awarded to him were divisible. He had been admirably supported that evening, as he had on previous occasions, in carrying out the ceremony which the brethren of the Creaton Lodge were desirous that he should perform. They all knew what a host Bro. Woodford was when he put his shoulder to the wheel, and assisted in performing the ceremony of consecration. They all knew also (and he did most especially) how much they were indebted to Bro. Terry (hear, hear) for the kind and courteous way in which he had extended that substantial assistance which he was always ready to give. He (the speaker) always felt that when he had Bro. Terry at his elbow he had someone whom, if he went wrong, he (Bro. Hervey) could always rely upon to assist him in his own default. He had also very good Wardens in the persons of Bros. Fenn and Barrow. (Hear, hear.) If the brethren would allow him he would supplement those remarks he had made with a few others, which, he trusted, would be more to the gratification of the brethren than what he had already uttered. They had all met to consecrate a new lodge. That had been done, and the W.M. had been installed in the chair. He was now in harness. He had his work before him and he was sure that all around that hospitable board hoped that he might prosper in his undertaking. He (the speaker) did not think there was any reason to doubt that such would be the case, because all those who knew Bro. Creaton were well aware that he was fit to overcome any difficulty. They knew that in the Charities of the Order the Committees were not always amenable to the *dolce far niente*, but were somewhat disposed, occasionally, to run riot, and who could control them better than the worthy brother who now sat at the head of the table? (Hear, hear.) He had done more than perhaps he could with money—he had given that which was of infinitely more benefit to the Charities, namely, his time and attention (hear, hear); and his efforts to promote that unity which should prevail in every Charity Committee were untiring. No trouble was too great for him, and he was sure all the brethren knew that in his Masonic career he had not got a single enemy. (Hear, hear.) If that were the case, then he (the speaker) was quite sure that the W.M. would carry out his duties in connection with the lodge in a way that would satisfy not only the members of the lodge, but the of members the Craft generally. (Hear, hear.) He would, therefore, ask them to drink to the newly installed W.M.

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, Bro. E. Collins very effectively sang the well-known song, "Dear Betty," which was loudly applauded.

The W.M., in replying, after thanking the brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been received, said he had had the honour of being placed in the chair of the Lodge of Antiquity, and he had thought—he would not say hoped—that when he retired from that position he

would have been out of harness. But there he was, and he assured the brethren that he would endeavour to fill the post to the best of his ability. (Hear, hear.) He would just say, in conclusion, that he felt convinced he had got officers who would work with him heart and soul; and one thing which they had decided upon was that they should not forget the Charities. (Cheers.) The W.M. then said they were honoured by a large number of visitors. It would be quite impossible for him to speak of each individual, but speaking in the name of the Creaton Lodge he would say that the members were all delighted to see that so large a number of visitors did them the honour of coming there on that occasion. He was expressing the opinion of all the members when he said they hoped and trusted they would have the pleasure of seeing all the visitors on a future occasion. Bro. Pearse, P.G. Steward, very appropriately replied, and in doing so remarked that it was not the first time he had been placed in the position. He was quite sure all the visitors had been intensely gratified by what they had seen in the lodge. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps enough had been said about the consecration ceremony, but if the brethren would allow him he would add the testimony of the visitors to the great gratification they had received by the manner in which that ceremony had been performed. It did not fall to the lot of every Mason except a few times in his lifetime to see a consecration ceremony. He could only say that something like nineteen years had elapsed since he had witnessed one himself, and he never regretted that so great a time had passed until he heard it conducted that evening. After referring in eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day, Bro. Pearse concluded by saying that he trusted the P.G. Chaplain's address had appealed to all the brethren as it had done to him, and that they would long remember and profit by it.

Bro. John Cantle then gave an excellent rendering of "I fear no foe," which was loudly applauded. "The Treasurer," was next proposed in a few complimentary words by the W.M.; Bro. James Kift immediately following with a humorous song entitled "Proverbs," which he rendered with considerable effect. The Treasurer briefly replied, giving an outline of the history and origin of the Creation Lodge, and concluded by assuring the brethren that he would do all he possibly could to forward its interests.

"The Officers" having been drunk, and acknowledged by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bro. Percival, notwithstanding that he was labouring under a severe cold, sang in capital style the popular ballad, "The Blue Salsatian Mountains."

In replying to the toast of "The Charities," Bro. J. Terry, speaking on the flourishing condition of the Institutions, observed that the outer world wondered how it was that they were able to hold their own. He would simply remind them that over £40,030 had been received last year in behalf of their Institutions. That was a great deal to say, remembering that six years ago they were able only to give hardly the half of that amount. (Hear, hear.) Their Institutions were doing an enormous amount of good. 200 girls, 210 boys, and 290 old men and women were not a very small family to keep, but they had only to appeal to the Freemasons, and they were cheerfully and generously responded to. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure the Creaton Lodge would be no exception to this rule. After a few more words from Bro. Terry, the Tyler's toast was drunk, and Bro. Reynolds having given a humorous recitation entitled "Hans Breitmann on Smoking," Bros. Percival and Jon. Cantle brought a very happy evening to a close by singing the duct, "All's Well."

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.

A meeting was convened in the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday last, to consider the subject of the restoration of this fine old cathedral, and to form a London Committee to act in conjunction with a Committee organised in Hertford for that purpose. There was a very small attendance. On the motion of Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. was called upon to preside. The Chairman in opening the proceedings said there was scarcely to be found a finer building than St. Alban's Cathedral, and they, as Freemasons, ought to be proud of the opportunity of helping in the restoration of what was really a noble work of architecture. When Bro. Keyser, the Secretary of the Hertford Committee, had communicated to him (the Chairman) the wish of the brethren in Hertfordshire that a London Committee should be formed, he lost no time in saying how happy he would be in giving what little help he could towards that object. He concluded by hoping that a great number of the brethren would rally around them, that they might be enabled to collect the sinews of war, so that they might help the Hertford Committee in their noble object of restoring the edifice. Bro. C. E. Keyser, S.D. 400, Secretary to the Committee, then entered into an elaborate explanation of the nature and cost of the proposed restoration, at the same time tracing the history of the movement through all its phases. He was himself, he said, one of those who are not at all in favour of restorations. But he took an interest in this because he thought it was a special exception to the general rule of such projects, and because the restoration of St. Albans would conduce very much to the honour and credit of those who undertook it. The work was very beautiful, and the finest of the kind in existence. The architecture was contemporary with such examples as are to be found at the Lincoln, Salisbury, Winchester, and Ely Cathedrals. The cost of the reconstruction of the west front of the building, taken roughly, according to the late Sir Gilbert Scott and Mr. Chappell (Clerk of Works), would be about £9000 alto-

gether. Of course that was a very large sum. The architect's estimate for the restoration of the central porch was £2500, and for each of the side porches £2000. That was of course leaving out the window. The work was of a very elaborate character, and he believed that the carving of one of the capitols alone would occupy a workman something over a month. The brethren in Hertford did think that they could do something for themselves, but the cathedral had cost such an immense amount of money already—fifty or sixty thousand pounds—that the gentlemen of Hertford had been pretty well drawn upon, and they came to the decision that in any undertaking by the Masonic body it was only fair that all the Freemasons of England should combine to aid in the work. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., then addressed the meeting. He said he had been requested to say a few words as to the connection of St. Alban's with Freemasonry. It would be remembered by some present that Bro. Havers, when he proposed a grant of £2000 for the restoration of St. Alban's in Grand Lodge (which he was sorry to say had not been carried), based a portion of his proposition on the early connection of St. Alban's with the traditional history of Freemasonry. St. Alban, or as he was called Albanus, was, as they all knew, the first British martyr, and all the legends of the guilds, without exception almost, referred to the fact of his having held a Grand Lodge of Masons at Verulamum, now St. Alban's, and arranged for the pay of the Masons. In all probability Albanus was the protector of a Roman Guild of Freemasons. But the fact was undoubted that the ancient operative Masons had always proclaimed St. Alban as the first Grand Master in England, be they right or be they wrong. In the seventh century Offa raised a church to the memory of St. Alban, of which Mr. Chappell, the Clerk of the Works, could tell them a portion still remained, and this was said by the chroniclers to be erected the "hond Masones," or hand Masons. Under these circumstances they had a right, it appeared to him, to look upon the restoration of St. Alban's not only as a local, but as a national Masonic duty, and to assist their Hertford brethren in carrying into completion that noble undertaking. He might observe that the earliest manuscript which mentioned St. Alban's in connection was dated in the fifteenth century. The speaker concluded by saying that he could see no possible objection to Freemasons combining, whether in lodge or out of lodge, to further the good work; and he felt assured that if it was once begun it would be carried with their usual energy to completion. (Applause.)

Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G., Chap., D.P.G.M., Suffolk, then moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting, having heard the statements of Bro. Keyser and the other brethren who have taken part in the discussion, is of opinion that the Freemasons of England be invited to undertake the restoration of some special portion of St. Alban's Cathedral, as a memorial to St. Alban, the first reputed English Mason, and the founder of the first lodge in England."

He had the greatest pleasure in moving the proposition. Like Bro. Woodford, he was exceedingly sorry that the motion of their esteemed Bro. Havers was not carried in Grand Lodge, because he thought it would have been a good work, and worthy of the Freemasons of England. (Hear, hear.) Passing, however, from that, he thought if they could not make up a regular Masonic memorial by the restoration of St. Alban's Cathedral in the fullest sense of the word, there could be no possible reason—but, on the contrary, every possible argument in favour of it—why individuals as Masons should not join together to promote this great and magnificent work. If they could bring about such a magnificent work as this, it would be an evidence and an answer to those who tried to put down the Craft, that there was something high in its professions. (Hear, hear.) He thought it was the bounden duty of everyone to try and help on the project. He was very sanguine that, when it came to be known what their object was, they would not long fail to effect their purpose for want of the necessary funds.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Wilson Iles, P.G. Sec. Herts, and, having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford then proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Bro. J. Kent, P.G.J.D.:—

"That the whole or a portion of the west front commends itself as the most fitting object to be undertaken by the Craft."

After a short discussion the motion was carried. Bro. Chappell, Clerk of Works, next briefly addressed the brethren, reading several extracts from correspondence which he had had with the late Sir Gilbert Scott. One of these extracts expressed the opinion that there is not a finer work in England than St. Alban's Cathedral, and Bro. Chappell observed, that in his conversations with Sir Gilbert on the subject, the latter had often remarked if he could see the restoration, which the brethren so much desired completed, it would be the pride of his life.

The Chairman being obliged to leave the meeting at this stage, Bro. Martyn, on the motion of Bro. Woodford, replaced him.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried, that the following brethren should act on the Central Committee:—Bros. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D. Prov. G.M. Suffolk, &c.; Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, &c.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, P.G.D., &c.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Tebbs.

The Chairman next proposed "That the Deputy Grand Master be requested to act as President of this Committee."

This motion, which was seconded by Bro. Woodford, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Woodford, again rising, said they must have a Secretary, and as there was no brother who took a greater interest in their object than Bro. Keyser, he respectfully moved that he be asked to act as Secretary to the Committee."

The motion having been seconded and carried, Bro. Keyser, in a graceful speech, accepted the office.

Bro. J. W. Edwards, I.P.M., 1479, proposed "That Bro. J. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M., be the Treasurer."

Bro. Wilson Iles having seconded the resolution it was carried unanimously. The Secretary then read the following subscription list towards the Restoration Fund:—

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.	£5	0	0
„ H. R. H. The Prince Leopold, Prov. G.M.			
Oxon ... ..	5	0	0
Bro. J. Havers, P.G.W. ... ..	5	0	0
„ Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G., Chap., Dep. Prov., G.M., Suffolk ... ..	5	0	0
„ Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., W.M. ... ..	5	0	0
„ The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Yorks ... ..	5	0	0
„ Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. G.M. Sussex ... ..	5	0	0
„ J. A. Rucker, P.G.D. ... ..	5	0	0
He also begged to say that he had received promises of the following sums:—			
Bro. Abel Smith, M.P. No. 403 ... ..	£5	0	0
„ His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. Hunts and Northants ... ..	5	0	0
„ J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. ... ..	5	0	0
„ The Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G.M. Cambs. ... ..	5	0	0
„ The Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. Cheshire ... ..	3	0	0
„ The Lord Henniker, S.G.W. ... ..	2	2	0
„ R. Grey, P.G.D. ... ..	5	0	0
„ Brooke, P.M. ... ..	5	0	0
„ E. S. Snell, P.G.D. ... ..	5	0	0
„ J. W. Edwards, I.P.M. No. 1479 ... ..	5	0	0
„ A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain ... ..	5	0	0
„ C. E. Keyser, S.D. 404 ... ..	5	0	0

Bro. Woodford then moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Secretary, and Bro. Martyn, for their services on that occasion, and the brethren adjourned till Wednesday next, when a meeting will be held at 4.30, in the same place, to consider what further steps will be taken in the matter.

The brethren are requested to take notice that the adjourned meeting will be held at Freemasons' Tavern at 4.30 on Wednesday next, when it is hoped Bro. Keyser will be rewarded by a full attendance.

Public Amusements.

**THEATRE ROYAL STRAND.**—The new farcical comedy at this popular little house entitled "The Snowball," by Sydney Grundy, is one of the brightest and most happy, and withal, well constructed comedies that has been produced during the present generation. Space will not permit of a lengthy description of "The Snowball." We can only say that it is most efficiently carried out by the whole company. Especial praise is due to Mr. W. H. Vernon, for his very realistic rendering of a character, in every sense of the word, difficult. Bro. Harry Cox, in the part of "Uncle John," is a host in himself, and carries out the details of the character to perfection, and to the great delight of the audience. Miss Ada Swanborough executed the role of "Mrs. Featherstone" with the greatest ease imaginable. The careful study demanded by the peculiarity of the character was faithfully given by the actress, and a great deal of the success of the piece depended upon the audience properly appreciating "Mrs. Featherstone's" every new move. Miss Lottie Venn as at first the innocent "Penelope," and then, as the Snowball rolled on, the "Penelope" who meant to make capital out of the situation, was an impersonation worthy of the greatest praise. Mr. F. Wyatt performed the part of "Harry Prendergast" (the suitor for the hand of "Ethel") with efficiency, as also did Miss Gwynne Williams as "Ethel." We venture to think the "Snowball" will long occupy its place in the "Strand" programme.

**LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.**—The sixth Irish stew dinner was given on Wednesday by the London Cottage Mission, of 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C., to several hundred poor children, in their Conder-street Hall, Limehouse, E. The Hall was well filled three times with these little ones. They eat ravenously and fully enjoyed the substantial meal which through the kindness of our readers had been provided for them. There seems to all appearance as much need as ever for such charity. The meal gave much credit to Mr. and Mrs. Waller (formerly father and mother of two boys' homes) who had served it to the satisfaction of all present. The dinners lasted three hours and it did the hearts of all good to see the gratitude written on their faces. No child was turned away.—There were many cases of great interest among the recipients brought under notice by kindly disposed persons. This mission by its evangelistic and benevolent work is doing much practical good, and these dinners are a great boon to the poorly clad and hungry little ones. They will be continued as long as benevolent people send their kind and timely gifts, which will be gratefully received by Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., and by Mr. Walter Austin at the office of the Mission, 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

Brethren desirous of possessing a copy of the Freemason Card Almanack for 1879, with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, should make early application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. The Publisher will be pleased to send a copy to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of two penny stamps.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We have the pleasure of informing our readers that in addition to the forthcoming papers announced to appear during the ensuing months in the pages of the *Masonic Magazine* from the pen of Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., that learned brother will contribute to the June number a descriptive sketch, entitled "A Queer Career, Nocturne in A Minor, the Key of the Street."

*Mayfair* states (Feb. 11th) that the *Masonic Magazine* is really the monthly digest of Freemasonry which it calls itself. It is a well edited serial with features interesting to a large public.

The *City Press* announces the death of Bro. James Perry, of the Ship, Ivy-lane, for many years associated with the Licensed Victuallers' Associations, and a member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to the advancement of the societies, and was a man of the strictest integrity, whose loss is deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends. His death is ascribed to congestion of the lungs, after a very short illness. He was 58 years of age, and was buried at Kensal Green, on Saturday last.

On Monday night Miss Helen Hopekirk, daughter of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, the young Edinburgh pianist whose successful appearances at the Leipsic Gewandhaus concerts and in London have constituted not the least interesting events of the musical season, gave a recital in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Miss Hopekirk was assisted by Mr. A. C. Mackenzie (violin) and Mr. Carl Hamilton (cello.) There was a large audience, who emphatically confirmed in the course of the recital the favourable verdict hitherto gained by Miss Hopekirk wherever and whenever she had appeared in public.

The "Masonic Magazine" for February is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

We extract the following from *The Whitehall Review*:—M. Desanges must be congratulated on his portrait of the H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, painted for the Rose Croix Chapter. Prince Arthur is not the least comely of a comely race, and his military bearing adds a dignity to an appearance which is essentially soldier-like. His features, however, are indisputably Teutonic, and if, as is the case, there is a tenderness in his lustrous blue eyes and in his classical mouth which relieves the hardness of his profile, it needed the ideality of a true artist to render his likeness poetical. That M. Desanges has achieved this strikes one at once, nor is this favourable impression lessened when you come to examine the portrait critically. The picture itself is three-quarter length and in outline oval. The Royal Duke stands "four-square," reminding one in his pose of Aristotle's perfect man. He is in evening dress, with the conventional and infinitesimal white tie, but his decorations almost convey the notion of his being in uniform. He wears the broad white and gold sash of the Third-third Degree, with the badges of the Supreme Council of the Masonic Craft and of the Sovereign of the Rose Croix Order, termed technically the Studholme Chapter. These badges are very effective, and they are so arranged as almost, yet not quite, to obscure the ribbon and star of a yet more coveted order—that of the Garter. The Duke's right hand hangs listlessly, but the foreshortening of the left arm and the attitude of the fingers of the left hand indicate that he is about to address the brethren of the illustrious Rose Croix Chapter, the legitimate representatives of chivalry. It is needless to add that as regards texture and tonality this splendid portrait is worthy the reputation of M. Desanges, still less that the inevitable realism of a portrait is quite forgotten by the spectator in the naturalness and charm of its treatment. Scidom have I seen a picture which more fully rose to my standard of what portraiture should be. The Duke of Connaught gave the artist a final sitting for the portrait on Monday last."

The members of the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, at their meeting on Monday week, voted £10 10s. to each of the Masonic Institutions.

The number of out-patients at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, registered for the week ending Feb. 1st., 1879, was 1339.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book* for 1879 is now ready, price, post-free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

The installation meeting of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. Bro. S. J. Byng, the W.M., will instal his successor.

The annual ball of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 7th inst. A full report will appear in our next impression.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold has fixed Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., for the fifty-fifth anniversary and distribution of prizes of the Birkbeck Institution.

Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Hall have issued cards for the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding.

The Hour of Meeting of the Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104, on Friday next, has been altered from 5 o'clock to 5.30 p.m.

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.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, February 21, 1879.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.  
Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon Street Hot.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Kew.  
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1732, Kings Cross, 269, Pentonville-rd.

LOGGES 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 17.  
Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.  
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.  
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, 68, Regent-st., W.  
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
" 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st. W.  
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LOGGES 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 18.  
Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.  
Grand Mark Lodge (Emergency), 2, Red Lion-sq., 2.30.  
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.  
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 16, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 1348, Ebury, Murcher Arms, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGGES 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 Bdg., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacree, 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.  
Lodge of Benevolence at 6.  
" 149, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.  
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.  
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

Rose Croix, Chap. 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
LOGGES 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, Kennngtn 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 20.

House Com. Girl's School, at 4.  
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.  
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 63, St. Mary's F.M.H.  
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.  
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.  
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1728, Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-st.

Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
Mark Lodge Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.  
" 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-st., W.  
Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row, W.  
" 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LOGGES 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 21.  
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.  
" 1118, University, F.M.H.  
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., Southwark.  
Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
P.G.C. and L., Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LOGGES 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.'), 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.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 22, 1879.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.  
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.  
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.  
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
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