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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SOUTHERN STAR (No. 1158).—A meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, 11th inst., the occasion being additionally interesting from the fact of its being election night. There were present, Bros. Smith, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Stewart, S.D.; Fortune, J.D.; Holloway, I.G.; Wilkes, W.S.; P.M.'s A. Wright, J. Wright, Wise, Potter, Walter, McDonald, Clarke, T. Pulsford, Sec.; Bros. Dowdell, Bullock, Hoskin, Green, Cole, Richards, Durnell, Robins, Block, Holland, Luby, Russell, Kinney, Austin, Morgan, Walker, Giles, Morgan, Lyon, Bertolli, and others. Visitors: Day, 1327; Bertolli, 808; Booker, 382; Walsh, 1329; Kipling, 946; Dann, 186; Newton, 1624; Green, 1687. The Master, Bro. Allen, opened his lodge at 5.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Firmin and Whybrow were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a very excellent manner by the W.M. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Mr. H. T. Purkis and Job Pack were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. On rising for the third time, and Bro. S. Smith, the esteemed S.W., being put to the vote, he was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. Bros. A. Wright re-elected Treasurer; Steel, Tyler. Bro. Wise then brought forward a notice of motion that the lodge be moved, which was put to the members and carried, Anderton's Hotel being unanimously chosen for the future meetings of the lodge. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was most excellently served by Bro. Oliver, of the Masonic Hall. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to; the speeches being commendably brief, the Tyler's toast brought a truly harmonious meeting to a close. The brethren were much pleased with the singing of Bros. Giles, Fowler, Robins, Bertolli, and Walter.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—Benevolence is the pole-star of Masonry. Once a man steps within the charmed circle of the Craft his whole being, as it were, undergoes metamorphosis. He glides from shade into light. What was a shadow assumes the attributes of substance. He no longer remains an outside atom, but merges in an ethereal corporation. Freemasonry is like a good round of roast beef, you may cut and come again. When a man has subscribed his name in the Masonic calendar he acknowledges fellowship and goodwill towards all men. Whatever may have been his mundane failures his entrance into the new sphere tends to correct and mollify. But why is this? Because the influence of example is irresistible. It is a pleasure, therefore, to record that since this lodge was founded, six years ago, it has drawn into its torrent so many tributary members that to be numbered amongst the pebbles can no longer be reckoned upon by "outsiders." This lodge is full; and the services rendered by Bros. Cottebrune and J. Lewis Thomas, and others, in the past are no longer called into action for initiations, &c. Consequently, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when the lodge met, Bro. Robert Payne, W.M., in the chair, there was only business of a formal character to be transacted. Hercules is resting after his fatigues. But in order not to make things too formal, Bro. Pearce proposed that, as Bro. J. Lewis Thomas had been so instrumental in the success of the lodge, the clothing of the Grand Lodge should be presented to him in recognition of his services. Any one knowing the esteem in which Bro. Thomas is held in the lodge will not be surprised to hear that the proposal found an able seconder in Bro. P.M. Reginald Mount, and that it was supported by Bro. P.M. Frederick West, Bro. P.M. Oliver, and other members, and that after a very pretty sprinkling of compliments the members unanimously decided to record the event as an

established fact. After voting money for Masonic Charities, the members adjourned to a repast in the Freemasons' Tavern, when the M.W.M., Bro. Robert Payne, presiding at the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," called upon the brethren to drink "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which was vociferously responded to. The next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," which having been replied to, was followed by the old-fashioned selection "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," a toast which is always received with enthusiasm by this lodge. Bro. J. Lewis Thomas in the course of the evening, in reply to a toast, said that many of the brave fellows now fighting in South Africa were good Masons. His own son, as soon as he saw the recent painful news from Zululand, insisted on going out, gave up his business, equipped himself, and would be one of the first arrivals, having gone out in the Dublin Castle. After spending a very agreeable evening the members separated before the "witching hour of night."

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The members of this prosperous lodge met in good numbers at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G. Org. of Middlesex, W.M. (*Freemason*); Kohler, S.W.; Speedy, J.W.; Page, P.G.S., &c., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; G. Everett, P.M., acting I.P.M., in the absence through indisposition of Bro. Reeves, I.P.M.; Webb, S.D.; Robinson, I.G.; F. Honeywell, P.M.; Dobie, Org.; Stokes, D.C.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Fown and initiated Mr. Cockburn. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were, Bros. D. Dewar, P.M. 1415, &c.; Goodall, 33; Cox, 1314. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." followed, which toast was proposed by Bro. Everett in very flattering terms. The W.M. having responded, then gave "The Initiate." Bro. Cockburn, in reply, briefly said that he was deeply impressed with what he had seen and heard that evening, and also expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kindness in having allowed him to come among them. The toast of "The Visitors" came next in order, and having been received most warmly, Bro. Dewar responded by thanking the brethren for the very hospitable manner in which he had been received on that his first visit to the Kennington Lodge. He likewise expressed himself satisfied with the "working" of the lodge. His connection with the side grades of Freemasonry had been mentioned, but he wished to state that, however pleased he was with these outside degrees, yet as he believed that the foundation of all Masonry was the Craft, he was always most gratified when participating in the work of the beautiful ceremonies of the latter degree. Bro. Goodall briefly said that he was exceedingly satisfied with the "working." His visit had been in every way agreeable to him. He had visited many lodges, but he could honestly say that he had never seen the degrees of the Craft better carried out by all hands than they had been performed by the officers of the Kennington Lodge that evening. Bro. Cox also endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. "The Past Masters" followed, and gave each of the members of that distinguished body an opportunity of saying a few words in response to the very warm and hearty manner in which the toast was received by the brethren. In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. took occasion to express his great obligations to Bros. Page and Stuart for the assistance that they had personally rendered him at the commencement of his year of office, and which kindness he hoped would continue to its end. Bro. Page, the Treasurer, in reply, expressed himself highly satisfied with the financial position of the lodge, which had enabled him to sanction the voting of ten guineas to the respective funds of the R.M.B.I. and the R.M.I. for Girls. (Hear.) The latter institution would be represented by Bro. Higgins, P.M., and he hoped that he would be well supported. Bro. Stuart having briefly replied, the toast of "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion. During the evening Bros. Honeywell, Cox, and others musically entertained the brethren.

EARL SPENCER LODGE (No. 1420).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Battersea, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. J. J. Joseph, W.M.; J. Hiscox, jun., S.W.; J. T. Pilditch, J.W.; J. Sinclair, S.D.; W. W. Young, J.D.; J. W. Hiscox, Sec.; E. Spooner, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Radford, I.G.; and Dr. J. Oakman, Dr. W. H. Kempster, A. Southam, T. Harrap, Gosden, A. A. Corsellis, H. Hill, Cooch, Kendall, Kenneby, Wilkinson, Harford, and P. V. Denham, visitor from the Wandsworth Lodge, 1044. Bro. A. A. Corsellis was ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who afterwards complimented Bro. Corsellis on the proficiency he had attained for so young a man. Bro. J. W. Hiscox, P.M., delivered the charge in a way which called forth the admiration of the brethren. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be paid from the lodge funds to the Girls' School, and also a like amount to the Boys' School. At the conclusion of the lodge business refreshment was provided in the form of a capital supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. For that of "The Visitors," Bro. P. V. Denham replied, and thanked the brethren for the kindly welcome he had received from the Earl Spencer Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present, Bros. Col. Creaton, W.M.; H. J. Johnson, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; J. Nielson, S.D.; J. W. Buck, J.D.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Hon. Sec.; R. G. Shute, D.C.; W. Carrington, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; and W. Williams, Steward. Members: R. M. Rogers, T. Matthews, and David Ferguson. After the lodge was opened the Secretary read the minutes of the consecration meeting, which were confirmed. The following brethren were then balloted for as joining members of the lodge, and were all unanimously elected:—Bros. Wm. Carrington, 1314; R. G. Shute, 511; E. Thurkle, P.M. 1257; Wm. Williams, 173; D. Ferguson, 173; James Kift, 749; T. T. Matthews, 1624; W. Mardon, 205; and G. Slingsby, 1624. The ballot was next taken for Mr. A. Wolter and Mr. R. H. Rogers, and having proved unanimous in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the secrets and privileges of the Order. This being the only business before the lodge, it was formally closed, and the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern, where they sat down to an excellent supper, over which the W.M. presided. The visitors present were Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.S.; John Finch, W.M. 173; James Brownings, 1328; T. W. Cooper, S.W. 338; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; C. Taylor, D.C. 1624; W. E. Moorman, 1624; S. Ward, 186; H. W. Davie, 173; John H. Horsey, 186; J. B. Colvill, 173; Geo. Edwards, 157; W. C. Smith, 1561; and A. H. Chisholm, 1602 (*Freemason*). The cloth having been removed, the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts followed. In proposing "The Health of the Queen" the Worshipful Master said this toast was one which on all occasions when Englishmen met, especially Freemasons, was received with great enthusiasm. He was sure that Her Majesty had been very much gratified that day at the happy and important event which had taken place at Windsor, but he was also convinced that none of her subjects more cordially congratulated her on the union between her third son and the Princess Louise of Prussia than did the Freemasons of England. "The National Anthem" having been sung, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was proposed, and honoured with the usual enthusiasm, Bro. Cattle, whom we have never heard in better voice, singing in fine style, "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was "The Health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Those who were in Grand Lodge on the previous week could all testify that the Pro G.M., when it fell to his lot to preside, did so with the greatest ability and judgment. The same might be said of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, whose *bonhomie* and Masonic utility had earned for him the high esteem of all Freemasons. Indeed, the whole of the Grand Officers were a body of men who deserved the greatest honour that the brethren could bestow upon them. (Hear, hear.) He was happy to say they were that night honoured by the presence of a Grand Officer who had greatly distinguished himself in India—Bro. Sandeman. He had presided over the district of Bengal with great ability and credit to himself, and satisfaction to those among whom it had fallen to his lot to reside. They had also Bro. Cottebrune, who had done good suit and service to the Craft, and whose good qualities were known to them all, and he begged to couple with the toast the names of these two honoured brethren. Bro. Sandeman, in acknowledging the toast, said that, like all the customary toasts in connection with Freemasonry, that of the Grand Officers, thanks to the courtesy of the brethren in all well-regulated lodges, was invariably received with consideration and kindness. He would not dare to controvert any word that the W.M. had said in praise of the Grand Officers, for he was inclined to think that the depreciation of one self frequently was—at any rate it might be, and not unseldom was—construed to be an actual magnifying of one's own office. On his own behalf, while he thanked the brethren for the generous hospitality they had extended to him and his esteemed brother on his right as Grand Officers, he would like to take that opportunity of congratulating the W.M., in the presence of the brethren of the Creaton Lodge, upon his having been called on to rule over a lodge bearing his own name. (Hear, hear.) The long, steady, disinterested, and unobtrusive services which the W.M. had rendered to Freemasonry were fully acknowledged at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. But he felt persuaded that it must be an additional source of gratification to him to feel that his name, which was a household word amongst the Craft, had a good chance of being permanently recorded in connection with this lodge. He would conclude with the expression of the sincere and hearty wish that the Creaton Lodge might continue to prosper long after the grave had closed upon them, upon their children, and their children's children, so that in the long and distant future the Grand Lodge of England might retain a pleasing recollection of the name of one who during a lifetime of usefulness had been an honour and an ornament to the Masonic brotherhood. (Cheers.) As one of the founders and acting Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Cattle said he had been entrusted with the gavel of the W.M., and the brethren no doubt well knew for what purpose he temporarily held it. It was to propose "The Health of the W.M." The Creaton Lodge was as yet only in its infancy; in fact, to use a homely simile, in its swaddling clothes. (Laughter.) It was just about a month since it was born, but from what the brethren had seen that evening it was gradually beginning to gain strength, and to push the figure a little further, would soon be able to run alone. (Renewed laughter.) They had that evening received nine joining members and two initiates (hear, hear), and had it not been for a family bereavement, which precluded him from

being present, they would have had a third. From the exhibition they had all had of the working of the lodge on that occasion he felt sure that the brethren were very pleased indeed to have such a Master to preside over them as Bro. Creton. (Hear, hear.) He had been known for many years in connection with Freemasonry, in everything where stern duty was required. They had only to appeal to the officers presiding over any of the Charities to know how hardworking a Mason their W.M. had been, and he felt certain he was expressing the opinion of all the brethren when he said they would always consider his presence as a ruling spirit amongst them, and hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would long give him health and strength to be amongst them. The W.M. felt at a loss to know how to return thanks after all the kind things that had been said about him. He could assure the brethren that he esteemed it a very great compliment to have been selected to be their first Master, and, while thanking them for their kindness, he ventured to assure them that as long as he lived he would endeavour to merit it by attention to his duties as W.M., and after he ceased to hold office by his constant attendance at and interest in the lodge which bore his humble name. (Hear, hear.) He had done all that he could during his connection with the brotherhood to advance the Charities, and he was vain enough to believe that he had done a little good in that direction, and as long as the Great Architect of the Universe spared him he would lose no opportunity to continue to do what he could for the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) "The Initiates" having been proposed and duly honoured, "The Visitors" followed, and was briefly and appropriately acknowledged by Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P., and John Finch, W.M. 173, both of whom took occasion to congratulate the members of the Creton Lodge on the large accession of brethren to their lodge that evening. The remaining toasts, "The Secretary and Treasurer," "The Officers," and "To all poor and distressed Masons," having been drunk the meeting broke up. During the evening Bros. Kift and Cattle enlivened the proceedings with some fine singing, and Bro. Levy gave a few of his theatrical imitations, much to the amusement of the company.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. J. Roberts occupying the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers, viz.:—Bros. G. T. Mullick, S.W.; W. Bagnall, J.W.; J. C. Hind, Treas., P.M.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; H. T. Robberds, Org., P.M.; J. Sutcliffe, J.D.; C. Duckworth, I.G.; R. A. Eldershaw, I.P.M.; J. Battye, P.M.; W. Aldred, P.M.; and J. Sly, Tyler. There was a fair sprinkling of members present and a few visitors. This lodge, which musters some sixty or seventy members, was at one time the strongest in the province, so much so that it was found necessary and advisable to break off some branches from the parent tree, and form them into other lodges; and we believe that the Faith, Strangeways, Yarborough, Shal espere, Robert Burns, Alexandra, and De Grey and Ripon Lodges have all sprang from the Caledonian. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Cliffe was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers, after which Bros. Henry Paulden and Benj. Taylor were respectively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in the first case by the W.M. and in the second by Bro. J. Battye, P.M., who also presented the working tools, and delivered the charge to both the newly raised brethren, in a most efficient manner. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when a proposition was made by Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Battye, P.M., that the sum of two guineas be given to the Warehousemen and Clerks' School, which was unanimously carried. This being all the business the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very excellent supper was served, to which 29 sat down. The cloth being cleared and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts responded to, "The Healths of Bros. Paulden and Taylor," the newly raised brethren, were proposed and drank with enthusiasm. Bro. Taylor responded in a very flowing and eloquent speech, in which he thanked the brethren on behalf of himself and Bro. Paulden for the honour conferred on them by the Caledonian Lodge in enrolling them among its members, and trusted they might long be spared to render Freemasonry all the assistance in their power. Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," which were duly responded to, and with some singing, to which Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.M., rendered valuable assistance, this very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 10.30.

ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 298).—The regular monthly meeting of this exceedingly well worked lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, on the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. R. Grey, assisted by his Wardens and officers, an unusual number of members, and several visiting Past Masters, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The lodge was opened in the Second degree, when Bro. Robinson claimed preferment, and having sustained his claim, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair, which he did, and raised Bro. Robinson in ample form. The lodge was lowered, the further business transacted, and finally closed in harmony.

WHITBY.—Lion Lodge (No. 312).—In the large Masonic Hall, John-street, which is handsomely furnished and artistically decorated with Masonic emblem,

the brethren of this lodge assembled on Monday last. The W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, P.P.G.J.W. Yorks, N. and E. Ridings, opened the lodge with solemn form at 7.30, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. J. S. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Major W. H. Marwood, P.M.; T. N. Marwood, P.M.; H. Hailgate, P.M.; F. Thornton, S.W.; G. H. Crowther, J.W.; John H. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Dale, Sec.; W. E. Wolsey, S.D.; George Farrow, J.D.; J. T. Thornton, I.G.; T. H. Trueman and Thomas Harland, Stewards; Capt. W. Sanderson, J. H. Breckon, W. Pattison, R. Johnson, W. Turner, J. Brooks, T. B. Iton, J. Andrew, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in the several degrees, the business of the evening consisting in the initiation of Mr. John Brand. This ceremony was performed by the W.M. in so perfect a manner as to elicit unanimous praise from the Past Masters and admiration from the brethren. The W.M. was ably assisted by his officers, especial praise being due to Bro. Farrow, the Junior Deacon. After the closing of the lodge the brethren partook of refreshment, during which the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. H. Hailgate replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. John Brand that of "The Initiator," and Bro. Kelly "The Visitors" and "The Press," proposed, in very complimentary terms, by Bro. John Stevenson, the W.M. This veteran brother has served the office of W.M. to the lodge four years. In the lodge-room is a tablet, upon which is inscribed the names of each Master since the year 1797, from which we learn that Bro. Stevenson was in the chair in the years 1850 and 1851, and again in 1878, at the expiration of which he was unanimously re-elected. The brethren separated at an early hour, after spending an enjoyable evening. On Friday next, the 28th inst., the members of this lodge purpose holding a conversation in their well proportioned and commodious hall. Each member may invite two friends. The entertainment will consist of two parts—the first musical, the second miscellaneous. Half an hour will be spent between the parts and the social board and in the inspection of various articles of interest lent by the brethren. The musical arrangements are in the hands of Bro. H. Hailgate, who has been fortunate in securing the valuable aid of Bro. Padel, of York, the eminent pianist. The general arrangements are under the control of the W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, Bro. T. N. Marwood, P.M., and the Senior Warden, Bro. F. Thornton. A very pleasant evening is anticipated.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4.30, for the purpose of initiating into the mysteries of Freemasonry Mr. John Lawton, who was proposed by Bro. Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Bro. John Roger Lever, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; William Nicholl, J.W.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; J. Hildiday, J.; Jno. Smethurst, Treas.; John Church, Sec.; Ezra John, I.G.; Wilson, Steward; and J. Sly, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; Dawson, P.M.; Albert Brenner, and several other brethren. Visitors: F. Stanislaus, 1633; J. Wainwright, 1609; C. H. Stevenson, H. Hallam, jun., John Cavanah, P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire, and others. The minutes of the last lodge night having been read and confirmed, Mr. John Lawton was duly balloted for, and unanimously elected a member, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most praiseworthy manner. Bro. Dawson, P.M., then delivered the E.A. Charge to the candidate in a highly commendable style, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Candidate, Bro. Lawton," which was received and drank with acclamation and true Masonic "fire." Bro. Lawton, in a short but telling speech, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by electing him a member of the Affability, and further stated it to be his earnest desire to continue advancing up the ladder of Freemasonry, and stepping over the different degrees until he should be able to be on a par with some of the great workers whose portraits adorned the walls around the room. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said he felt proud to see an array of talent around him, as it was not often that the lodge was honoured with the presence of so many of the dramatic profession, and it simply manifested the high esteem in which Bro. Lawton was held, to see around him such a goodly number of brethren who had assembled to witness the ceremony of his initiation. He was quite sure the brethren would coincide with him in requesting that, instead of the usual verbal response to the toast of "The Visitors," some of them would reply by obliging them with a song, and he therefore called upon Bro. H. Hallam, jun., of the True Friendship Lodge, Calcutta, to favour them with a specimen of his vocal abilities. Bro. Hallam, who has a very sweet tenor voice, sang "Molly Bawn, why leave me pining?" with great taste and feeling, and called forth the admiration of all present, after which Bro. J. Wainwright gave a reading from Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in a highly creditable manner, and then followed a humorous song, given by Bro. C. H. Stevenson, entitled "Gee Ho, Dobbin," and which, by reason of the intensely comic manner in which it was sung, produced shouts of laughter. Bro. Albert Brenner, who was labouring under a slight hoarseness, sang "Good Bye, Sweetheart, Good Bye," with great pathos, and called forth the warmest applause; and, lastly, the W.M., Bro. J. L. Lever, by desire, gave "The Low backed Car" in his inimitable style, which song concluded one of the most pleasant meetings of this lodge.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Pump Room, The Parade, Tunbridge Wells. The rooms at this establishment are admirably suited for the convenience of the brethren, there being every accommodation for lodge business, and no lack of space. There is a most commodious preparing and clothing room, and the lodge room, which is nearly square, is large enough to hold what in London would be considered a crowded lodge. The lodge has been furnished with very handsome and substantial oak furniture, every detail of which has been most studiously considered and most effectively worked out. A tessellated carpet covers the floor, and two dozen substantial oak chairs with leather seats, including half-a-dozen arm chairs for the Past Masters, are ranged on two sides of the room. Special chairs of oak are provided for the Master, I.P.M., Treasurer, Wardens, and Secretary, surmounting each being the jewel in gilt of the officer whose chair it is. For these chairs there is also a dais, so that the principal officers of the lodge are seated higher than the other brethren. The pedestals also have the jewels of their respective officers in front, and the panels are surrounded with a banding of black. The Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian columns are placed at a short distance from the pedestals, so that no inconvenience is experienced in the introduction of candidates to the officers in the different degrees. The perfect ashlar, which is very heavy, is of polished marble of beautiful workmanship, and depends from sheer legs of some five feet high. All the other furniture is in keeping, and affords altogether a fine example of what can be done in furnishing a lodge to make Masonic ceremonies impressive to those who join the Order, and probably in no lodge could the paraphernalia create a greater impression than in the Holmesdale Lodge. The brethren assembled at half-past two, and at the time mentioned in the summons the lodge was opened by Bro. William Badell Bacon, W.M. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M.; H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; J. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; J. F. Bates, Sec.; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treas.; P.M.'s Roper, Buckley, Read, W. Delves; Bros. Satchell, M. Williams, Ramsbotham, Boorman, Graham, Whitehead, Holt, Dowden, Durrant, Lord George Pratt, J. K. Pain, S. Cheale, Dickinson, Rule, Lord Nevill. Visitors: Bros. Greig, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, J. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1050; J. M. Cuthbert, P.M. 540; W. Stephens, P.M. 1505 and 1489; Thos. Kingston, P.M. 862 and W.M. 1612; J. Brothers, P.M. 709; J. Hughes Hallett, P.M. 709, P.P.G.R.; W. Demes, P.M. 341, P.P.G.R. Sussex; R. Carnell, 1414; T. G. Wilkinson, 1449; — Whitehead, Bagshaw Lodge; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, and the adoption of the Auditors' report, which was read and moved by the Treasurer, Lord George Montacute Nevill and Bro. William Dickinson, of 1678, were elected members of the lodge, after which, on the motion of Bro. J. Read, P.M., seconded by the Treasurer, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Bacon. The W.M. then installed Bro. H. D. M. Williams, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, performing all the work in first-class style. The officers invested were Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; W. S. Elers, Treasurer; J. F. Bates, Secretary, — Boorman, Organist; J. Dunkley, S.D.; J. Waterman, J.D.; — Cheale I.G.; R. Delves, M.C.; C. Graham, A.M.C. After the delivery of the charges, the new W.M. informed the brethren that Bro. Pelton had presented the lodge with a fine portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., framed and glazed, whereupon the portrait was placed upon the wall, and the W.M. moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Pelton for the handsome present. In proposing the vote the W.M. said the brethren were very much pleased at the gift, and they would like to see the lodge-room adorned with other portraits. Probably the example set by Bro. Pelton might induce other brethren to make similar presents, and for his own part he would like to see portraits of the Past Masters of the lodge on the walls, as a memento of their connection with the lodge. The Treasurer seconded the motion, and said it was very kind and thoughtful of Bro. Pelton to make such a present. Every brother of the lodge would appreciate it. The W.M. then closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the Calverley Hotel, where a charming banquet was in readiness for them. When this had been disposed of and grace said, the usual toasts were proposed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy G.M., &c," had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent, the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, the Prov. G.S.W., and other Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." To this toast Bro. Hallett, P. Prov. G. Reg. Kent, responded, and said he hardly knew why his humble name should have been associated with this toast, stranger as he was in that immediate neighbourhood, although he was not a stranger in the county of Kent, where his name was pretty well known. Still, for the honour the W.M. and brethren had been pleased to pay him along with the Prov. G. Master and other Prov. G. Officers, he returned his most sincere thanks. He was sure when he reported to them the compliment that had been passed on them they would be highly gratified. He exceedingly regretted that his old friend the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes, was not present, because that esteemed brother would have responded more ably than he. Bro. Read, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Bacon," said the brethren would all agree with him that to propose that toast in suitable terms was a very arduous duty. Bro. Bacon must have paid great attention to the task of learning the ceremony to have been able to install the present W.M. with the great fluency and ability that the

brethren had witnessed. It was the general opinion of the brethren that the manner of his performance did him great credit. It was the custom in the Holmesdale Lodge for the outgoing W.M. to install his successor, and Bro. Bacon had determined to maintain the old character of the lodge, by not breaking this rule. The exertion he had thrown into his task was most commendable, and the lodge would never forget that he had well and worthily wound up a most successful Mastership by performing unaided the ceremony of installation. Bro. Bacon, I.P.M., in reply, simply said that he was highly gratified that his conduct of the ceremony of installation had met with the approval of the brethren. Bro. Bacon then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams." He said that Bro. Williams was a worthy occupant of the high and distinguished position to which the brethren had elected him, and the brethren who were members of the Holmesdale Lodge were well acquainted with the manner in which he had performed the duties of all the other offices which he had filled year by year. He felt confident that Bro. Williams's year of Mastership would be a very successful one, and in his endeavour to make it so all the brethren would afford their most cordial assistance. The W.M., in reply, said that, coming newly to the chair of the lodge, he felt very much as Moses, of old, felt when he had to address an important message to the Israelites, that he was slow of speech and of a slow tongue, and that he could not declare himself without the fluency of his brother Aaron. The Past Masters of the lodge, however, were to him what Aaron was to Moses. Although not fluent of speech, he could assure the brethren that with the able assistance of the officers of the lodge, and the Past Masters, and other brethren he would try to make the lodge successful. If the brethren would be punctual in their attendance, and work with Masonic heartiness both in and out of lodge, they would show to the world that Masonry was not a name only but a reality. There was a sort of kindred nature between Masonry and that old Book on which he had that day laid his hands and made a declaration, and if the brethren took what was said in that Book as a guide, and acted up to the different obligations they contracted in the various degrees through which they had passed, they would become not only good Masons, but good citizens of England and good citizens of the world. Passing on to the obligations of the different degrees, and recounting in brief the principles that were recited, he adjured the brethren to maintain those principles in their daily walk in life, and they would never regret the day when they entered so high and holy an Order as the ancient Craft to which they belonged. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Holmesdale Lodge," coupling with it more particularly the name of Bro. Roper, P.M., whose services to the lodge were well known. Bro. Roper, in reply, said the W.M. had spoken very highly of him, and had called upon the brethren to assist him in keeping the lodge in its present proud position. The brethren resident in the town of Tunbridge Wells had greater facilities for responding to this call than those who did not live in the town, and he was sure that their zeal and loyalty to the noble and ancient Craft would not decay, but that they would answer the W.M.'s request to support him on every occasion. For the honour conferred upon him and the other Past Masters by drinking this toast he, with them, felt deeply grateful. It happened that he was the senior P.M., and, therefore, the duty of responding fell upon him of thanking the brethren for the compliment. Now that the lodge was so admirably housed, when he thought how much they were indebted to those members of the lodge who had taken a leading part in arranging for the new lodge-room and its splendid fittings, he could not help considering that they had done great service, and had assisted in placing the Holmesdale Lodge in the fore-front among the lodges of England in point of accommodation. The Past Masters were abundantly grateful to those who had more recently had the conduct of the affairs of the lodge, and the very least that they (the Past Masters, whose time was rather passing, by the way,) could do was to continue that support which Providence enabled them to render. Bro. Wilmot, P.M., also responded. As the partner in business of the W.M., he congratulated the lodge on having chosen such a chief. He was sure the brethren would never regret the choice they had made in electing him as Master of the Holmesdale Lodge. With regard to the lodge, he supposed he had been called upon to reply because he had taken some little interest in placing the lodge in its present position; but there had been many, many brethren who had come to the front more than he. Being less acquainted with public speaking than he, he supposed the reason they had chosen him as their mouthpiece. They had succeeded in placing Masonry on a solid basis in Kent, and had shown that they venerated it, and did not choose to have it desecrated by tavern adjuncts. They had shown that they could have a lodge set apart and consecrated to Masonry, because they had among them many men who looked above the mere eating and drinking, which were supposed by the outer world to be the connections of Freemasonry. The P.M.'s had done the very best they could to promote the benefit of the Craft, and he only hoped that in the future (he said this in the presence of many Provincial Grand Officers) when Grand Lodge granted warrants for the formation of new lodges they would look to the places where those lodges were proposed to be held. In his opinion not half enough attention was paid to this point. Sometimes they would find lodges held in a place where there was such small accommodation that the preparing room was formed by a curtain being drawn across a staircase. This he did not approve of, and he thought it was the duty of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers to see to it that all lodges in the province, or proposed to be erected in the province, could be decently and properly tyled. Thanking the brethren again on behalf of the P.M.'s, he remembered that he had taken

great interest in the Holmesdale Lodge ever since he had been connected with it. He trusted he should always continue to do so, but he felt there were brethren who had more work in them than there was left in him, and he hoped they would exert themselves in that respect. Bro. Bickley, P.M., also responded, and said the brethren were all deeply indebted to Bro. Wilmot for the exertions he had made, and which had been crowned with such success. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers, Present and Past, of the Holmesdale Lodge," whose working at present and in the past was all that could be desired. With reference to Lord Pratt, he reminded the brethren that his lordship was about to be married, and he congratulated him on that event. Lord George Pratt thanked the W.M. for his kind allusion, and hoped his life in the future would be a happy one. Bro. Hodgkin, S.W., likewise replied. The lodge was to be congratulated on the Masters it had had. To Bro. Wilmot's services it was deeply indebted, for undoubtedly they had been very great. The I.P.M., Bro. Bacon, had laid the lodge under deep obligations by his excellent working during the past year, which had culminated in his admirable performance of the installation ceremony that evening. It must have been a great pleasure to the brethren and the visitors, as it was to him, to witness the way in which that long and difficult ceremony was rendered. Bro. Williams, the W.M., had filled other offices in the lodge, and if he performed the office of Master with the same ability there could be no question of the lodge having a successful year. Bro. Burton also replied. Bro. Hudson, P.P.G.R., replied to the toast of "The Visitors." It was a great honour, he said, to him to have to respond for such a distinguished body of visitors as those he saw around him. He had done himself the honour of travelling from town to be present at this meeting, and he took it that it was the sentiment each and every one of the visitors entertained that they came because they wished to honour Masonry, that grand tradition which each of them like their forefathers was most interested in preserving. He believed that at no period of the world's history were those accessories which bound heart to heart and man to man more necessary to society than at present, and if they could dive into the past or look forward to the future, they would be able, no doubt, more fully to appreciate that fact. Masonry had done much to cement the fabric which we called society into one harmonious whole. There was a bond far higher than Masonry, he admitted, but Masonry was based upon it, and it was that bond which Masonry seemed to perpetuate and make acceptable to the mind of man. Therefore, they honoured Masonry. It had a kindly instinct about it. It was levelling, perhaps, and brought together people as friends who were not friends before. In lodge even titles for the moment disappeared, and place was given to the kindlier and grander instinct of brotherhood. Hence it was that titled and untitled men got a grip of each other's hands when other ties had failed to unite them; therefore it was, he said, that Masonry had a kindly feeling. Engaged, as he said, in London business, he had lately come down into the neighbourhood, where he would not, perhaps, have met many gentlemen who were sporting, shooting, and engaged in country exercises, and would not have known them if it had not been for Masonry. Masonry gave him the opportunity of meeting many excellent men, and he thanked Masonry for it. He hoped it would be cherished in the locality, and that many times he might have the opportunity of meeting the brethren again around the hospitable board. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Boorman and Bates, and Tennyson's "Godiva" was recited by Bro. Dawes.

SCARBOROUGH.—Denison Lodge (No. 1248).—The first meeting of the members of this lodge, since the installation, was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Grand Hotel. Bro. J. Ivor Murray, P.P.G. S.D. China, occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Foster, P.M.; Kitchen, P.M.; F. W. Booty, S.W.; G. O. Crowther, J.W.; G. Padley, Sec.; H. J. Morton, S.D.; John Davidson, J.D.; A. Parkinson, I.G.; and J. Verity, Tyler. Bros. S. W. Fisher, G. R. Holmes, James Townsend, and H. Wellburn. Visitors: W. Peacock, P.M. 200; T. Cooper, 697 (Ireland); J. Knaggs, 200; F. A. Kelly (Freemason); W. Fraser, 200; W. G. Smyth, 712; and George Dixon, 1166. The lodge having been opened in due form; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Leesome Walker was examined, and having satisfied the lodge, retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Leesome Walker was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. J. Ivor Murray. Bro. Murray is a very old Past Master, and has initiated upwards of seventy gentlemen into Freemasonry. Several small matters of business were then disposed of, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the customary toasts were given and duly responded to.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The new Masonic Hall was opened on Wednesday, the 12th inst., on the occasion of the annual installation meeting of the above lodge. A Craft lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M. (Bro. J. Rains, M.D.), supported by his officers and a large gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; Chas. McBride, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Leicestershire; J. Battye, P.M. 204; J. Studd, 63; A. H. Sykes, 369; H. A. Gilbody, W.M. 1045; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645; G. F. Freeman, P.M. 1055; E. Orrell, 204; H. Hunter, W.M. 1088; J. Laidlaw, P.M. 1375; G. Bradbury, P.M. 78; W. E. Nor-

burn, John Turner, W.M. 268; and F. Vetter, 815. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Squirell, and proving in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., after which Bro. J. Crompton, P.M., installed the W.M. elect (Bro. James G. Batty) in the chair of K.S., who, after having been properly saluted and proclaimed in the various degrees, appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, who were invested by Bro. Crompton:—Bros. R. Davies, S.W.; E. Brundritt, J.W.; Rev. H. B. Jones, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. Marshall, Treas.; D. Williams, S.C.; John Dewhurst, S.D.; A. D. Edwards, J.D.; T. Schofield, P.M., D. of C.; W. Norbury, Org.; J. J. Lambert, I.G.; J. Addy, A. Love, R. Fowler, W. H. Acton, Stewards; W. Chesshyre, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered very impressively by Bro. Schofield, P.M. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony Bro. Crompton, by command of the newly-installed W.M., presented a beautiful jewel to the I.P.M. (Bro. Rains), after which the W.M., in a very eloquent and appropriate speech, presented to Bro. R. Davies, S.W., a handsomely chased silver salver, as a slight acknowledgment of the generous services rendered to the lodge and chapter by allowing them to assemble in his school-rooms and storing the furniture, &c., during the building of the new hall. The salver bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. and Comp. R. Davies by the members of the Chorlton Lodge and Chapter, 1387, as a token of their sincere regard, 12th March, 1879." Bro. Davies thanked the brethren in suitable terms. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and an adjournment was made to the Lloyd Hotel, where a recherché banquet was prepared by the hostess. The W.M. presided, and about fifty members honoured him with their presence. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were very ably proposed, and the toast of the evening, "The W.M.," as well as those of "The Past Masters," "Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors," &c., were enthusiastically received, and heartily responded to. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. Vetter. Miss Crabtree (daughter of the hostess) completely charmed all present with her beautiful voice and very ably rendered pianoforte solo. Bro. R. Fowler was equally successful as a flautist, and the popular Masonic quartet party, consisting of Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M. 317; M. Thomas, W.M. 350; C. Stanley, 204; and T. Shorrocks, P.M. 350, sang some glees and tries, notably "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," in a manner that called forth well-deserved applause, and in some cases encores were insisted upon. Several other brethren took part in the vocal music, which enhanced the pleasures of the evening.

CUCKFIELD.—Ockenden Lodge (No. 1465).—Following out his announced intention of officially visiting periodically each lodge in the province of Sussex, Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. (Provincial Grand Master), attended the above lodge, at the Talbot Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. He was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. John Henderson Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. Sergison, S.G.W.; J. St. Clair, J.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, G. Sec.; W. Hale, G.S.D.; Mark Tanner, G.J.D.; C. Tomkinson, G. Supt. of Works; J. M. Kidd, G.D.C.; W. G. Sharp, G.A.D.C.; Jos. Farcombe, G.S.B.; W. T. Nell, G. Purst.; G. S. Evershed, E. Bright, F. J. Rubie, and A. J. Hawkes, G. Stewards. The occasion was the annual installation, Bro. S. W. D. Williams, M.D. (medical superintendent Sussex County Lunatic Asylum), having been unanimously selected by the lodge for this important position. He was duly installed according to ancient custom, but in consequence of a severe domestic affliction to the family of the outgoing Master (Bro. T. S. Byass) the ceremony was kindly undertaken by his immediate Past Master. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. Byass of a valuable Past Master's jewel for the efficient discharge of the duties of his office during the past twelve months. Bro. Dr. Williams having appointed his officers the ceremony was continued with the assistance of the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Secretary. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together in the assembly-room, which important part of the day's proceedings was very admirably arranged and carried out. Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton, were the caterers, and their reputation is a sufficient guarantee that the banquet was well served. Bro. Dumsday supplied the wines and superintended the general arrangements very efficiently. Among those present at the dinner other than those already mentioned were Bros. Kuhe, P.G.O. England; W. H. German, P.P.G.S.D.; W. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Steward Eng.; J. P. Smith, D.P.G.M.; C. Sandeman, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Devin, P.P.G.O.; W. Read, P.G. Purst.; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon; J. Eberell, P.M. 1636; T. Wilkinson, W.M. 271; A. Taylor, W.M. 1110; T. U. Price, W.M. Howard; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; E. Broadbridge, F. Marks, J. Sayers, St. Cecilia; S. H. Soper, Royal Brunswick; C. E. Saunders, St. Albans; C. Golding, York; C. Sawyer, Sackville; Robertson, M.D.; R. C. Williams, J. S. Champion, John Gallop, C. F. Lewis, F. W. Otter, W. H. W. R. Burrell, C. Braid, E. Dumsday, F. Milsom, W.M. 341, and others. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been enthusiastically received, the newly-elected W.M. (Dr. Williams) gave "The Health of Bro. Sir Walter Burrell." In doing so he referred to the important positions which the hon. baronet held in the county, not only as their Provincial Grand Master but in the discharge of many other and important duties. In each of these he displayed a judgment and large-heartedness which especially commended him to all with whom he was brought in contact. Personally he had to thank him for many kindnesses, and he took that opportunity to do so publicly. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, referred to the high compliment which had been paid him by the proposer. As to

any services which the W.M. might consider had been rendered by him he had only done it in the discharge of a public duty. That he was right in his judgment at the time was shown by experience since. Having taken some interest in the formation of the Ockenden Lodge, Bro. Sir Walter Burrell said he naturally watched its growth with satisfaction. The real merit of the establishment of the lodge, some five years ago, was, however, due to their late Deputy G.M. (Bro. Furner). Bro. Sergison gave "The Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." In a humorous speech, he said the members of the Ockenden Lodge looked upon Bro. Scott as their "nursing mother;" he having been of very great assistance to them in the early days of its existence. Bro. Scott replied by saying that it was to the day five years ago that the Ockenden Lodge was consecrated, and said it was a pleasure to find that the officers were now sufficiently skilled in their duties to perform the ordinary ceremonies without extraneous aid. In their new Master they had one who was thoroughly proficient, and he had little doubt he would become a shining light in Masonry in the province. In responding to the toast of his health as Master of the lodge, Bro. Williams said he fully appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him, and he should spare no effort to carry out the duties of his office efficiently. Bro. J. H. Scott gave "The Past Masters," of whom three were present and the other two unfortunately debarred from attending through the sudden death of one near and dear to them in India. Their grief he felt sure was shared by all present. The Past Masters were the mainstay of a lodge, and the toast of their health was one well worthy of their warmest reception. The toast having been acknowledged, the proceedings terminated about ten o'clock. During the evening Bro. Kuhe favoured the company with a brilliant pianoforte performance, and some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Broadbridge, Sharpe, Soper, and others, Bro. Devin accompanying. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell has recently presented to the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex a very valuable Damascus sword, with gold-mounted hilt and bearing various Masonic devices. It was used for the first time on Tuesday, and was very much admired.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 10th inst., at the regular meeting of this lodge, there was an unusually large muster of members and visitors on the occasion of the presentation of a valuable gold Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, Prov. G.D.C. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who at the close of a neat speech called upon Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., to place the jewel on Bro. Whythead's breast. The recipient of the jewel responded in felicitous terms, and the brethren afterwards met at supper. Amongst the visitors present were, Bros. W. Bealand, P.M.; A. Buckle, W.M. 236; W. C. Lukis, W.M. 837; G. Balmford, P.M. 236; C. Foster, P.M.; J. Church, J. Ward, and several others from neighbouring lodges. An emergency meeting of the same lodge was held last Monday evening, when the W.M. presided, supported by his officers and brethren. Two candidates were initiated, and a pleasant evening was spent. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge a copy of "Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry," and a large coloured lithograph of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, the handsome oak frame for which had been given by Bro. J. Keswick.

RAYLEIGH.—Trinity Lodge (No. 1734).—The first anniversary of this young but flourishing lodge took place at their lodge-room, at the Golden Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at half-past two o'clock. The all-important event of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John Allen, P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of the installation was performed by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Pissey, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, in a faultless manner. Bro. J. Allen, the W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: W. Bros. Wm. Pissey, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W., the I.P.M.; Edwd. Judd, P.M. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex, S.W.; Fredk. J. Wiseman, P.M. 160, J.W.; Bros. Wm. I. Belcham, sen., re-elected Treas.; W. Pissey, Sec.; Francis R. Bernard, S.D.; the Rev. A. F. Heaton, J.D.; Jas. Syer, D.C.; Wm. I. Belcham, jun., I.G.; Chas. T. Witham, re-elected Tyler. There was a good attendance of members, and the visitors present were, Bro. J. C. Johnstone, W.M. 1000; W. Bros. J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160, and 1000, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G.D. Essex, and Sec. 1000; Albert Lucking, P.M. 160, and 1000, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C. Essex; Bro. F. D. Grayson, I.G. 1000. After all business was over, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Mr. Jas. Devenish. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly responded to, songs were given by several of the brethren, and brought to a close a very happy and enjoyable evening. Bro. Wm. Pissey, on his retiring from the chair, was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel by the lodge, he being a founder and the first Worshipful Master.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. There was very little lodge business, and to this, possibly, may be attributed the rather scanty attendance. The following brethren were present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, W.M.; H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; A. N. Newens, S.W.; J. B. Walker, J.W.; J. J. Holland, J.D.; F. W. Wardroper, I.G.; J. Frost, Sec.; H. Wilson, Treas.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; H. C. Frances, P.M.; S. C. Landon, J. Sanders, W. T. Bell, T. Arnison, A. J. Duck, W. A. Blackmore (visitor, Industry Lodge, 1485), P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham (*Mid-Surrey Standard*)

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Arnison and Bell were very ably passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. At the conclusion of the supper—which was by subscription, and not provided by encroaching on the lodge funds—several capital songs were given by Bros. Morgan, Duck, A. N. Newens, J. G. Carter, and J. Frost, an inimitable comic. As a parting word of advice, the W.M. exhorted the brethren to attend in good force at the next meeting. A letter was read from Bro. W. J. Huntley, S.D., who was prevented from attending by illness.

Royal Arch.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—This distinguished chapter met on Thursday week, at Freemasons' Hall, to exalt Bro. Roberts and to instal the Principals and officers. There was a numerous gathering, among whom we noticed Comps. Sandeman, Rucker, Thomas, Levander, Peters, Trimmer, and many more. Many old members of the chapter were present. M.E. Comp. Erasmus Wilson duly installed Comp. Brodie as Z.; and M.E. Comp. Brodie installed Comp. Middleton as H.; and Comp. Middleton installed Comp. Woodford as J. Among the officers of the chapter were Past Principal Erasmus Wilson, Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas.; Muggeridge, E.; Letchworth, N.; and Capt. Davis, P.S. Many old members of the chapter were present, like Comps. Lieut.-Col. Stewart, Whitehead, Sampson Pearce, Wood, and others. After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, at which many excellent speeches were made, and the companions separated at an early hour, sorry that the moment of parting had come from the friendly agreeable, and social circle.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Horns, Kennington. The chapter was opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. Durkin, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, H.; E. Dolson, P.Z., acting J.; Foxall, I.P.Z., S.E.; F. Dunn, S.N.; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Strube, 2nd A.S.; R. Potter, Janitor. Comp. Lovett, J., was unable to be present until nearly the end of the ceremony. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Walker, Royal Jubilee Lodge, and Bro. W. Dunn, Robert Burns Lodge, which being favourable, those brethren were duly exalted, the whole ceremony, with lectures, being given in a very efficient manner. The next business was the presentation of an illuminated testimonial and a gold bar for jewel, as a slight acknowledgment of the services rendered to the chapter by E. Comp. Foxall, who, at the last convocation, left the first chair after two years' service. Comp. Durkin expressed in a suitable manner the feelings of the companions towards Comp. Foxall, and he, in return, expressed his thanks, and stated that his services were always at the disposal of the chapter. Some propositions relative to alterations of bye-laws were withdrawn, and notice of motion given relating to the benevolent fund, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form. The companions present besides the officers were Comps. Boyton, Curry, Murrell, Salter, Thurston, Harris, and others, with visitors E. Comps. James Stevens, P.Z. (Panmure), Geo. Clark (Prudent Brethren), and Kew. At the banquet, which was unusually good, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given; the visitors complimenting the M.E.Z. and P.S. on the manner in which the ceremonies had been rendered.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, on the 10th inst., at four o'clock in the afternoon. The chapter was opened in due form by E. Comps. Robt. Brierley, Z.; John Bowes, H.; Thos. Tunstall, J.; P. J. Edelston, P.Z.; and D. W. Finney, P.Z., when the rest of the companions were admitted, and among them we noticed Comps. Jno. Armstrong, S.E.; Galloway, Treas.; J. R. Young, Potter, Thos. Hutchinson, R. Heaton, Dr. Hall, W. Richardson, Jas. Hannah, Read, C. E. Hindley, Politt, Hawkins, P.Z.; and Domville, Janitor. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. invited E. Comp. P. J. Edelston to take the chair as Installing Principal, when Comps. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland; Thos. Tunstall, J.; and James Jackson, J. elect, were respectively presented and installed as Z., H., and J. for the ensuing year according to ancient custom. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers, viz.:—Comps. P. J. Edelston, P.Z., P.S.; Finney, P.Z., Treas.; Galloway, S.E.; Thos. Sutton, S.N. Comp. Edelston nominated Comps. Pickthall and Hindley as his assistants. The Auditors presented their report, which showed a good balance in favour of the chapter. It was reported that Dr. Evans had two candidates to propose, but professional duties prevented his attendance. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Patten Arms Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Chew. After tea the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair. The M.E.Z. in response to the toast of his health said he did not wish to disguise from them the fact that he felt proud of the position that they had again elected him to. He was one of the founders of the chapter, the first H., and at the present time the senior member. He hoped that the honour and credit of the chapter would be advanced, even to a higher position than it now enjoyed, during his year of office, and that when the time arrived he should instal his Masonic offspring as his successor to rule over a flourishing and efficient chapter. All the officers were good "workers," and he hoped to see them rise by regular gradations to the position he then had the honour to fill. In proposing "The

P.Z.'s" he spoke very highly of E. Comps. Brierley and Finney, who he said had the good of Royal Arch Masonry at heart. In response to his health, E. Comp. Edelston, Installing Principal, augured well for the chapter under the enlightened rule of the M.E.Z. Other toasts followed, interspersed by excellent songs from Comps. Tunstall, Richardson, Dr. Hall, Brierley, and others, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at nine o'clock.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Swan Hotel on Tuesday evening, March 11th. The M.E.Z. being absent through ill-health, Comp. J. R. Bull, P.Z., occupied the first chair. Comps. Cuthbert, H., and M.E.Z. elect, and Col. W. Stuart, P.Z., filled respectively the second and third chairs. After the opening of the chapter the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. The companions below the rank of 1st Principal having retired, Comp. John Mason Cuthbert was duly installed into the 1st chair, the ceremony being performed by Comp. J. R. Bull. Comp. Jas. Fisher, H. elect, was installed into the 2nd chair. Comp. George Read, P.Z. of the Andrew Chapter, 834, and M.E.Z. elect of Mount Sinai, 19, ably performed the ceremony, assisted by Comp. A. Barfield, P.Z. 19. The installation of Comp. the Rev. W. Tebbis, the J. elect, was unavoidably postponed in consequence of his serious illness. The chairs having been filled, the M.E.Z. invested the following companions with the collars of their offices:—Comps. Capt. Colburne, E.; Billson, N.; Carter, Treas.; Stafford, P.S.; Coombs, 1st Asst. S.; G. Reynolds, Janitor. Comps. Lindsell, 2nd Asst. Sec., and Thody, Org., were unavoidably absent. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed a handsome balance to the credit of the chapter, was read and confirmed. The Committee having recommended a reduction in the chapter subscriptions, to commence from next December, the companions unanimously adopted the same. The sum of two guineas was voted to the "Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund," the late Comp. Little having been the Consecration Officer of the chapter, and also one of its honorary members. The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions, to the number of fifteen, sat down to supper, which, although the quality of the viands placed before the companions was good, the quantity, considering the handsome sum paid for a supper, being very unsatisfactory.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there was a good attendance and generally excellent working of the chapter. The chiefs present were, Comps. Henry Jackson, M.E.Z.; John Houlding, H.; Thomas Sammons, J.; and amongst the officers were, Comps. R. H. Evans, I.P.Z., Treasurer; Walter C. Erwin, S.E.; M. Callaghan, S.N.; R. Reader, P.S.; J. Pilling, 1st A.S.; and M. Williamson, Janitor. The private members included Comps. J. McCarthy, Past J.; M. Drake, A. Samuels, P.Z. 477; J. S. Russell, P.Z. 292; R. L. Stockton, and F. Lomerin; and the list of visitors contained the names of Comps. H. Williams, P.Z. 580, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; J. W. Burgess, H. 1094; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; and Joseph Wood, Treasurer 249, 1094 (*Freemason*). The chapter was opened in regular form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Fred. J. Pentin, W.M. 1713; the Rev. R. T. Leslie, A.B., J.W. 1713; and W. J. Henderson, 1393, each of whom was duly elected, and as they were in attendance on this occasion they were admitted and exalted in a highly effective manner. After several propositions had been made, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, and during a pleasant evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—At the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge, held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; W. Valentine, S.W.; J. Hollins, J.W.; J. S. Cumberland, M.O.; C. S. Padel, S.O.; G. Garbutt, J.O.; W. P. Husband, as S.D.; A. T. B. Turner, J.D.; T. Humphries, as I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler, and a number of members and visitors, successful ballots were taken for several candidates, two joining members, and an honorary member, and Bro. R. Ware, of the Eboracum Lodge, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. After the close of the lodge there was a good muster at supper, the W.M. presiding, and giving the principal Masonic toasts.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, at six o'clock. Present: Bros. H. Greenwood, W.M.; J. W. Dooley, S.W.; W. H. Alcock, J.W.; T. Morris, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W., Treas.; Entwistle, P.P.G.M., Registrar; J. A. Greenhaugh, M.O.; Wm. Cooper, S.O.; J. B. Taylor, S.D.; R. Beckett, J.D.; Thos. Hyson, Tyler; Past Masters Thos. Holme; John Harwood, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Newton, P.P.G. S. of W.; and Bros. E. Morris, B. Pilling, J. Mitchell, B. Topp, R. Irving, J. Walls, N. Nicholson, J. Smith, W. Scholes, W. Bottomley, and Barrett. Visitors: Bros. W. H. J. Jones and W. H. Milligan, Rose and Thistle, 145. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robt. Horridge, W.M. 146, who being approved, was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. John Harwood, P.P.G. J.D. Bros. Entwistle and Newton presented the report of the Auditors on the Treasurer's accounts, which was adopted. The lodge closed at half-past eight.

GIBRALTAR.—Mark Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the Lodge Rooms of Inhabitants, No. 153, at Armstrong's Buildings, on the 13th ult., R.W. Master Bro. James Cunningham presiding, with the following officers:—Bros. J. Conroy, S.W.; B. White, J.W.; E. Bacon, Sec., and acting M.O.; J. King, S.O.; J. Clipson, J.O.; W. Allen, S.D.; O. Latham, J.D.; J. Lyons, I.G.; and Ghio, Tyler. The lodge being opened in due and ancient form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting as well as the cash account having been read, approved, and confirmed, the Secretary read out the business of the evening, which was to advance Bros. G. J. Lane, H. Abrams, T. Lane, and J. W. Scattergood, and to ballot for as a joining member Bro. J. Azopardi, all of Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 153. The ballot in all cases being favourable, the above named were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason in a highly creditable manner by Bro. J. Cunningham. The next business was the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, the result of which showed an almost unanimous feeling in favour of Bros. E. J. Barker, as R.W.M.; E. Bacon, as Treasurer; and J. Ghio, as Tyler. Each of these brethren returned thanks, Bro. Barker especially thanking the brethren for the honour bestowed upon him, and stating it was his determination to work the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren at large, and that nothing should be left undone by him to keep the lodge in its present flourishing condition. After some routine business had been transacted, the brethren received their wages, and the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. At the banquet table the W.M., Bro. J. Cunningham, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Advanced Brethren," and also that of "The Newly-elected Officers." He expressed his great satisfaction at the result of the election, and promised to assist the newly-elected W.M. in any matter that would conduce to the welfare of the lodge, and benefit Mark Masonry generally. Bro. Barker responded in a few well chosen sentences, and trusted, with the assistance of the officers, he should be able to give a good account of himself at the end of his year of office. Some capital songs were sung by Bros. Allen, Button, Piner, and others, which wound up a most enjoyable evening.

CROYDON.—Croydon Lodge (No. 189).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 14th inst. Heretofore the lodge has been held at the Greyhound Hotel, but, following the example of many other brethren who prefer a private house, or a Masonic Hall specially devoted to the purpose, the members of this lodge have made arrangements with Bro. Rhodes for the use of his spacious suite of rooms in High-street, where the brethren found every convenience. The lodge and ante-rooms are well appointed, and there is a fine three-manual organ, with nearly forty stops, worked by hydraulic pressure. This welcome addition to the resources of the lodge-room gave the greatest satisfaction to those present. The lodge was opened at six p.m. by Bro. J. Close, W.M.; J. K. Pitt, S.W.; Diddin, as J.W.; W. J. Nichols, M.O.; R. W. Brown, S.O.; S. N. Griffiths, J.O.; H. A. Pocock, Secretary; Stampa Lambert, Treas.; Ridge, S.D.; Alfred Pocock, J.D. There were also present the following brethren: V.W. Bros. George Yaxley, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Poore; S. C. Diddin, P.G.J.O.; and others. After Bro. Rhodes had been balloted for and advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M., with full ceremonial by Bros. Stevens, P.M., and Poore, P.M., the chief point of interest in the proceedings was reached, and the Board of Installing Masters having been formed, Bro. J. K. Pitt was led from the chair of S.W. to the chair of W.M., and presented the dispensation from Grand Lodge authorising him to be installed. The brethren below the chair having retired, Bro. Pitt was inducted into the mystic seat of Adoniram, with all the ancient ceremonies, by Bro. Poore, and on the re-admission of the brethren was saluted in due form. The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Close, I.P.M.; W. J. Nichols, S.W.; R. W. Brown, J.W.; S. N. Griffiths, M.O.; Ridge, S.O.; Lambert, J.O. and Treas.; H. A. Pocock, R.M. and Sec.; A. Pocock, S.D.; Rhodes, Org. and W.S.; A. Haynes, I.G. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the retiring W.M., Bro. Close, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Rhodes rendered the musical portion of the ceremony with splendid effect on the organ, and by his skill contributed much to the harmony. With a grim sense of humour, and, no doubt, with the special object in view of increasing the lodge funds, the W.M. offered the collar of D.C. to a very eminent P.M., an honorary member of the lodge, who, in all innocence, at once took the bait, and accepted the office, little thinking that by so doing he gave the lodge to understand he was willing to forfeit the privileges of honorary membership and become a subscribing member; it being a well-known Masonic law that an honorary member of a lodge is not eligible to hold office in it. The business having been completed, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in first-rate style by Bro. Mash. The usual toasts were given and received with great warmth of feeling, and the speeches were very wisely tempered with brevity; so that all the brethren who had to return by the train were enabled to remain to the last, when the Tyler's oast brought to an end a very happy meeting. Now that the lodge has entered into the third year of its existence, it is time that the members should get out of the "leading strings," and show that the teachings of the Preceptors have at length enabled all the present officers to master the duties of their respective positions without depending on their honorary members, who have so kindly given their aid and assistance. The fact of the new W.M. hailing from the Macdonald Mark Lodge ought of itself to be a tower of strength, and now that the lodge is so fortunate as to possess a lodge room, with such an accessory as a first-class

organ, we hope it will increase in efficiency as well as numbers.

NORWICH.—Chapter of Perseverance (No. 213).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Rampant Horse Hotel, when nearly fifty companions from every chapter in the province assembled to do honour to this chapter, so justly celebrated for its correct rendering of the beautiful ritual of this degree. The principal companions duly qualified entered the chapter room soon after the appointed hour, 5 o'clock, when the opening ceremony commenced, Comps. James Dunsford, M.E.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, H.; C. H. Capon, J.; after which the rest of the companions were admitted, and the business of the chapter commenced by reading the minutes of the last convocation, which being confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Henry Lamb, P.M. Cabbell Lodge; Berry, also a P.M. of Cabbell Lodge, and James Anderson, of Perseverance Lodge, as a serving companion, which proved unanimous in each case. Bro. Berry being absent, the two candidates were duly examined, prepared, and exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z., Comp. James Dunsford, the whole ceremony being very impressively rendered. Each of the Principals delivered the addresses in a manner which was highly appreciated by the companions present, which included a very large number of visitors. The Principal Sojourner delivered his portion of the ritual in a most impressive manner, evidencing deep and careful study. The election of officers being the next business on the agenda, the choice of the companions was as follows: Comps. Edwin Baldwin, M.E.Z.; C. H. Capon, H.; Joseph Stanley, J.; James Watson, Scribe E.; N. Provart, N.; Robert Baldry, Principal Sojourner; James Dunsford, Treasurer; S. N. Berry, Org.; and Murrell, Janitor. The companions then retired, and a Board of Installed Principals duly formed, when Comp. Edwin Baldwin was installed in the chair as M.E.Z.; C. H. Capon, as H.; and Joseph Stanley, as J.; the beautiful ceremony of each chair was very impressively and solemnly rendered by the Principals in office, each of whom installed his successor. The companions were again admitted, and the newly-installed M.E.Z. invested the rest of the officers with their collar and jewel of office. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and hearty congratulations to the M.E.Z. from the several chapters in the province. The chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the companions retired to banquet, which was supplied by Comp. Edward Coleman in a manner which gave entire satisfaction; after which the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given. "The Health of Comp. Colonel L'Estrange" was received with immense enthusiasm, who in reply to the remarks from the chair stated that if it was his good fortune to be elevated to the high and important position of Provincial Grand Superintendent, he would do every thing in his power to promote Royal Arch Masonry in this province, and thanked the companions most sincerely for the very flattering reception which they had given him. The toast of "The Visitors" was very warmly received, and as there were upwards of twenty present the M.E.Z. called upon the First Principals of Philanthropic Chapter, 107; Friendship Chapter, 100; Unanimity Chapter, 102; and Comp. G. B. Bennett, representing No. 52, to respond. Each of them spoke in very encouraging terms of the success of Royal Arch Masonry in their several districts, particularly eulogising the Chapter of Perseverance for its efficient working, and the M.E.Z. for the many services he had rendered to the various chapters in the province. "The Immediate P.Z." was the next toast, and it was received in such a manner as to convince Comp. Dunsford that the services which he had rendered to Royal Arch Masonry were highly appreciated. The M.E.Z. during his address fixed on the breast of the I.P.Z. a very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel, which had been purchased by voluntary subscriptions by the members of the chapter. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the companions of Perseverance Chapter, No. 213, Norwich, to Comp. James Dunsford, P.Z., as a mark of their esteem and regard for his valuable services, March 7th, 1879." Comp. Dunsford replied, thanking the companions for the splendid testimonial which had been presented to him, assuring them that if he had given satisfaction he was doubly happy, for it was always a pleasure to him when engaged in the duties of Royal Arch Masonry, and hoped that when his services were required in any part of the province to be found at his post at the appointed time. He was pleased to know that he would be succeeded in this chapter by a very worthy and esteemed companion, who would discharge all the duties of his office with that promptitude and propriety of demeanour which would give them their proper effect; that if the chapter had conferred honour upon him he had conferred honour upon the chapter by accepting the position, and he wished him health, happiness, and a prosperous year of office. "The M.E.Z." was the next toast, which was well received, indeed, it must have convinced him that his efforts in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry were deeply impressed on the minds of every one present; his reception by the companions must have satisfied him, that they were fully cognisant of the many services rendered by him. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions for the very flattering manner in which they had received him. He assured them that he would endeavour to discharge the duties of the high office to which he had been elected to the satisfaction of the chapter, and he hoped to have the cordial assistance of every officer in the chapter. He hoped the companions would be very careful in their selection of candidates for exaltation, that in every case the chapter may be unanimous in the matter of their reception. He anticipated a pleasant year of office, and trusted that when he retired from the position he had been placed in that day the chapter might not have any cause to regret having elected him to that high and impor-

tant office. "The Health of Comp. C. H. Capon, H., and Comp. Joseph Stanley, J.," followed. Comp. Capon assured the companions that he would exert his utmost to discharge the duties of his office to their entire satisfaction, that when the next period of election arrived they might feel no hesitation in placing him in that dignified position which had been his ambition for a very long time. Comp. Stanley, in reply to the toast of his health, thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him; he hoped to give satisfaction by the zealous discharge of the duties of his high office, and would by every means in his power endeavour to promote the prosperity of Perseverance Chapter. "The distinguished Visitors," and "The Rest of the Officers" followed, and was replied to by Comp. Patrick, Lynn; Chittcock, 52; and G. B. Kennett, 52. For the officers Comp. Robert Baldry, Prin. Soj., replied, after which the companions separated, and thus ended one of the most successful Royal Arch meetings ever held in Norfolk, which reflects great credit on Perseverance Chapter. Among the companions present were Comps. Colonel L'Estrange, P.Z. 52; Kennett, N. 52; Chittcock, 52; Chadwick, M.E.Z. 107; Patrick, H. 107; Smith, M.E.Z. 102; Worthy, J. 102; Martin, H., and M.E.Z. elect 100; Hubbard, J. 100; Geo. W. Page, Scribe E. 107; Oram, 52; Santy, 52; Hotblack, 52; H. C. Riches, J. Bridgman, H. Burgess, T. Watson, Gardiner Stevens; W. W. Bowler, P.Z. 51; Edwin Baldwin, M.E.Z. 213; C. H. Capon, H.; Joseph Stanley, J.; James Dunsford, P.Z.; Short, P.Z.; Thoms, P.Z.; Baxter, Baldry, Watson, Stanley, sen., Berry, Provart, Havers, Reeve, Isley, Cooper, Offord, Coleman, and others.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesea-hill, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., and was well attended by the brethren. On account of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Capt. J. Ritchie, Bro. Holmes, who upon the last occasion so ably officiated, again, at the request of the brethren, filled the chair, being supported by Bros. C. Coupland, S.W.; Jas. Smythe, J.W.; Weston, Shaw, and Penfold, Overseers; the Rev. — Solbé, Chap.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; H. Pryce, Treas.; Hollyman, Capon, Swency, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Holmes was admitted a joining member, and Bro. C. W. M. Keys, M.D., Surgeon-Major, Army Medical Depot, and Bro. W. B. Lloyd, of Lodge 913, were, with the usual ceremonies, advanced to the degree. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year after the next quarterly meeting, and Bro. Coupland was unanimously chosen. Bro. Pryce was then chosen as Treas., and Bro. B. Norman as Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the ever genial and witty J.W., Bro. Smythe, by request filling the chair, and proposing the toasts, which, at his hand, received their due share of applause, and were drunk with enthusiasm. The installation will take place on the second Tuesday in June next.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The quarterly convocation of this old and distinguished conclave was held on the 3rd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Sir Knights Holden, M.P.S.; Kingston, V.E.; Macartney, J.G.; Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; Levander, Grand Treas., Recorder; Massa, Prefect; Thiellay, Orator; Letchworth, 1st A.D.C.; Marsh, P.G.S.G., P.S., &c.; Dubois, G.P.P.S., &c.; Cockle, K.G.C.; Peek, Mather, Fowler, Moses, and Moss. The visitors were Sir Knights Weaver and Tesseman. The conclave having been duly opened, the minutes of the meeting held on December the 2nd were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bros. the Rev. R. P. Bent, M.A., P.M. 10, P.G. Chaplain of England, &c., and T. C. Walls, W.M. 1381, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, 18°, K.T., &c., and having been declared unanimous, the latter brother was duly installed a Knight of the Order. The elocutionary ability of the Rev. Sir Knight Holden is so well known that it needs no other comment than to say that his rendering of the ritual was equal in every respect to his former efforts. The election of the officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following results:—Sir Knights Kingston, M.P.S.; Peters, V.E.; Cubitt, Treas.; Levander, Recorder; Gilbert, Sentinel. Sir Knights Mather, Thiellay, and Walls were unanimously elected to serve on the Audit Committee, which will meet to transact the business on Friday, the 25th prox. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence having been read from Sir Knight Robinson, of York, and Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, the conclave was formally closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the long but customary routine of toasts was given ably from the chair, and duly responded to. Sir Knight Levander responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.P.S." was fluently proposed by Sir Knight Dubois, who congratulated the conclave upon possessing so able and impressive an exponent of the ceremonies of the Red Cross as Sir Knight Holden had undoubtedly proved himself to be. The M.P.S. having briefly replied, gave, in very flattering terms, "The Health of the Newly-Installed Sir Knight." This toast having been duly acknowledged, the remaining toasts were given in quick succession, and the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, terminated at an early hour with the Sentinel's toast.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., Treasurer of the Royal Hanover Lodge, was on Monday last presented, at the Levée by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor.

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BIRTHS.

DANZELL.—On the 18th March, at Broom House, Fulham, the wife of Mr. R. Danzell, 79th Highlanders, of a daughter.

HARBORD.—On the 14th March, the Hon. Mrs. Walter Harbord, of a son.

MOULD.—On the 13th March, at Bury-St.-Edmunds, the wife of the Rev. F. T. Mould, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LAMB—LITTLEWOOD.—On the 15th Jan., at Christ Church, Wanganui, New Zealand, by the Rev. T. L. Tudor, Henry Alexander, son of the late Mr. John Stewart Lamb, M.D., of Maida Vale, London, to Emma Theresa, daughter of Mr. Richard Webster Littlewood, of Wanganui, New Zealand.

DEATH.

GRAY.—On the 14th March, at Graymount, county Antrim, Major George Gray, Deputy-Lieutenant,

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1879.

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES.

From time to time we hear of energetic suggestions for the reform of our general Charities, and even our Masonic Charities do not always escape the benevolent interest of the caviller and censor. To say the truth, we are not so far very keenly impressed, we think it fair to say, with cries for reform or assertions of defect. Our Charities are all on the whole efficiently managed, and the alleged abuses not only too often resemble what Carlyle terms "bottled moonshine," to affect deeply the man with sober senses, but seem destined to afford a fund of indefinite amusement and excitement, not only to these "gentlemen who write with ease," but to a not meagre crowd of pseudo reformers. For there are "reforms and reforms;" and all changes are not necessarily good, reasonable, or advisable, all open or anonymous assailants are not deserving of being treated as "amici curiæ." Indeed, to-day, irresponsible advice and unreasonable changes crop up daily and hourly, requiring alike prudence and discernment to meet and reply to. We live at a time when the "subjective" is crammed down our throat by those who ought to know better as the objective, and we are bid, with a dogmatism which is often painful, and always ludicrous, to accept the assumption of first principles as the first principles themselves. We protest to-day, as we often have protested before, against that "positivism" of the private judgment and opinion, which is obtruded upon us with all the force and authority of Ultramontane infallibility. All proposed reforms must be treated by certain distinct principles of need, seasonability, applicability, and common sense, which alone constitute their "raison d'être" and their true power on the thoughtful and the practical. We never could believe, for instance, that as regards our Charities, that which is termed "the most distressing case theory" is either reasonable or logical, or advisable, or practicable, in any case. In our opinion it is a chimera, an utter impossibility to realize or develop. Still less could we accept such a theory as regards our Masonic Charities. Such a step could only result in the extinction of local efforts, and provincial and metropolitan energy, and we cannot profess to understand how it is even possible, much less probable in any way. We agree on the whole with the professed and simple aims of the London Masonic Charity Association, which, we think, puts the "boot on the right leg," when it seeks to encourage provincial zeal amid metropolitan brethren, and to ask both the metropolis and the provinces to send up their strongest cases. Further than this at present we cannot clearly go, and we must not forget that there are in all human enterprizes the clinging seeds of decay and failure, so even a General Committee for the Charities might degenerate, and probably would, into a "close borough," and lead to mournful jobs, and a good deal of unpleasant underhand work, from which open voting and a free canvass keep us free. The only one possible objection to the London Masonic Charity Association rests upon a similar apprehension, but in that case there is the counterbalancing effect, as in the system of open voting, of much publicity, much opposition, and above a large, independent, and earnest constituency. Even the work, however, of the London Masonic Charity Association is only "tentative," and, though we believe it will do good, and turn out to be sound in theory and practice, we do not see how we can, at present at any rate, hope to extend the principle with advantage either to the voters or the Charities. Indeed, the probable evils far outweigh the possible advantages, as under the selection of one select Committee, all public opinion would, we think, practically cease. But on the whole, as the present system rests upon the appeal to the individual Life Governor and subscriber for their subscription's sake, if not for them, such a change would be tantamount to a revolution which would greatly

unsettle our excellent Masonic Charities, and so we dismiss it to the limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects, of which we read so many now-a-days.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The balance sheet of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is not a good one, and we confess we think it might and ought to be a good deal better. As Paddy says, "bedad we do." Its general receipts, including a balance of £305 10s. 2d., amount to £3943 7s. 11d. Its expenditure "barrin" a positive balance of £6 8s. 9d., amounts to £3939 19s. 2d. It does not seem to have put anything by in 1878, which we regret much, especially on its own account. Indeed, we do not profess to understand why the Irish Grand Lodge funds are so small, but the Grand Lodge of Ireland has its "skeleton in the closet," in that it cannot, and does not, enforce sufficient payment from its lodges annually. Its office expenses are £1119 16s., too large a proportion, in our humble opinion, for its receipts, and it pays a rent of £600 a year, clearly an Irish way of doing business, as the Masonic Hall Company ought to pay it to Grand Lodge, not Grand Lodge to it. Again, when we take up the casual expenses, including printing, we find they represent a considerable amount for the whole income, namely, £350, and we especially dislike to see that item of committee dinners—£134 18s. 6d., on the general of £134 18s. 6d., and on the charity account, though it is just possible that these dinners are not eaten twice over, but are the same item put in an Irish way. And though it be true that there is a "set off" of £170 10s. 6d. on this head by "cheques for dinner" in the general, and £170 10s. 6d. in the charitable amount—are they the same items? if so, why? We think such entries are a great mistake and "bad form." The charity account has on the credit side £1061 11s. 5d., including the mysterious item of committee dinners, and on the debit side represents £506 8s. given as charity, it also has, necessarily, a balance of £356 3s. 5d. So that the two balances amount to £562 12s. 2d. This, we fear, is rather a "Flemish account" for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and we wish heartily "more power to its arm," and its best "health and inclinations av they be virtuous."

ST. ALBAN'S RESTORATION FUND.

We are glad to think that this movement is progressing, and beg to commend the laudable undertaking to the notice and support of all our brethren and readers. Bro. C. E. Keyser, 47, Wilton Crescent, will be happy to give any information, and answer any questions.

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.]

FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I consider it my duty to emphatically contradict the statement made by your special correspondent, as being void of truth, under the heading of Freemasonry in New South Wales, as relating to the colony of New Zealand and the erection of a Grand Lodge, appearing in your issue of the 30th Nov., 1878. For which purpose I enclose the extract alluded to, as also contradictory ones from the Australian Freemasons, which will put the matter in its true light. It is to be lamented that publicity should have been given in your widely circulated journal, to unintentionally mislead the Craft at large, to satisfy the morbid cravings for something new at the hands of your special correspondent, in whose good faith too much dependence has, in this instance, been placed. Therefore, in justice to the loyal Masons holding of sixty-two lodges under the E.C., I.C., and S.C. in New South Wales, as well as on behalf of our sister Constitutions in the colony of New Zealand, I would fraternally ask the favour of the insertion of the several extracts in your earliest issue, which, I can assure you, will be deeply appreciated by the several Constitutions here.

I remain, R.W. dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

WM. HIGSTRIM,

P.M., P.M.M., P.G. Chap. 110, P.P. K. Red Cross, P.P. Ark Mariners, P. Prior K.T. of Scotland, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. Grand Sec.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

London *Freemason*, Nov. 30th, 1878.

"A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.—We are informed that some brethren, hailing from New Zealand lodges, who are now in Sydney, having made every enquiry, are fully enlightened as to the correct *modus operandi* to be pursued, and so have decided to use every endeavour to ensure the erection of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand. We commend them for their laudable intent, and advise promptitude of action. We have been assured that the brethren throughout that colony are unanimous in their desire for a Grand Lodge for New Zealand."

"SCHISMATICS IN N. S. WALES FALSELY CIRCULATING THE REPORT THAT NEW ZEALAND MASONS ARE ABOUT TO SECEDE FROM LOYAL FREEMASONRY."

"(To the Editor.)"

"Dear Sir and Bro.—By a paragraph entitled as above in a paper called *The Freemason*, sent to me by somebody I do not know, I perceive that several brethren from New Zealand—hailing from different lodges—are desirous of forming a Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and that they have made every enquiry at the Schismatics as to the "*modus operandi*" to be adopted. The *spurious* Masons of Sydney refer to W. Bro. Stanton, of the Star of the South Lodge, Nelson, and W. Bro. Wildman, of the Lodge of Corinth, Grahamstown. I have myself made enquiry as to the truth of this report, and I have been positively assured by the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master of the Province of Auckland, N.Z., Bro. George S. Graham, that representations were made to N.Z. Masons by the Schismatics in Sydney, setting forth that there was to be 'A Grand Confederation of the whole of the Australian Freemasons,' but finding that the body that made such representations were 'irregular and self-constituted and a very small minority' of the fraternity, the N.Z. Masons have wisely declined to accept the advice of the Schismatics. The seceders thought themselves very clever, but they outwitted themselves. I congratulate our New Zealand brethren on their caution and discernment, and reciprocate the fraternal feeling of good fellowship. The *Loyal* Masons of N.S. Wales will always feel glad to greet them and all other brethren from the 'Maori Land' in the same warm and cordial manner whereby their District Grand Master was welcomed at the last Quarterly Communication of our District Grand Lodge, on Oct. 21st. I simply state the above facts to show that the futile efforts of the 'Irregulars' are worthless and unavailing."

"A SYDNEY MASTER MASON."

"Nov., 1878."

"NEW ZEALAND BRETHREN."

"To the Editor of the '*Australian Freemason*.'"

"Rev. Sir and Bro.—A Sydney Master Mason, writing under this name to your journal of November 1st, states that 'the *spurious* Masons of Sydney refer to Worshipful Bro. Stanton, of the Star of the South Lodge,' and to others in New Zealand, as having made enquiry of them as to the *modus operandi* to be adopted for the formation of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand."

"As it is as well that the *truth* should appear, I desire to inform the writer, and others concerned, that neither myself nor any brethren of my acquaintance have made any enquiry or had any correspondence on any subject whatever with this unconstitutional body. If the Masons of this country had desired information on such a subject, they would probably have preferred their enquiries to the proper authority, the Grand Lodge of England, *certainly not to the self-constituted body in Sydney.*"

"Yours fraternally, W. M. STANTON,
Master Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C.
Nelson, Nov. 18."

"THE SO-CALLED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES *versus* NEW ZEALAND BRETHREN."

"The brethren in New Zealand are 'very indignant' that false rumours should have been circulated regarding them in New South Wales, as the following correspondence indicates:—"

"The So-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales—Another Denial from New Zealand."

"To the Editor of the '*Australian Freemason*.'"

"Rev. Sir and Brother,—Will you fraternally insert in your journal the enclosed letter addressed to me from the D.D. Grand Master of the Auckland District? The letter will be self-explanatory."

"Yours fraternally,

"W. M. STANTON."

"Master of Southern Star Lodge,
Dec. 19th, 1878."

"Thames, 11th Dec., 1878."

"W. M. Staunton, Esq., W.M. Southern Star, 735, E.C., Nelson."

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I noticed in the *Australian Freemason* a paragraph stating that you and I were in favour of the movement for an Australasian Grand Lodge. As Bro. Graham, our D.G.M., had personally contradicted this when he was lately in Australia, I have not thought it worth while to trouble myself any more about it, nor do I intend doing so unless I find further occasion arise."

"The matter was mentioned to me here by a resident brother of the S.C. more than two years ago, and I at once said that I did not consider it at all advisable to set up an independent Masonic jurisdiction for the Australias, and that I would, if the matter was seriously mooted in these parts, do my utmost in opposition."

"You are at liberty to make what use of this letter you please."

"Yours fraternally,

"J. K. WILDMAN, D.D.G.M., Auckland."

"I need hardly add that I have had no communication whatever with the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

"The above correspondence speaks for itself, and speaks to wise men. Judge ye what it says. Additional particulars regarding this 'curious affair' are found in another column, in a report from Nelson, New Zealand."

"NEW ZEALAND LODGES."

"NELSON.—At a meeting of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, E.C., held last month, W. Bro. W. B. Sealy, S.W., gave notice that at the next lodge meeting he would ask the W.M. what grounds there were (if any) for the statement made in the *Australian Freemason* of November 1st, by a Sydney correspondent, to the effect that W. Bro. Stanton, of S.S. Lodge Nelson, and V.W. Bro. Wildman, D.D.G.M. of Auckland, had been in communication with the Independent body in Sydney, styling themselves the 'Grand Lodge of New South Wales,' with a view to establish a united confederation of the Masons of the Australias and New Zealand. Pursuant to the above, Bro. Sealy formally put the question in the lodge on 10th December, and afterwards (by permission) proceeded to read the W. Brother's reply from the *Australian Freemason* of December 1st, which gave an absolute denial, and ended thus: 'Neither myself, or any Mason of my acquaintance in this country, have, at any time, made any enquiry, or had any correspondence or communication on any subject whatever, with that unconstitutional body.' Bro. Stanton thought it unnecessary to add to that statement anything whatever. He would, nevertheless, observe, that since writing it he had met his friend and brother, the R.W. D.G.M. of Auckland, Bro. Graham, who had recently returned from Sydney, and whose name was also associated in the letter of November 1st, and he was surprised at finding his statement so utterly perverted or misconstrued."

"NOCTES MASONICÆ."

"The following notice of motion was given by W. Bro. Dr. Sealy for the meeting of Southern Star Lodge, 735, E.C., Nelson, N.Z., on 10th Dec.:—To ask the W. Master, for the information of the lodge, the grounds (if any) for the statement in the *Australian Freemason* of Nov. 1st, by a Sydney correspondent, to the effect 'that Worshipful Bro. Stanton, of Southern Star Lodge, Nelson, and V.W. Bro. Wildman, D.D. Grand Master of Auckland, had been in communication with the independent body styling themselves 'The Grand Lodge of New South Wales,' with a view to establishing a united confederation of the Masons of the Australias and New Zealand.' 'A N.Z. correspondent' on the subject, says, 'this notice indicates an ardent misconception of Bro. Graham's views and statements made when recently in Sydney—the *opposite* of his views and remarks appears to have been reported in the (so-called) GRAND LODGE.' 'But the question,' continues our correspondent, 'is to be asked in lodge for the purpose of recording and announcing our humble protest against the innovation.' Do not the Schismatics possess rather misrepresenting or misunderstanding faculties?"

"January, 1879."

Reviews.

METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE. Report for 1878.

We congratulate the managers on their annual report, alike succinct and suggestive, clear and convincing. No one can rise from the perusal of it without feeling strongly how needful is the Institution, what a want it meets, and how efficiently it is conducted, and, full of practical benefits for the present, of undoubted utility and blessing to many poor children for the future. Its balance sheet is a very pleasant and prosperous one, and there is one thing we always have liked about this orphanage, namely, its thoroughness and practicability. When that hardworked and not overpaid force, the police force of this great metropolis, both in the west-end and the city, contributes directly and indirectly, out of a total of £10,879 1s. 1d. of receipts, £6147 11s. 2d., we may feel assured not only that the charity is much needed, but deeply valued alike from "*esprit de corps*," as well as kindly feelings of helpful humanity. As we said before, the whole amount received for the year 1878 is £10,879 1s. 1d., and out of this the force contributes, directly and indirectly, £6147 11s. 2d., the balance of £4731 9s. 11d. is made out of subscriptions from the public, and donations of £3060 13s. 5d., a legacy of 100 dividends, £167 15s., and balance of last year, £1152 11s. 8d., and £246 especially from Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The expenditure has reached £7269 17s. 11d. for the normal expenses of the orphanage, and, in addition, £246 1s. for the new wing. 2000l. metropolitan stock has been purchased at a cost of £1970 12s. 6d., and a balance remains in hand of £1392 9s. 8d. There is now the sum of £7000 invested. We may note that Baroness Burdett-Coutts, with her customary kindness and beneficence, has lent the Institution £3000, without interest, to defray the expenditure of some new and necessary buildings. We are glad to note that the standard of education has been raised, and additional teachers obtained. There are 219 children in the Schools, 131 boys and 88 girls, and Mr. J. H. Clack, Head Master of the Royal Arsenal Schools, Woolwich, speaks in high terms of the tone, appearance, educational acquirements, and morale of the school. We repeat the report for 1879 is a very pleasant one to read, very creditable to all concerned."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

This is a goodly volume indeed, which gives us an

account of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. It is certainly somewhat alarming at first sight, as suggesting the size to which Grand Lodge reports were destined to reach, but it shows, we think, that the brethren are in earnest, and that there is an evilest appreciation of Masonic duties and privileges.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN SHAW, P.M. 79.

On the 20th February, quietly and calmly as he had lived, Bro. John Shaw, one of the best and brightest Masons this generation has produced, entered into his rest in the forty-fifth year of his age. Bro. Shaw was initiated in the Pythagorean Lodge, at Greenwich, and was a subscribing member at the time of his death. After having passed, *pari passu*, through the subordinate offices of the lodge, he served the office of W.M. with honour and credit. Bro. Shaw had been suffering for some years from that baneful disease consumption, and, although it was too evident his end was near, very many indulged in the vain hope that his life would be spared yet a little longer. It was as a Masonic Preceptor that our brother was so well known and beloved in the south-eastern district of London, and the members of the lodges of instruction in the district will long mourn the loss of one who was ever their "guide, philosopher, and friend." Possessed of a most marvellous memory, he quickly mastered the intricacies of our ritual, and was never happier than when he could impart it to those who were earnestly seeking for a knowledge of the ceremonies, lectures, and sections of our Order. His quiet, unaffected, genial method of imparting instruction gained for him the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, while to his brother Preceptors he was ever ready to lend a helping hand, and no Mason ever sought his advice or assistance in vain. His remains were interred at Shooter's Hill Cemetery, on the 26th ult., and a large concourse of brethren assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit. Amongst the numerous brethren assembled round the grave were noticed, Bros. Partridge, W.M. 79; H. Roberts, C. Nash, W. Smith, and Dussac, P.M.'s 79; Fowler, J.W. 79; Clifford, G. Bonney, F. H. Watt, A. Hammond, A. Satch, F. Malton, and D. Edney, all of No. 79; Dr. Gooding, P.M. No. 1; G. Macdonald P.M. 1158; J. Griffin, P.M. 933; Hutchings, G. Brown, Tuck, Church, Rishton, Hall, and many others. Bro. Shaw leaves a wife and two children, aged four and two, and his income dying with him they are utterly penniless. A movement is on foot amongst the members of the lodges of instruction, with which he was associated, to raise a fund to place the widow in some light business, for which end funds are urgently required. Many brethren who read this notice and knew our brother may feel inclined to help in this work, in which case subscriptions will be thankfully received by Bro. G. Macdonald, Star Lodge of Instruction, Marquis of Granby, New Cross, or Bro. H. Roberts, Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant, the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; H. Bartlett, John Coutts, P.G.P.; G. S. Elliott, S. Rosenthal, John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, H. Garrod, L. Alexander, W. Richards, Charles Atkins, G. P. Britten, J. Yeomans, J. T. Rowe, G. Bolton, R. Harman, J. H. Sillitoe, A. Withers, C. Dobit, F. W. Smith, John Coe, C. G. Dillen, A. J. Ireton, H. S. Friend, James Weaver, John Elliott, F. Newton, G. Read, John Holden, John Mason, E. Squirrell, C. Davis, H. A. Bennett, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, and W. H. Perryman. Bro. C. B. Payne, G. Tyler, also attended.

The brethren confirmed the amount of £300 granted at last lodge, and afterwards took up the new cases. Of these there were 29 on the list. Three out of this number were deferred till next meeting for further information. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £667. One case was relieved with £75 (£75); two with £50 (£100); three with £40 (£120); six with £30 (£180); one with £25 (£25); four with £20 (£80); two with £15 (£30); five with £10 (£50); one with £5 (£5); and one with £2 (£2).

Lodge was then closed.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS, 1878.

The results of this examination have just been published.

At the London main centre between forty and fifty schools sent up candidates. Only fifteen boys (representing six schools) were in the First Class.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys gained nine first-class honours, leaving only six for the other five schools.

The total results gained by our boys are:

| Honours: | | |
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| Nine | ... | First Class. |
| Three | ... | Second Class. |
| One | ... | Third Class. |

One passed in the Fourth Division. Fourteen passed. Number of candidates sent up, fourteen. None failed.

CANADIAN MASONRY AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.

By R.W. Bro. ROBERT RAMSAY, 33°, P.G.J.W. GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

Canadian Masonry is in many respects in a highly flourishing condition, more so, perhaps, than that of many older and larger jurisdictions, still, unfortunately, there are schisms in the Fraternity, which have done, and are, at the present time, doing, a certain amount of injury to the Canadian Craft. I allude to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, a spurious organisation, not recognised by any Grand Lodge in the world; the schismatic Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which claims to be the legitimate authority over symbolic Masonry in the Prairie Province, and the recent embroglio in Quebec between the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. If these difficulties were only removed, Masonry in the Dominion would be as calm and pure as its most ardent devotees could desire; as it is, in three provinces there are organisations making Masons whose status in the Craft is in some instances *nil*, and in others very dubious.

On this continent the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty is acknowledged by every Grand Lodge, and when once a Grand Lodge is organised and recognised by its sister Grand Lodges it is held to be the supreme Masonic authority in, for, and over the jurisdiction of the State, province, and territory for which it was organised. The Grand Lodge of Canada, after formally extending the hand of friendship and brotherly love to her daughter, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, yielded all Masonic authority in that province to her, she claiming jurisdiction merely over the province of Ontario. Unfortunately, as some think, she did not see fit at the time to change her name to "Ontario" instead of "Canada," and when certain "discontents" saw an opportunity, they formed themselves from one lodge (Eden), and that under dispensation, into a so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, claiming that as there was no Grand body of that name, consequently there was no sovereign authority for symbolic Masonry over that province. These men have been suspended and expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, but they continue to meet in their so-called lodges and confer so-called degrees, which, not being recognised anywhere in the world, are utterly useless to those who receive them. In plain words, these expelled Masons are taking money from innocent candidates without giving them any consideration for the same.

The case of the schismatic Grand Lodge of Manitoba is, if anything, of a still more flagrant and unmasonic character. On the 13th of December last, at an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of that province, some differences arose regarding the work, R.W. Bro. Kennedy being desirous that the lodges should be permitted to use either the Canadian, or what is termed the "Ancient York," as they pleased. This, "for the sake of peace," was agreed to, and in order to give time to complete the arrangements, the Grand Lodge was called off at 2.55 p.m., to meet at 7.30 p.m. During the intermission a few brethren returned to the hall, declared that the whole of the proceedings in June, 1878, were illegal, rescinded them, amended the Constitution so as to meet January 3rd, 1879, and then proceeded to elect officers, and at once proclaimed themselves "the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M." There never was a more high-handed and unwarrantable proceeding performed in the name of Masonry than this usurpation of power during refreshment by the schismatics of Manitoba.

The difficulty existing in the jurisdiction of Quebec is so well known that it is hardly necessary to allude to it. The fact however is patent to all on this side of the Atlantic, who love the honour and dignity of Masonry, that rejected material from other jurisdictions can obtain degrees at a lower figure than anywhere else, and within a shorter period, from these lodges existing in Montreal, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. To maintain that such a state of affairs should be tolerated is unjust, and whatever may be the arguments in favour of the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, I can only say, that unless some speedy termination is come to, no Grand Lodge on this continent will recognise a brother hailing from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some years ago, when the Grand Orient of France recognised a spurious Masonic organisation in the State of Louisiana, one Grand Lodge after another in the United States withdrew all fraternal relations with her, and her adherents were unable to obtain admission into any subordinate lodge, and so it must unfortunately be with our Scottish brethren, if lodges working in Montreal under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland continue to accept the rejected material of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

These are the troubles, then, that at the present time ruffle the blue waters on which the ship of Canadian Masonry calmly floats. They are not many, still they should not exist, and if clear judgment could only influence these recreant brethren, there would soon not be any. Ambition defeated has been at the bottom of every one of these movements. A few men who loved title and power more than Masonry have vented their spleen in secession, schism, and rebellion, and in order to gratify their vanity, and satiate their covetousness, have thrown to the winds their Masonic obligations, and attempted to stab with a poisoned dagger those whom they should have supported and upheld.

In every Grand jurisdiction throughout the Dominion, Blue Lodge Masonry, but for these difficulties, is in a very satisfactory condition. In the treasury of the mother Grand Lodge of Canada there is now over £10,000 stg., and in those of Quebec, Nova Scotia, &c., amounts equal in proportion. The widows and orphans of our brethren are not neglected, and much is given to aged brethren, and

those in distress. The lodges as a rule are well attended, and the work is generally excellent.

Before closing I would suggest that the better plan, in fact the only feasible one, for settling these difficulties, would be for the disputants to leave the subject to some impartial judges from sister Grand Lodge jurisdictions. The present position of these organisations is far from pleasant for all parties, and I feel confident that the different Grand Lodges that have been injured by these bodies would willingly forget the past, and receive within their folds those who have deserted and differed from them, and thus harmony and peace amongst the fraternity would reign from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the escutcheon of Canadian Freemasonry would not be disgraced, as it now is, by the schisms and attendant bickerings and discords of rivalry and jealousy.

MASONIC BANQUET AT DUBLIN.

Preceptory 245, of the Order of the Temple, gave a banquet in celebration of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of the Order in Ireland. Andrew Fitzpatrick, Preceptor, occupied the chair, supported by R. W. Shuckleton, Esq., Q.C.; Edward Hamilton, Esq., M.D.; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Barrington, Alderman Manning, Capel Macnamara, Esq., Alderman Cochrane, George Woodward, Esq., Samuel Boucher, Esq., J. D. Cope, Esq., Hepburne, Esq., M.D., Powell, Esq., M.D., R. Wade, Esq., M.D., T. McGovern, Esq., Forsythe, Esq., M.D., R. Mitchell, Esq., W. Polan, Esq., R. Herron, Esq., R. Clay, Esq., J. Wilson, Esq., D. Armstrong, Esq., W. F. Lawlor, Esq., Henry Gibson, Esq., John Young, Esq., W. Marr, Esq., Freeman, Esq., Fitzmaurice, Esq., C. Rankin, Esq., T. Atkinson, Esq., Wm. McCoy, Esq., Joseph Woner, Esq., W. Curtis, Esq., James Flynn, Esq., Registrar, and others.

The M.E. Preceptor in proposing "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," said he had much pleasure in doing so, for it was a toast that was always received in assemblages of Irish gentlemen with becoming manifestations of loyalty and respect, but particularly amongst Irish H.K. Templars, and he simply stated the truth when he said that in no assembly and from no people did the name of Queen Victoria receive a more warm welcome or a more royal reception than at their board, for they yielded to none in their allegiance to their Sovereign. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the National Anthem sung, all the brethren joining heartily.

The next toast, being that of "His R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," was proposed, and received a hearty welcome and warm response. Song, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The M.E. Preceptor again rose and said: We now come to a toast which I am sure will be hailed by you with the applause and welcome which it deserves—it is that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and his Royal Bride." (Great cheering, which continued for some minutes.) This is not the first time that the walls of this banquet hall have resounded with the plaudits evoked by the toast of the health of this Royal and accomplished Duke. By associating his name with Freemasonry in this country he has won the esteem of many; by identifying his name with this Christian Order he has added increased lustre to his Royal name, and we sincerely trust that the solemn covenant he has entered into may serve to increase his future happiness, and that himself and his Royal bride may be long spared to each other and see many happy days. The toast was received with immense enthusiasm. R. W. Shuckleton, Esq., Q.C., responded in an eloquent speech, and said he trusted the day was not far distant when they would have the honour of giving H.R.H. and his Royal bride a hearty welcome upon the Irish shore.

Dr. O'Donoghue presided at the piano, and played a march which he composed for the occasion, and sang an ode.

Bro. Samuel Boucher sang a few Irish ballads suitable for the occasion.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Preceptory."

The evening was very much enlivened by music and the singing of several songs. The company separated at an early hour.

BRO. DAY KEYWORTH'S STATUE OF THE LATE BRO. BANNISTER.

We have just seen in the studio of Bro. Wm. Day Keyworth, of Buckingham Palace-road, the finished model of a colossal statue of the late Bro. Bannister, the "bluff" but kindly-hearted and highly popular Alderman of Hull. When executed in marble the statue will take its place in the Town Hall, among the other celebrities from the same gifted chisel. These are: Andrew Marvel, Milton's friend and coadjutor; William de la Pole, the famous Hull merchant of mediæval times, and founder of an historic race whose blood mingled with that of the Royal Tudors; Michael de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, another member of the same family; and lastly, James Clay, for many years M.P. for Hull, and one of our greatest authorities in all matters pertaining to the game of whist.

The figure which is to join this distinguished company of the silent is that of a strong bearded, massive headed, broad shouldered, bluff Englishman, who, in the consciousness of truth and a righteous cause, stands, thumb in waistcoat, with an easy, natural dignity arising from perfection of physique, and which might have pertained to Hercules, had he been a clothed Christian, instead of a nude Pagan gentleman. The modelling of the figure is wonderfully facile, and the likeness, as well as the air and

character of the whole man, have been seized, we are assured, with undoubted success. We can bear testimony of our own knowledge to its being the most life-like and artistic performance that has yet come from Bro. Keyworth's hand.

In the same studio will be found in low relief a three-quarter face of the late Rev. Edward Wormald, the eloquent pastor of the Albion Congregational Church, Hull. It will form part of a monument to be erected to his memory, and will doubtless prove very grateful to the congregation from the delicate and tender modelling the artist has bestowed on the spiritual face of their beloved pastor.

R.W. BRO. HENRY MURRAY'S RECITAL OF "OTHELLO."

The Birmingham *Daily Gazette* of the 7th March, says a large number of the members of the Order many of whom wore Masonic decorations, and their friends assembled in the Masonic Hall, the previous evening, to listen to a reading of *Othello* by R.W. Bro. H. Murray. To attempt to sustain the attention of an audience for over two hours by a simple reading, no matter how splendid the subject, is at all times an ambitious task. Bro. Murray, however, acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction of his numerous hearers in his delineation, by the music and variation of the human voice, of the varied characters and passions in the tragedy of *Othello*. In the first act the scenes in which Roderigo, Iago, and Brabantio take part gave a fair specimen of Bro. Murray's elocutionary ability. The lines of Roderigo were read lightly, and the interpreter did not fall into the common error of making Roderigo, who is simply a foolish gentleman, into the stage buffoon. Iago was a blunt soldier, and only in the last scene of this act did the audience get the first glimpse of the subtle villain who is to wreck the happiness of the noble Moor. In this act the reader gave special prominence to the speeches of Brabantio, the powerful grief of the wronged and deceived father being rendered with telling effect, and receiving hearty marks of approval from the listeners. The fine speeches of *Othello* before the Senate were delivered with much taste, not in a loud tone, but with a voice capable of great modulation. The quiet dignity of manner was improved by the skilful use of emphasis in some of the best-known passages, the words of which are probably as well known to a Warwickshire audience as to the elocutionist himself. The reading of the second act was chiefly noticeable for the accomplished manner in which the chief character in the play was brought into his place, the speeches of *Othello* being rendered with increasing power, and eliciting hearty applause. The story of the confiding and weak-minded Cassio's temptation to drink by Iago was also a cleverly rendered scene, the part of the Moor's lieutenant being given with taste, and the subtle craft of the tempter showing in well defined contrast. The closing speech of the wily Antient was read with spirit, which finely illustrated the hidden hatred rankling in his breast. The third act, always a favourite with readers and audiences, showed Bro. Murray to full advantage. The well-known lines in which the Moor is first taught to suspect the fair Venetian whom he has made his wife were not given, as we are so apt to hear them on the stage, in the half hiss, half whisper of the melodramatic villain, but in a subdued conversational tone, every word having its due effect and significance, whilst the gradual breaking of the meaning of the story on the mind of the Moor was shown with a quiet power which was fully acknowledged by the stillness of the audience during the long scene. All through Iago never let his triumphs appear, but was the plain blunt soldier and the seeming friend. Nor did *Othello's* grief take the form of boisterous rant, but was portrayed with a sympathy which was effective because it was natural. When at last, however, the full light of his position is realised, then Bro. Murray rose to the occasion, and the burst of passion at the end of the third act showed that the reader possessed a reserve of dramatic power which the audience had not suspected. The spirit of this scene was finely illustrated, and the dramatic vigour of the reader was heartily applauded. Much of the fourth act was omitted—the incident of the handkerchief and the parts of Desdemona and Emilia were equal to any part of the reading. The opening speech in the fifth act was a masterpiece of pathetic elocution—in fact, it was the gem of the entertainment, every word having its full weight in each sentence, and the deeply sympathetic tone pictured finely the storm of passion and pity struggling for mastery in the bosom of the Moor. The death of Desdemona and the poetical justice which is meted out to the fiendish Iago were also very effective. The final speech of *Othello* was the signal for long continued applause, in response to which Bro. Murray thanked his audience for the attention they had given to his efforts, and trusted that that evening would be "the fair beginning of a time," and that he should be again permitted to read to a Birmingham audience, whose kindness he should long remember.

CONSECRATION OF THE CORNHILL LODGE, No. 1803.—The above new lodge was consecrated by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, S.G. Deacon, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the New City Club, George-yard, Lombard-street. Bro. Edwin March was installed W.M.; Bro. Alfred J. Thomas, S.W.; Bro. Chas. Henry Jepps, J.W.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to be the patron of the Hospital for Women, Soho-square.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The installation of W.M. and officers of the Lazar Lodge took place on Friday, January the 10th, at 3 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Kumara. The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, assisted by his D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, and the following D.G. Officers, Bros. J. Hudson, P.D.G.S.W.; Binning, D.G.J.W.; the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, D.G.C.; Thomson, D.G.S.B.; H. Hyams, D.G.D. of C.; James Bevan, D.G.J.D.; J. Klein, D.G. Pur.; H. Robinson, D.G.S. Lazar Lodge; and Past Masters W. H. Revell, Greymouth Lodge, 1233 (E.C.); James Wylde, Canterbury; and many brethren from Hokitika and Greymouth attended. The ceremony was performed by the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar, in his usual brilliant style, and although now at the advanced age of 76 years the old veteran seemed to have lost none of his vigour and impressiveness. The ceremony was listened to with the greatest attention by the brethren, and much appreciated.

The W.M. elect having been presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. Ancher, was then duly placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities, and saluted as W.M. in the various degrees. Before closing the lodge a most hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers for their kindness in performing the ceremony; the newly installed W.M. returned thanks in a few appropriate words, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, at 5.30 p.m. In the evening about 50 brethren sat down to a splendid banquet in the Empire Hotel, Kumara. The newly installed Bro. Furby presided, and on his right were the R.W.D.G.M., the W.D.D.G.M., Bro. P.M. Revell, and on his left Bros. I.P.M. E. Ancher, the Rev. G. Watkins, and P.M. Binney, W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, Hokitika, and other brethren of Masonic rank. The toast of "The Queen and Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and all the Royal Family," "The M.W.G.M.'s of Ireland and Scotland," having been duly honoured, the W.M. called on the brethren to drink to "The Health and Happiness of our venerable and esteemed Chief, the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Lazar," and expressed a sincere hope that it would please the Great Master of us all to preserve him for us for many more meetings of a similar nature.

The R.W. brother on rising to respond was greeted with the warmest applause, and said: W.M. and brethren, I thank you heartily for the kind manner in which you have responded to the toast, and beg to assure you that as long as I am spared health and strength to travel I shall always consider attending the installations of officers of the various lodges within my district a labour of love. It affords me great pleasure in having installed our worthy Bro. Furby, as W.M., and although young in years he has had good Masonic education, which will no doubt be made proper use of during his term of office as Master of this lodge, and with the assistance of the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, and his officers I have no fears but that the lodge will be conducted in the same satisfactory manner as it has been for the last two years. The R.W. brother concluded by wishing prosperity to the Lazar Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. P.M. Ancher proposed "The Health of the W.D. D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan, and the D.G. Officers," and paid a very high and well-merited compliment to the abilities of Bro. Bevan as a Mason. He, Bro. Ancher, was sure that he only expressed the sentiments of all present in saying that Bro. Bevan was in every way worthy of the exalted position he held in the Craft in Westland, having known Bro. Bevan from the earliest days of Masonry on the west coast, and seen the great interest he took in everything concerning Freemasonry.

The D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, on rising to respond was received with the most cordial applause, and said that he felt grateful to the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and likewise to the brethren for their kind reception of it; he assured the brethren that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present on the occasion of Bro. Furby's installation. Having known Bro. Furby for a long time, he, Bro. Bevan, thought that the newly-installed W.M. could do no better than by following in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bro. Ancher, and the lodge would be sure to go on in the same excellent manner as it had done since its formation. He congratulated the brethren, and said that the Lazar Lodge was really a credit to the whole of the Institution, and particularly to the district of Westland. Bro. Bevan again thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst great applause.

Bro. P.M. Ancher then called on the brethren to charge their glasses, and said, in proposing the next toast: I know that it only requires of me to name it to ensure it that cordial response to which it is entitled, namely, "The W.M., Bro. Furby." (Great applause.) Bro. Furby had held the office of J. and S.W. in the Lazar Lodge, and by his kindly and gentlemanly disposition had won the respect and esteem of his fellow officers and members of the lodge, and although he, Bro. Ancher, had opposed Bro. Furby at the last election, to which some brethren at the time objected, yet he thought and felt certain that Bro. Furby himself was not sorry now, having had another year's experience. Bro. Furby was comparatively a young man and Mason, and he could safely say that Bro. Furby was one of the youngest Masters in the Craft—in fact, he was one of a thousand, having attained so high a position at so early an age, but from the proofs given by Bro. Furby in lodge of instruction, he, Bro. Ancher, felt satisfied that the lodge would be well conducted during the ensuing twelve months by Bro. Furby, seeing that he had used great care in the selection of his officers. Bro. Ancher concluded by assuring the W.M. that he might at all times rely on his hearty assistance, and called on the brethren to drink health and happiness to their W.M., Bro. Furby, which was done in a most enthusiastic manner. Song by Bro. J. W. John Williams, "Three times three."

Bro. Furby on rising was greeted with hearty applause, and said: R.W.D.G.M. and brethren, I scarcely know what to say in response to the very flattering remarks made by the I.P.M., Bro. Ancher, in proposing the toast of my health since the Lazar Lodge has been in existence, now a period of two years, I have, during that time, filled the offices of J. and S.W., and I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability to discharge the duties of those offices creditably, and, from the remarks that have fallen from Bro. Ancher, P.M., it affords me extreme gratification to learn that my endeavours have been successful. You have, brethren, chosen me as W.M. of your lodge, and I can assure you that while I have the privilege of presiding over you I trust that I shall do so with credit to myself and honour to the lodge, but I must in this depend, to a great extent, on the willing support of my officers, and if I obtain from them that support which I require I have no doubt of my success, and when my term of office has expired I trust that you will have no cause to regret your choice. I thank you very much, brethren, for the hearty manner in which you drank the toast of my health.

The D.D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. E. Ancher," saying that it afforded him great pleasure in being privileged to propose this toast as he had been an intimate friend of Bro. Ancher for many years, in fact, ever since the foundation of Masonry in Westland, and felt much pleasure in bearing testimony to the untiring zeal of Bro. Ancher. In anything that concerned Masonry he (Bro. Bevan) quite agreed with the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Ancher, that the newly-installed W.M. had gained much experience by serving another year as S.W., and, from the manner in which the lodge had been conducted during the term of the I.P.M.'s office, he felt sure that Bro. Furby would remember many useful lessons. He called on the brethren to drink heartily to the health and prosperity of Bro. Ancher.

Bro. Ancher, P.M., in rising to respond, said that he felt extremely obliged to his friend, the D.D.G.M., Bro. Bevan, for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and also for the kind reception it had received at the hands of the brethren. Bro. Bevan had said a great deal in his (Bro. Ancher's) praise as regards the management of the lodge during his term of office as W.M., and knowing that Bro. Bevan was always sincere in his remarks regarding any officer's conduct he (Bro. Ancher) thought that he had just reason to feel satisfied that his services had been approved of by all. From the formation of the lodge to the present time he had always endeavoured to maintain order and discipline in the lodge, as he was well convinced, from long experience, that without that no institution could possibly prosper; he was also pleased to state that he had at all times received the most cordial and kind assistance from his officers, and was pleased to see that his successor in office had so carefully considered these brethren's past services, and promoted them to higher offices, for which he knew they were well qualified. Bro. Ancher concluded by again thanking the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst applause.

The R.W.D.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Nicholson and Williams, S. and J. Wardens, and said that he felt convinced that the selection the W.M. had made was most satisfactory. He (Bro. Lazar) was more particularly so, judging from the very marked attention given to the various charges which he had that day delivered to the officers at their installation, and also from the manner in which each officer had discharged his respective duties in the lodge during the day, and, further, seriously exhorted them to zealously assist the W.M. during his term of office, reminding them that it was only by strict attention to their duties, and obedience to the W.M., that they could expect similar obedience from the members. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Nicholson, in reply, begged to thank the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been responded to, and assured the brethren he should endeavour as far as lay in his power to prove himself deserving of the honour which had that day been conferred upon him. Bro. Williams also addressed the brethren, and said that he heartily thanked the R.W.D.G.M. for the flattering manner in which the toast had been proposed, and likewise for the kind reception given to it by the brethren. He, Bro. Williams, was aware that it was essentially necessary that the officers should to the utmost of their power assist the W.M. in the discharge of his duties, as without it the lodge could not prosper, and knowing this he begged to assure the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to do so, and in all matters strive to render himself worthy of the high honour that had been conferred upon him. Bro. Williams concluded by again thanking the brethren.

"The Retiring Officers" was proposed by Bro. P.M. Revell, who in a very neat speech acknowledged the pleasure he felt at being present, and tendered some very good advice to all Masons generally.

Bro. P.M. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins then proposed "The Lazar Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Ancher and Furby, the principal founders of the lodge. He said that it afforded him at all times the greatest pleasure to visit the Lazar Lodge; there was in his, Bro. Watkins's, opinion, something so cosy and comfortable about the Lazar Lodge, and at the same time everything seemed to be carried on as if one spirit animated the minds of the whole of the officers and members. He thanked the brethren for having afforded him the pleasing privilege of being present on this auspicious occasion, and trusted that he would see many brethren of the Lazar Lodge in Greymouth when their installation of officers took place. He again thanked the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst great applause. Bro. P.M. Ancher and Bro. Furby, W.M., briefly replied.

"The Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, E.C.," was then proposed by Bro. P.M. Ancher, who said that the Pacific Lodge was unquestionably one of the best conducted lodges that

it had been his privilege to visit; he congratulated the W.M. of that lodge, Bro. Binning, on the very excellent management of the Pacific Lodge, and trusted that the brethren present would muster up and go down to Hokitika on the occasion of the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. James Bevan, whom he was glad to see present amongst them. Bro. Binning briefly replied, and assured the Kinnard brethren of a hearty welcome whenever they came his way.

"The Sister Lodges" was then proposed by Bro. Williams, and responded to by Past Masters Hudson, Revell, Watkins, and Bevan.

"The Lodges under the S.C. and I.C." was then proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Michel, S.W., of the Westland Kilwinning, by Bro. P.M. Hudson, and briefly replied to by Bro. Michel.

"The Newly-initiated," coupled with the names of Bros. Brookfield and Wells, by Bro. P.M. Ancher. Bro. Brookfield replied in a few pleasing words.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Furby, W.M. Bros. Klein and Ward responded.

Tyler's toast, by the Tyler.

The brethren dispersed at one a.m., after having enjoyed a most pleasant evening. Several of the brethren sang some very good songs, and all expressed a wish of "happy to meet again."

Order of St. Lawrence.

YORK.—Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the W.M., Bro. Geo. Simpson, presiding, the following officers also being present: J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; T. Cooper, J.W.; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; T. Humphries, I.G.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chaplain; W. P. Husband, K. of G. The previous minutes having been confirmed, two candidates were introduced and advanced to the degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., acting as Conductor. The Recorder was instructed to make inquiries concerning the reported movement for forming a central ruling body for the degree, of which no official communication had been received by the lodge.

Public Amusements.

CHEETHAM TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER.—A dramatic and musical entertainment was given on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., in this hall by Bros. Albert Brenner and John Wainwright. The performance commenced with the petite comedy entitled *He's a Lunatic*, in which Bro. Wainwright sustained the part of "March Hare," a character he has performed no less than 500 times. It is needless to remark that his personification was as good as ever, and drew forth loud expressions of approval from the audience. In this he was ably seconded by Miss Fanny Clark, who acted with great spirit. A miscellaneous concert followed, in which Miss Annie Salkeld sang "Wapping Old Stairs" very fairly, and Mr. G. Shelton gave a humorous song, entitled "Sam Slowcoach," which greatly tickled the audience. Bro. Albert Brenner then gave, with great taste and feeling, "Annie, Dear, Good-bye," and, in response to a vociferous encore, sang "I am so very Sleepy," from *The Sultan of Mocha*, in which opera Bro. Brenner has been lately performing. "My Lord Tomnoddy" was next recited by Bro. Wainwright in good style, and, in response to an encore, gave a pathetic rendering of the "Ratcatcher's Daughter." This portion of the entertainment concluded with a recitation by Bro. Doubavand, entitled "Jamie's Frolic," a Lancashire poem, which he gave in such grand style that he was summoned before the audience, and then recited "The Ivy and the Bell." The entertainment concluded with Diddin's ballad opera of *The Waterman*, in which Bro. Albert Brenner very ably performed the part of "Tom Tug." His renderings of "The Jolly Young Waterman," "Farewell, my Trim built Wherry," and "The Bay of Biscay," were received with great favour, especially the latter, which was encored, and the last verse repeated. Bro. J. Wainwright was irresistibly comic as "Robin," and fairly convulsed the audience, while Mr. G. Sheldon acted the part of "Mr. Bundle" very creditably. There was a very fair attendance, amongst whom we noticed several of the Masonic fraternity.

SHEFFIELD.—On the 27th ult. the Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave the opening performance of its second season, the plays selected for the first night being *Alone and Perfection*, and for the following evening *Our Wife*, *Sweethearts*, and *Braganzio the Brigand*. So far as *Alone*, *Perfection*, and *Sweethearts* were concerned they were most admirably rendered, and left nothing to be desired. *Our Wife* was well played, but the previous efforts of those engaged in it certainly led us to expect something even better, as in the bye-play and business there was evidence of a lack of study. *Braganzio the Brigand* was as well, perhaps the less we say the better. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the managers, whose efforts were simply untiring, the scenery being a very great success; and another praiseworthy and noticeable feature was the music. The company received valuable assistance from Miss Frederica Taylor and Miss Marie Montgomery, who rendered their several parts with their acknowledged ability, meeting with a warm reception and repeated plaudits. The hall was crowded, showing these entertainments have passed into an "Institution" with our worthy Sheffield brethren and their lady friends. From these two performances may be deduced the useful lesson, not to look *Alone* for *Perfection* in *Sweethearts*, or even *Our Wives*, much less in a *Brigand*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

"Hugan's Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges, &c.," is the first work to give a list of the special jewels worn by certain lodge members in England. It also contains the first complete register of lodges to whom centenary warrants have been granted, and is the only volume in which an account is afforded of all the jewels allowed to be worn by members under the Grand Lodge of England. The "Masonic Register" is, moreover, the first illustrated work on Masonic Numismatics ever published in England, and the first to present in proper order the numbers of all the lodges immediately before and after the "Union" of Dec., 1813, and as altered in 1832 and 1863, by which tables any lodge can be traced which was on the roll of either Grand Lodge at the "Union," and all its numerical changes can easily be noted. The frontispiece of the arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, and five plates of special and Royal Masonic medals are, the first of the kind ever produced, and, being in appropriate colours, are of considerable value.

The Annual Dinner of the Royal Asylum of St. Ann's, on the 26th inst., and that of the Eating House Keepers on Monday, May 5th, at which Bro. Sheriff Burt will preside, will be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, and not at Willis's Rooms, as stated in our last.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, took place on Thursday afternoon at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool. A full report of the proceedings will be given in next issue.

AMABEL VAUGHAN.—Bro. Emra Holmes, whose new work, recently reviewed in these pages, was dedicated, by permission, to our young, amiable, student Prince, President of the Royal Society of Literature and Art, has, we learn, just received a very gratifying communication from Bro. R. H. Collins, the Prince's private Secretary, in which the courteous writer says:—"His Royal Highness Prince Leopold desires me to thank you for the two copies of your work which you have sent to him, and to inform you that he will lay the second copy before the Queen for Her Majesty's acceptance."

At a meeting held at Cheltenham, on Saturday, 15th inst., it was announced that Bro. Agg Gardner, M.P., would not seek re-election to the House of Commons. A deputation was appointed to induce him to reconsider his determination.

Bro. Dr. Charles Hogg, of Charterhouse-square, has engaged to give a lecture on "The Genius and Poetry of Burns," on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the lecture-room of the Weigh House Chapel. The lecture will be illustrated by a choice selection of songs (by Burns), to be given by Mrs. Marshall, assisted by her friends.

Bro. William Stokes, of the Royal Polytechnic, is re-engaged at the Aquarium, Westminster, and his pupils are giving some extraordinary proofs of acquired power of verbal memory, obtained by the system of Mnemonics.

THE LATE C. E. CAWLEY, M.P.—A posthumous life-sized portrait of this gentleman, painted by Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, has been presented by subscription to the Royal Masonic Library, Salford, which borough Mr. Cawley represented in Parliament for many years.

National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.—At the annual meeting of Governors, the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow in the chair, the report and balance sheet were submitted and passed. The number of in-patients were during the year 87, and the attendance of out-patients 8866. Col. Aikman, V.C., proposed a vote of thanks to the noble Chairman, which was duly carried. Amongst others present were Messrs. Malcolm Low, Layton, Handley, Booty, Syms, Sheridan, M.P., Captain Gilmore, R.N., Drs. Vincent Ambler, Ridsdale, Duncan, Verley. A new lease having been obtained of the hospital, most extensive repairs have had to be executed at a large outlay.

An amateur dramatic performance will be given at the Aquarium Theatre, on Monday next, in aid of the Printers' Pension Corporation. The bill contains the attractions of "Box and Cox," "The Lady of Lyons," and "The Two Bonnycastles," and the cast contains some names well-known in Press circles.

The wife of Lord Grosvenor, P.G.W., gave birth to a son and heir at Saughton Towers, Chester, on Thursday, an event which has caused great rejoicing in the house of Eaton, the Countess having given birth previously to two daughters. Dr. Dubie, the family physician, was in attendance, and his latest bulletin is that both mother and the child, a fine boy, are doing well.

DEAR AND CHEAP VEGETABLES.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* of January 18th mentions that in a suburb of London the following prices are charged for vegetables:—Carrots, 1d. each; turnips, ½d. each; parsnips, ¾d. each; savoy, 2d. each; potatoes proportionately dear. These exorbitant prices should induce all who have a spare piece of ground to grow their own vegetables. Messrs. Sutton & Sons, the Queen's seedsmen, Reading, supply collections of vegetable seeds for the amateur's small garden at 12s. 6d., 15s., and 21s. each, the latter collection carriage free; while those who prefer making their own selection can have all seeds sent free by post (except peas and beans) on receipt of order. "Sutton's Amateur's Guide in Horticulture," which contains full particulars as to when to sow, what to sow, and how to sow, may be had post free for 15 stamps, or for 1s. at all the railway bookstalls.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, March 28, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot., Forest Hill.
" 1679, Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
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, MARCH 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, the Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Pousonby-st., Millbank.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 753, Prince Fredk. William, Lords Hot., St. John's W.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st., Hot.
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenngtn. 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, MARCH 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock T., Albion-rd.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pousonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., 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-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Encamp., 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., 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-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., 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-rd., 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, March 29, 1879.

MONDAY, MARCH 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
William de la More Encamp., Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
Stanley L. of I., 214, St. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 1393, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale, Liverpool.

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HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During piercing winds and excessive variations of temperature every one is more or less liable to internal and external disease. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, any one who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" for the will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a-day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.—[Advrt.]