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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Comps. S. Rawson presided as M.E.Z.; Capt. Platt as H.; J. A. Rucker as J. John Hervey, S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, S.N.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, 1st A.S.; J. M. Case, as 2nd A.S.; E. S. Snell; J. Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; Francis Robinson, Rev. C. R. Davy, A. J. Duff Filer, H. J. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton, Robert Grey, C. A. Murton, James Glaisher, H. Muggeridge, E. J. Barron, H. G. Buss; James Klensch, P.Z. 538; Reginald Bird, P.Z. 357; Matthew Clark, P.Z. 255; Joseph Richard Dupere, Z. 72; F. Pendered, H. 33; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; J. P. Richards, Z. 975; Rev. R. P. Bent, J. 466; John Cox, H. 145; Henry Horton, N. 189; C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 142; Wm. Platt, J. 8; J. Austin, Z. 753; John Chynoweth, Z. 33; Herbert Dicketts, P.Z. 145; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*); W. H. Perryman, H. 1348; Henry Venn, H. 22; J. J. Berry, Z. 554; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.Z. 79; S. W. Lambert, J. 142; H. Crultenden, J. 74; T. Cubitt, P.Z. 177; W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874; T. Massa, J. 1296; H. Roberts, P.Z. 79; W. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; S. Mullens, P.Z. 753; H. C. Levander, Z. 142; G. Miller, P.Z. 300; J. Messent, Z. 8; J. E. Carpenter, P.Z. 1196; W. A. Barrett, H. 1537; H. Thompson, J. 619; and H. Sadler, H. 169, were also present.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Hervey read the regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business.

Comp. Hervey read letters from Comps. Lord De Tabley and Lucia, regretting their inability to attend Grand Chapter, the former on account of business in Cheshire and the latter from indisposition.

The next business being the installation of the Principals, Comp. Hervey said that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley having been already installed, they did not require re-installation.

The following companions were then installed as Grand Officers for the current year:—

Comp. John Hervey ...	... G. Scribe E.
" Ernst Emil Wendt ...	... G. Scribe N.
" Lord Kensington, M.P. ...	... G.P.S.
" Reginald Bird ...	... G. 1st A.S.
" George Mellor ...	... G. 2nd A.S.
" Lieut.-Col. John Creaton ...	... G. Treas.
" Aencas J. McIntyre, Q.C. ...	... G. Reg.
" Horatio Lloyd ...	... G. Swd. B.
" Matthew Clark ...	... G. Std. B.
" Samuel Mullens ...	... G. Dir. of Cers.

Comp. S. Rawson then rose and said there was one other officer usually installed next, and he was sure it was with very great feelings of regret that they had seen the last of Comp. C. B. Payne, who had for so many years filled that office, which was that of Janitor to Grand Chapter, and Grand Tyler to Grand Lodge. The news of his demise he was sure must be received with very great grief by every companion present. It was not now for him (Comp. Rawson) to appoint Comp. Payne's successor, but thinking that a record of the regret of Grand Chapter should be made at Comp. Payne's death, and the loss which they had all sustained by his demise, he would propose that the regret of Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes.

The motion was seconded by Comp. Platt, and carried unanimously.

Col. Creaton then said that before moving the reception of the report of the Committee of Grand Chapter he had to inform the companions that a mistake had been made in that report, in the insertion of paragraphs 8 and 9, which were to the following effect:—"A letter dated 14th March last, from Comp. the Hon. Henry Thoby Prinsep, Grand Superintendent of Bengal, was read, pointing out the very great inconveniences which arise from Superintendents not being able to issue provisional charters pending the applications to Grand Chapter. The Committee being fully satisfied that the complaint is well grounded, beg to recommend that the Supreme Grand Chapter authorise the Most Excellent First Grand Principal to grant powers to such Superintendents as he may think fit to issue dispen-

sations for the meeting of chapters in cases of necessity, pending the application for charters to the Supreme Grand Chapter." When this letter was read the Committee felt the force of the argument of Comp. Prinsep, and at once, without going into any details, desired to recommend to this Grand Chapter that that which Comp. Prinsep sought should be brought before Grand Chapter and granted, or at all events proposed. The report was printed and circulated before the Committee discovered that in 1875 those powers were given to the Grand Z. Therefore those two paragraphs in the report would fall to the ground, and he might state that Comp. Sandeman, who took a great deal of interest in the revision of the laws, consulted with the other companions with whom he was in connection on the Committee, and supported that law which gave what Comp. Prinsep asked for. As the Superintendents had the wished-for power already, the two paragraphs would fall to the ground. He would, therefore, move that, with the exception of those two paragraphs, the report be taken as read.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas seconded the motion, which was put and carried, and on the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. James Lewis Thomas, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Col. Creaton moved, and Comp. James Lewis Thomas seconded, the granting charters for the following chapters, for which petitions had been received:—

1st. From Comps. James Meacham Batham, as Z.; Henry Charles Adolphus Wandram, as H.; Frederick Irving de Lisle, as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 1577, Napier, to be called the Victoria Chapter, and to meet at Napier, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

2nd. From Comps. Charles Thomas Pearce, as Z.; John Peter, as H.; John Kempthorne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 557, Callington, to be called the Valtetort Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Callington, in the county of Cornwall.

3rd. From Comps. Edward John Bradshaw Bumstead, as Z.; John Franks Chittenden, as H.; William Youldon, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, to be called the Wellington Chapter, and to meet at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, in the county of Kent.

4th. From Comps. Henry Thomas Wood, as Z.; Charles Chester Cheston, as H.; Peter Lund Simmonds, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, to be called the Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

5th. From Comps. William Henry Lee, as Z.; George William Frederick Neville Green, as H.; Thomas Charles Chapman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, Dalston, to be called the Duke of Connaught Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

Colonel Creaton said the Committee have also received a petition from Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Gooden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. This petition is regular in form, but as the lodge has not yet been in existence for two years, the Committee, bearing their resolution in mind that three years should elapse before a charter to be attached to a lodge be granted, except in very exceptional cases, cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be yet complied with.

Comp. Barrett said he should like to explain what he and the other companions, as signatories of the petition, and members of the Orpheus Lodge, considered to be exceptional circumstances in making their petition for this new chapter. It was true their lodge was not quite two years old, but they had eighty-five subscribing members, and among that eighty-five they had twenty Past Masters, so that there was no possibility of a failure of succession to the Three Chairs; and they had a great number of brethren who were anxious to be exalted in that which they were taught to believe was the perfection of the Master Mason's Degree. For that reason it was that they had thought that theirs was an exceptional case, and he, therefore, before the recommendation of the Committee was granted, appealed to Grand Chapter to allow the matter to be reconsidered and the petition granted. He, therefore, moved the granting of the petition.

After a pause, Comp. Herbert Dicketts thought it was only fair to Comp. Barrett, who had stated his case fairly, that Grand Chapter should have the opportunity of recording their opinion upon it, and it was with that view he would second the motion.

Comp. E. J. Barron said there was nothing to distinguish this case from those cases which Grand Chapter had had before it on many previous occasions. In fact, at the last meeting but one, they had even a stronger case in its exceptional incidents than that which Comp. Barrett had just put before them, and the arguments there would equally apply to the present case. Many Past Masters and others would have to wait another year or two was all that could be said; but if Grand Chapter laid down a rule, such as they had, it ought not on every occasion of some small trifling inconsiderable advantage to an individual member be set aside. If Grand Chapter did that it might just as well have no rule at all. As a supporter of the rules of Grand Chapter he felt bound to speak against the proposition.

Comp. E. S. Snell said there was the case of a theatrical lodge which met in the daytime, because its members could not meet in the evening, where the charter for a chapter was refused. Those circumstances were very exceptional, and he could not think that, having refused that charter, they ought to grant it to others.

Bro. James Glaisher said the rule had been laid down as an absolute rule, and followed implicitly. Occasionally reasons for breaking the rule had been brought before the companions, but it was a difficult thing to break through a rule on some occasions, and cling to it on others. On the occasion of a lodge applying for a chapter, when the members of the lodge were travellers, he was in a minority when he voted against it on the same principles as those enunciated by Comp. Barron. He should like it to be now settled for ever that no lodge could have a charter granted for a chapter unless the lodge had been three years in existence. The rule had been broken through, but he should like it not to be broken through in future.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas thought each case should be taken on its own merits, and no hard and fast line, such as that enunciated by Comp. Glaisher, laid down by Grand Chapter. The Committee of Grand Chapter most earnestly desired to look on every case in a fair and equitable way, and they had looked on this case as they had on others, and, therefore, they did not recommend Grand Chapter to grant a charter. If the Grand Chapter Committee could have seen any exceptional circumstances in this case that they could have brought before Grand Chapter they would have done so, and as they had not discovered any such circumstances, he should certainly vote against the amendment.

Comp. A. J. Duff Filer hoped Comp. Barrett would not for one moment consider that the Committee would not recommend this petition to Grand Chapter for any ulterior object, or any reason than that of the rule laid down for Grand Chapter to follow. They had refrained from giving an opinion upon it, except that they could not recommend it, but they left it in the hands of Grand Chapter, feeling that they could not decide it themselves. If these rules laid down were not abided by, Grand Chapter might be considered as ignoring them altogether.

Comp. S. Rawson said the companions had the motion before them. He would like, however, to draw attention to one or two of the remarks that had been made as to the rule being a positive rule. It was not a rule of Grand Chapter at all; it was merely a rule made by the Committee for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. Where Grand Chapter saw it was needful, or saw the case was so exceptional that they could admit of a departure from that regulation (not a rule), Grand Chapter had power to do it, which they would not if there was a positive rule laid down. He had heard a little about this case, and he thought it an exceptional case, and one fit to be considered by Grand Chapter. The proposed chapter was to be attached to a lodge which from its very name showed that music was one great feature. He believed the chapter was to be carried out on the same rules and regulations, and with the same ideas; and therefore he thought when the brethren applied for a chapter, when they had twenty Past Masters in it, and several Past Principals, they would be able to carry it on without pushing forward brethren not duly competent. He thought this an exceptional case; but it was only his private opinion, and he rose only to inform Grand Chapter that the rule referred to was not a rule of the Order, but merely a resolution passed by the Committee of Grand Chapter some years ago, which it was always open to Grand Chapter not to abide by.

Comp. Joshua Nunn begged to be allowed to ask a question. It was stated that at least twenty members of the lodge were Past Masters. Were the whole of the twenty Royal Arch companions? He was only asking this because he thought in putting the question of this petition to Grand Chapter the companions ought to know the full extent of the question put before them, and whether there was really any matter given which would require additional consideration. If the twenty Past Masters were members of this Grand Chapter it would certainly make a very great difference.

Comp. J. March Case would also like to ask how long the lodge had been in existence.

Comp. Joshua Nunn said a year and a half.

Comp. H. G. Buss said since June, 1877.

Comp. Barrett, replying to Comp. Joshua Nunn, said that among the twenty Past Masters of the lodge five were honorary members, who were members of Grand Chapter and present Grand Officers; eight of the remaining fifteen were Royal Arch Masons. He thought that was quite sufficient to show there were enough to carry on the chapter, because there were sufficient companions ready to go on and take the chairs even though they were not Past Principals. In the lodge they had Past Principals, including honorary members, nine or ten; he was not quite certain which.

Comp. S. Rawson then put the motion in favour of granting the charter, when there appeared ten votes for it and twenty-four against it. The charter was, therefore, refused.

Comp. Col. Creaton: The Committee beg further to state that on the 1st Nov., 1876, a charter was granted to be attached to the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Oswestry, which has not been taken up, and from information they had received they had reason to conclude that it never will be taken up. Under these circumstances the Committee recommend that the charter be cancelled.

Comp. Joshua Nunn seconded the recommendation, which was then put as a motion, and carried unanimously.

The Committee of General Purposes for the year ensuing was nominated as follows:

- Comp. H. C. Levander, Z. 742; nominated by Comp. Hogard.
- Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z. 862; nominated by Comp. Thos. Cubitt.
- Comp. James Lewis Thomas, P.Z. 13; nominated by Comp. Col. Creaton.
- Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 141; nominated by Comp. Peter de Lande Long.
- Comp. Messent, P.Z. 8; nominated by Comp. Mullens.

Comp. E. H. Letchworth, P.Z. 2; nominated by Comp. Jas. Lewis Thomas.

These companions were elected unanimously, and Comp. S. Rawson announced that the First Grand Principal had nominated on the same Committee Comps. Col. Creaton, Robert Grey, and A. J. Duff Filer. Grand Chapter was then closed.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford. Bro. R. Harman, W.M., initiated Mr. Taylor, and raised Bro. Clark, all the work being very well done. Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., resigned the Secretaryship through ill-health. His resignation was accepted with great regret. A notice of motion was given to place him on the list of honorary members. Bro. J. J. Pakes, P.M., was appointed and invested Secretary. A vote of thanks was given and placed on the minutes for services rendered by Bro. H. J. Fisher, late Organist. A committee was appointed to search in question the eligibility of members to be placed on seafaring and country members' list. Business being ended the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, July 24th. A banquet followed. Toasts, songs, recitations, and good music passed away some pleasant hours. There were present Bros. R. Harman, W.M.; J. G. Vohmann, S.W.; G. Harvey, J.W.; John J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; W. A. R. Harris, S.D.; E. Good, J.D.; G. Porter, I.G.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; J. Truelove, P.M.; H. J. Tuson, P.M.; Whibley, Buhler, Sanders, Stanley, Base, Stringer, Fellows, Hill, Luckcraft, Simmons, Clark, Horton, Atkins, Wildermuth, Fisher, Alsford, Woollett, Buchele. The visitors were Bros. G. Robinson, 1259; C. Bell, W.M. 140; W. C. Holland, P.M. 1321; Rev. H. Wells, 140.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was called on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. T. J. Coombs, W.M.; Edward G. Sim, P.M.; G. Somers, P.M.; A. F. Rowley, S.W.; John Weston, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; John Osborn, Sec.; J. Poulton, J.D.; P. G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; J. G. Rimmell, W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Members: Bros. J. Hollidge, W. Payne, J. Crocker, E. Payne, E. Harris, W. Weil, E. Abrams, J. Alexander, C. Gwyn, E. Pellikin, H. Godolphin, E. J. Percy, J. Kitchiner, C. Parslow, and A. H. Chisholm, (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. Fraser, of St. John, New Brunswick; T. Weil, 185; and E. Roberts, 1683. In consequence of the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. Sim took the chair. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Alexander having given satisfactory proof of his claims to preferment, it was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Alexander was then raised, Bro. Sim performing the ceremony in his usual effective manner. The lodge having resumed to the Second Degree, the W.M. took the chair, and passed Bro. T. C. Duncan, who previously satisfied the brethren with his progress in Masonic knowledge. The lodge was then closed in this degree, and the principal business which had called the brethren together, namely, the initiating of Mr. W. Weil and Mr. Elias Harris, both of whom are about to proceed to the Cape, was gone through. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, interspersed with some excellent singing by several of the company, and having spent a very enjoyable evening, the brethren separated shortly after eleven o'clock.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 1st inst., when the lodge was opened punctually at 7.30 by Bro. Braham, W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. of 43 and 958, S.W.; Jas. Dutton, P.M. as J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treasurer; Radway, Secretary; Peach as S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The only other P.M.'s present were Bros. Brown, P.P.G.S.W., and Moutrie, and the attendance of members was unusually scanty, for which in several cases explanation was given, as another meeting was held at the same hour, calling away some who would otherwise have attended. The Secretary announced the receipt of a very good letter from the son of the aged Bro. Marsh, an old P.M. of this lodge, as mentioned in the last report, and also stated that in consequence of his remark that this brother is probably the oldest Mason in England, a communication had been sent to him claiming that position for Sir Moses Montefiore, who was initiated in 1812. Bro. Ashley announced that the candidate for the Boys' School from this province at the recent election had succeeded in obtaining admission. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Charmbury, a brother desiring to be raised, was examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and he was duly admitted to the rank of M.M. by the W.M., who, performing the ceremony for the first time, proved himself entitled to the compliments of the brethren on his efficiency, and openly received them, expressed in favourable terms by the Secretary. The S.W.

gave the traditional history, the charge, and an elaborate lecture on the Tracing Board. The J.D. very nicely explained the symbolism of the working tools. The lodge was lowered to the Second, and afterwards to the First Degree. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the photographs of the Masonic charts executed and just published for the benefit of the Masonic Charities by the S.W., and proposed that a set of the larger ones be purchased and framed, which, being seconded by Bro. Murlis, was carried. The lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th ult., in the new and commodious rooms in Armstrong's Terraces, Scud Hill, under the presidency of Bro. E. Bacon, W.M.; supported by Bros. J. Conroy, I.P.M.; J. Cunningham, P.M.; and J. Crawley, W.M. 325, I.C. The following officers were in their places: Bros. B. White, S.W.; J. King, J.W., and Org.; Charles T. Armstrong, Treas.; F. Myatt, Sec.; J. Button, S.D.; W. Allen, J.D.; H. Clipson, M.C.; P. Lyons, I.G.; and M. Ghio, Tyler, besides about forty members and visitors. The business of the evening was to initiate, if approved, Messrs. Ponsonby and Norton, of the Royal Artillery, and H. Clark, of the Royal Engineers, also to ballot for as re-joining members Bros. Sinclair, 71st Regt., and J. Crompton, R.E. Department, and to raise Bro. Padmore. The ballot, in all cases, proving favourable, Messrs. Ponsonby, Norton, and Clark were admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries, in the Worshipful Master's usual style, and the charge was given them by Bro. White, S.W., in a form both able and impressive. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively, and Bro. Padmore was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Bro. Bacon, in a manner which drew forth afterwards from two or three of the visiting brethren some very high encomiums, not only with reference to the Sublime Degree itself, but also to the general working of the lodge. Indeed, Bro. Bacon must be congratulated not simply on his own success, but likewise upon the efficiency of his officers, all of whom display an energy, interest, and correctness of work which augurs well for the lodge's future. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree. A candidate for initiation and two joining members being proposed, and some routine business disposed of, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and after a short admonition from Bro. Crawley, W.M. 325, the brethren retired to the refreshment room. After supper the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in speaking to that of the "Newly Initiated," dwelt on the high character and well-known fitness for Masonic privileges of Bros. Ponsonby, Norton, and Clark, and trusted that as they had proved themselves good men without Masonry, so inside its pale they would become better men. Bro. Ponsonby replied for the initiates in a few well-chosen remarks, and thanked the officers and brethren very heartily for the honour conferred by admitting them to the lodge. The W.M. again rose, and said: I must beg the attention of the brethren for a few moments while I perform a duty which is at once pleasing and rare. It is to present to our I.P.M., Bro. Conroy, a small jewel as a slight recognition of his services during the past year, a duty and pleasure which abler hands than mine would do more justice to. Brethren, towards the end of last year there was a generally expressed wish that Bro. Conroy should receive some memento of his year of office, but the lodge funds being of necessity low, owing to removal, &c., an individual subscription was resorted to, and when I tell Bro. Conroy that this jewel was purchased with the contributions of more than thirty members, and that too when the numbers were very fluctuating, I feel assured that its value, in his eyes, will be considerably enhanced. Bro. Conroy (turning to the I.P.M.), nothing I can say will add to the estimation in which you were held by the brethren whilst in the chair of K.S., and which is tersely expressed on the reverse of the jewel. On behalf of the subscribers, I have much pleasure in pinning this on your breast, and may you long live to wear it. After his health had been duly toasted, Bro. Conroy replied that he was more than pleased with the feeling which had animated the brethren in doing him so much honour—an honour which he certainly never expected. He was of opinion he was undeserving of such kindness, for after all he had only done what was the duty of every W.M. in whom, as in his case, so much confidence had been placed, and from whom so much was very properly expected. He must beg leave, however, to tell them, that it was not to his own efforts only that success had been obtained last year, but to the unflagging interest and efficiency displayed in the lodge work by his officers. His Wardens were ever ready with their charges and lectures, and his Secretary always foremost with his advice and assistance. Under these circumstances he could not help taking the opportunity of stating to the brethren again the obligation he was under to those who had rendered him such signal service. He should always wear the jewel with pride, not only as a memento of his past honoured position, but as a testimony of the esteem of the brethren who had placed him in that position. He concluded by wishing the lodge continued prosperity. The toasts of "The Joining Members," "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast wound up a most agreeable evening. Between the toasts and replies some excellent songs were given, those of Bros. Ponsonby, Lyons, and Armstrong being especially applauded for their humorous execution. The W.M. has exercised a wise discretion in restoring the musical accompaniments in the different Degrees given in this lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday,

the 1st inst., at six o'clock. There were present Bros. John Roger Lever, W.M.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; William Nicholl, S.W.; John Bladon, D.C., acting J.W.; Tomlin, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; John Smethurst, Treasurer; John Church, Secretary, J. Wilson, acting I.G.; Steward; J. Kirk, Tyler; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; S. Titmas, P.M.; E. B. Harding, Clark, De Yongh, Higginbottom, Percival, John Lawton, G. Heywood, J. W. Edwards, Rix, Sumner, E. H. Bates, Walmsley, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: J. Cummins, 1633; J. Davis, 1147; Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; Forrest, 1633; S. Kewson, P.M. 317; T. R. Peel, 1147 and 1488; J. Elliott, 1147 and 1488; and Birchall, 1547. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. John George Elderton, having been balloted for and elected a member of the lodge, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. S. Titmas, P.M., performed this ceremony, and also explained the working tools. At the conclusion of the ceremony of initiation, and the retirement of the candidate, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. John Lawton having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions for passing, retired. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bro. Lawton to the degree of F.C., and also explained the working tools in a very able manner. This being all the business, the lodge was closed to the First Degree, and the W.M. informed the brethren that the widow of a deceased brother (the particulars of whose case was brought before the lodge at last meeting) had applied to him for relief, and as the brethren knew the particulars of her case, which was a very hard one, and deserving of support, he would propose that a petition on her behalf be sent to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, signed by himself and his officers, and majority of the brethren then present. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., and being put to the lodge, unanimously carried. A candidate for initiation was proposed by Bro. Halliday, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where a substantial supper was served, to which about thirty sat down. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. John George Elderton," which was drunk with enthusiasm by all present, and briefly acknowledged. Other toasts followed, and some excellent glees by Bros. Lever, Robberds, and Gouldthorpe, comic songs humorously sang by Bros. Stephenson, Gouldthorpe, and Robberds, and a recitation by Bro. Forrest, given with great pathos, added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren, who separated before eleven o'clock.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, April the 30th, at six o'clock. Officers present: Bros. Henry Walley, W.M.; John Edward Williams, S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; B. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; Wm. Siddeley, Secretary; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; Joseph Senior, J.D.; George F. Smith, I.G.; H. H. Warburton, P.M., Organist; Joseph Mackie, P.M.; W. D. Waddell, Wm. Livesey, John Studd, and Henry Heap, Stewards; and J. Kirk, Tyler. There was a very numerous attendance of the members. Visitors from lodges Nos. 44, 1459, 1147, 1053, 815, 1219, 1319, 1633, 1496, 537, 1357, 657, 1117, and 1473 were also present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. A. F. Youle was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a creditable manner, assisted by his officers, of whom Bro. J. M. Sinclair, S.D., deserves honourable mention. On the retirement of Bro. Youle the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. W. Rome, P.M., resumed the chair, and raised Bro. Leo Bernstein to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in such a praiseworthy manner that fully bore out the credit this lodge has won for its "working." At the conclusion of this ceremony the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and two new candidates were proposed for election. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren assembled round the social board. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the W.M. then proposed "The Healths of Bros. Youle and Bernstein," which were enthusiastically received and responded to in suitable terms. Bro. the Rev. — Cottam, W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, replied on behalf of the visitors in a most eloquent speech. Other toasts followed, and during the intervals several brethren musically entertained the lodge. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character, and the brethren separated at eleven o'clock.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Northern Counties Lodge (No. 406).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, and was graced by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, Bro. L. M. Cockroft, and the following provincial officers:—Bros. Adam Robertson, P.M., W.M. 1167; P.G.S.W.; John Ridsdale, P.M. 406, P.G.J.W.; George Robinson, P.G.C.; George Cockburn, P.G. Reg.; John Bolam, P.G.S.D.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C.; Geo. I. Dean, I.P.M. 541, P.G.A.D. of C.; Bertram P. Ord, P.G. Org.; Joseph Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; and W. Waller, P.P.J.G.W. Yorks, N. and E. Ridings. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Prov. Grand Purst. assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. G. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; R. B. Brown, P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, P.M. R. Knox, P.M.; Monday, P.M.; John Page, S.W.; R. G. Salmon, J.W.; John Ridsdale, Treas.; George W. La Secretary; S. M. Harris, S.D.; E. Dunford, J.D.; J. S.

Bell, J. A. Macdonald, A. Hume, W. G. Sisson, R. Charlton, J. F. Turnbull, H. Coxon, Alex. Laing, R. J. Milbourne, P. Bourgogne, H. Hunter, A. Hunter, Henry E. Joel, John Nicholson, Thos. Forster, George Bradford, Charles Harrington, and R. Beilby. Among the visitors present were Bros. Raph Carr, W.M. 24; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; James McCulloch, I.P.M. 1643; John Wood, S.W. 48; John Usher, J.W. 181; R. C. Symonds, S. G. Homfray, jun.; R. A. Dodds, Wm. Pearson, R. Ferry, A. J. Joel, G. E. Macarthy, C. B. Ford, J. W. Gibson, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for the initiation of Mr. Duncan Macdonald, who was declared duly elected. At this point the W.M. was informed that the Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were without, awaiting admittance. They were at once admitted, the brethren receiving them by standing, in which position they remained until the Provincial Grand Officers were seated upon the dais. Mr. Macdonald, having been properly prepared, was admitted, and received from the hands of Bro. Armstrong, W.M., the First Degree in the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, the explanation of the working tools being well given by Bro. R. G. Salmon. The report of the Finance Committee was then read, from which we learn that a very satisfactory amount was in the hands of the Treasurer. The report, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the Junior Warden, was unanimously adopted. The leading event of the meeting was then proceeded with, viz., the installation of Bro. John Page as W.M. for the ensuing year. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. Bro. R. L. Armstrong then, in a most able and impressive manner, installed Bro. John Page into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the working tools in the several Degrees were presented, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in ancient form. Bro. John Page then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Robert Lamb Armstrong, P.G.P., I.P.M.; R. G. Salmon, S.W.; George W. Lax, J.W.; Rev. E. Humble, Chap.; John Ridsdale, P.G.J.W., Treas.; Solomon M. Harris, Sec.; E. Dunford, S.D.; J. S. B. Bell, J.D.; Robert Knox, P.M., D. of C.; R. Ferry, Organist; J. A. Macdonald, I.G.; A. Hume, S.S.; W. G. Sisson, J.S.; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Turk's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and which was presided over by Bro. J. Page, W.M., supported on the right by Bro. Adam Robertson, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and on the left by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Prov. Grand Pursuivant. On the removal of the cloth the following toasts were given:—"Her Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and Officers of the Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Percy, the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. L. M. Cockroft, and the Officers of P.G.L. of Northumberland," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. A. Robertson, Prov. Grand Senior Warden; "The Provincial Grand Master of Durham, R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, and Officers of the P.G.L. of Durham," which was acknowledged by Bro. Hopper; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Armstrong, and acknowledged by Bro. John Page; "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer," proposed by Bro. R. B. Brown, P.M., in very complimentary terms, and gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Armstrong; "The Past Masters of the Northern Counties Lodge," to which Bro. John Ridsdale, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, ably responded. Bros. R. G. Salmon, S.W., and Past Master Monday respectively replied for "The Present and Past Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," given by Bro. Armstrong, and replied to by Bro. Joseph Cook. Bro. John Bolam, Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. George Thompson. The Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. George Sims, brought to a conclusion one of the most brilliant and successful Masonic meetings that have been held in Newcastle.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—At the regular monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields, there were present Bros. Thos. Robson, W.M.; John Marcus, P.M., P.G.S.D.; A. Mustart, S.W.; J. Burdess, J.W.; W. J. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; James Roddam, P.M., Sec.; W. Perkins, J.D.; John G. Tulloch, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D. of C.; C. Haswell, Org.; W. B. McLearn, I.G.; G. H. Stansfield, Steward; Joseph Robertson, Tyler; P. Matthews, Thos. Anderson, J. G. Gibson, N. C. K. Fenwick, H. Sale, E. Prince, A. Anderson, James Murray, W. W. Bell, R. B. Stannard, E. Towns, Thos. Mothersdale, C. Hellberg, L. R. Inch, R. Reid, C. L. Taws, R. B. Henderson, Wm. Carnaby, and Thomas S. Massey. Visitors: Bros. A. Read, 32 (I.C.); W. H. Doddo, J.D. 1119; C. W. Henze, 541; George Davidson, 240; C. Roake, 24; Thomas G. Douglas, 94; and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Thompson and Stannard, candidates for the Second Degree, were examined, and having proved their efficiency retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when the candidates were again admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. A. Mustart, S.W. Bro. J. R. Inch was examined, and, having answered in a satisfactory manner, withdrew. The lodge being opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Inch was raised to the rank of Master Mason by the Worshipful Master, who also explained the working tools. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The usual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on the 26th ult. The chair was, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. Shaboe, W.M., taken by Bro. Southwell, I.P.M. He was supported by Bros. Sindall, S.W.; Gordon, J.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Kentish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Maple, W.S.; and Bindoff, I.G. The visitors were Bros. J. L. Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Howe, G.P., and several others. Bro. Southwell raised Bro. Spraitling to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and afterwards initiated Messrs. Farr and Ward into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Raynham Stewart, P.G.D., and P.D.G.M. Middlesex, passed his son, Bro. Francis Stewart, to the Second Degree. All the work was done in the most efficient manner. A sum was unanimously voted to present a small testimonial to Bro. Buss, as a token of the esteem and respect in which the lodge holds him, and also as a recognition of the labour he has undergone as Secretary, and (owing to the lamented illness of Bro. Little, the late Treasurer), for many years past as Treasurer and Secretary. After labour the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided with the usual care and liberality by Bro. Sadler, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

STOCKTON.—Lodge of Fraternity (No. 1418).—The annual festival and installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The lodge having been duly opened, two gentlemen were balloted for, Mr. Wilson Furness initiated a brother, and Bro. Peter Hallstrom raised. The next business was the installation of Bro. John Purkis Banning as Worshipful Master of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D., concluding with the usual saluting of the Worshipful Master after he had been duly placed in the chair. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed the following brethren as his officers, viz.:—James Hall, S.W.; G. E. Pybus, J.W.; W. J. Watson, Treasurer; J. Broome, Secretary; G. Pickering, S.D.; G. E. Smirk, J.D.; J. Reed, I.G.; A. Crosby and Thomas Bowman, Stewards; Thomas Preston, Organist; and J. Trenholm, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremony, Bro. J. Broome, Secretary, in accordance with a resolution passed at the previous lodge, presented in graceful terms a vote of thanks, beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, to the Immediate Master, Bro. John T. Thorman, in recognition of his services as Worshipful Master during the past year. Bro. Thorman feelingly acknowledged the gift, which he assured the brethren would ever be prized by him as a memento of their kindness towards him. The brethren present were J. P. Banning, J. T. Thorman, P.M.; G. D. Leng, P.M.; J. Hall, W. J. Watson, J. Broome, G. E. Pybus, J. M. Pickering, G. E. Smirk, J. Reed, A. Crosby, M. W. Pybus, J. Cook, T. Gibson, T. Bowman, J. McBride, W. Breckon, T. Preston, W. Henderson, J. Bott, C. Burnett, J. Tirnan, and W. Furness, Fraternity, 1418; J. Hunton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Thos. Wilkes, P.M.; J. F. Mann, P.M.; J. Usher, P.M.; J. F. Craggs, W.M.; J. H. Hart, R. W. Foss, R. Dickinson, and J. Hatcher, Philanthropy, 940; A. Iley, P.M.; D. H. Watson, J.D.; E. J. Fullerton, F. J. H. Bellringer, and W. Brayshay, Tees, 509; J. Burn, Waverley, 1322; Chas. E. Kerr, Dalziel, St. John, 406. The lodge being closed, the brethren and friends adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was served up in an admirable manner. After dining, the Worshipful Master, presiding, proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the company assisting in the National Anthem. He next submitted that of "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," who, he said, would hand a name down to posterity as one of the brightest ornaments of Freemasonry. Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. J. Hall. The toast which followed was that of "The Health of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M. of England." Song, Bro. C. Burnett, Bro. J. Hunton, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. of England, with the Present and Past Grand Officers." In offering the toast he said Lord Skelmersdale had proved the right man in the right place, or the brethren would never have placed him in the proud position which he now occupied and ably discharged the duties, which remark he added might apply equally well to the Present and Past Grand Officers. Song, Bro. G. E. Smirk. Bro. James Hall gave the next toast, "The R.W.P.G.M. of Durham (Bro. John Fawcett)." Song Bro. I. H. Hart. Bro. Pybus proposed "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M. of Durham, and the Present and Past G. Officers," coupling with the names Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M., P.J.G.D., who returned thanks. Song, Bro. Hall. Bro. W. J. Watson then proposed the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fraternity (Bro. J. P. Banning)." In doing so he said he had very great pleasure in proposing the toast. Bro. Banning was one of their oldest members. Five years since he (Bro. Watson) had the honour of raising him to the Third Degree, and that day of placing him in the chair of their lodge, in which, from the very great attention that he had given to the work of the lodge, he felt sure they would have under him a very pleasant and he trusted a successful year. He had carefully watched him through the various responsibilities that had devolved upon him, and when he remembered how well he had fulfilled the duties of the chairs as he passed on to taking that day the highest in their province as a lodge could confer upon a brother, he doubted not he would carry out the principles of Masonry and fulfil their last honour in the manner they had looked forward to see him do. He sincerely trusted he would have a very happy year. He should not like him to be discouraged in the performance of his duty by any scarcity or even a great amount of work, but hoped he would steadily push on, having with him the assurance that the brethren would assist him to the best of their ability. Song, Bro. R. Ventress. The Worshipful Master, in reply-

ing to the toast, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, adding that he thought Bro. Watson, in proposing the toast, had gone too far respecting the manner in which he had performed his duties. He (the W.M.) had certainly done the very best that he could for the lodge. He had studied Masonry ever since he was admitted into its mysteries, and in order to fully comprehend many matters he had had to trouble Bro. A. S. Fowler on numerous occasions, or he would never have been able to discharge the duties of the offices. For his many acts of kindness as well as those of Bro. Watson he took that opportunity of thanking them. To those of his brethren who entered office he would say if they should require any assistance he would be most happy to accord it to them. He might say he saw nothing to prevent the lodge prospering, which of course depended greatly upon the officers, who he thought they had good reason to believe would prove good and efficient ones, so that the ensuing year he trusted would be a successful one. For his own part he would endeavour to make them happy during his year of office, and try to make himself worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him. Bro. Wilkes, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Immediate Past Master (Bro. Thorman)," who responded. Song, Bro. W. J. Watson. Bro. G. D. Leng gave the toast of "The Installing Master (Bro. W. J. Watson)," who in a few practical and well directed remarks returned thanks. Song, Bro. T. Preston. Bro. W. G. E. Smirk proposed "The Health of the Initiates," coupled with the name of Bro. W. Furness, who replied. Bro. Pickering next submitted "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Tees Lodge, No. 509," which was responded to by Bro. A. Iley. Song, Bro. Fullerton. Bro. Leng then proposed "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940," coupling with the name Bro. J. F. Craggs, the W.M., who acknowledged the compliment. Song, Bro. J. W. Richardson. The W.M. proposed "The Lodges of Instruction," adding to the toast the name of Bro. A. S. Fowler, P.M., who replied. Song, Bro. R. Dickinson. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" being responded to by Bro. Reed, the proceedings, which had been agreeably enlivened by the accompanying of the vocalists on the pianoforte by Bro. R. Dickinson, were closed with the usual toast.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The installation meeting was held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when a large number of brethren assembled to do honour to an occasion of more than ordinary interest. The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, with the officers of his Provincial Grand Lodge, was, after the lodge had been opened, received with the customary ceremony. After Bro. Capt. Napier had been elected a joining member, the W.M., Bro. Capt. Frederick Huth, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Bros. A. Marshall and L. S. Lloyd. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and adopted; from this it appeared that the lodge had enjoyed a most successful year, during which time the number of members had increased from 22 to 34—viz., five joining members and eight initiations, against one resignation. The W.M. having given place to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., was presented for installation into the chair of K.S. for the second time. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Scott, who was assisted by Bros. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Corder, acting as Prov. Grand D. of C. The officers for the year were then appointed as follows: Bros. Capt. Frederick Huth, I.P.M.; Rev. E. Richard Adams, S.W.; H. O. Dowell, J.W.; W. H. Cockburn, S.D.; Capt. Luttmann Johnson, J.D.; Capt. Handley, I.G.; Capt. S. B. McWhinnie, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. German, P.M., Treasurer; Percy White, Secretary; R. Neil, Chaplain; Reginald Huth, Steward; W. S. Kelly, Org.; and T. Haper, Tyler. The next point of interest was the presentation, by the W.M., of jewels to Past Masters Bros. German and F. Huth. These brethren expressed the gratification they felt on receiving such kindly mementoes of their respective years of office. The lodge then became the recipients of further presents, the W.M. offering on behalf of a lady, a pair of handsome crimson silk nets for the two large pillars, and on behalf of Mrs. Gower (who on previous occasions had made handsome presents to the lodge), a silver Square and Compasses for the V. of S., &c. Thanks to these ladies were carried by acclamation. Mr. Audley Lovell, of the Coldstream Guards, was then proposed as a candidate for initiation by the W.M. And then, after "Hearty good wishes" had been offered by the many visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which fully sustained the reputation of the Old Ship. A very pleasant evening was spent, the patience of the brethren on this occasion being put to very slight test, the toasts losing none of their interest by the brevity which characterised excellent speeches. There were present, members of Provincial Grand Lodge, R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell; the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. J. H. Scott; Bros. J. St. Clair, P.G.W.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; W. Hale, P.G.S.D.; M. B. Tanner, P.G.J.D.; C. J. Corder, as P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Farncombe, P.G. St. Br.; A. King, P.G. Org.; W. Nell, P.G. Pur.; E. Bright, F. Halford, G. Evershed, A. J. Hawkes, J. Rubie, P.G. Stewards. Visitors: Bros. T. Price, W.M. 56; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. 38; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; C. Hudson, W.M. 315; C. Sandeman, W.M. 1636; C. P. Henty, P.P.G.S.W.; Gerald Ford, P.M. 271; W. A. Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; T. J. Sabine, P.H.G.S.B. Middx.; G. Smith, P.P.G. Pur.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Adams, J. C. Adams, C. F. Lewis, A. F. Gell, C. Folkard, G. Vickers, Alfred Green, Past Master 211; J. Robertson, and the following members of the lodge: Bros. C. J. Smith, W.M.; Capt. F. Huth, I.P.M.; W. H. German, P.M.; McWhinnie, P.M.; Rev. E. R. Adams, H. A.

Dowell, W.H. Cockburn, Capt. Grayham Edwardes, Capt. Johnson, A. J. Percival, Alexander Price, Capt. Napier, Capt. Handley, Lt.-Col. Morley, L. S. Lloyd, R. Huth, R. Neil, P. White, A. Marshall, T. Skipton, C. W. Kelly, H. Price, T. Hughes, Tyler; H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—At the usual monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, there was a good attendance of members and visitors, presided over by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, W.M., and amongst the Masonic chiefs present were Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. B. Mackenzie, S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treas.; John Atkinson, Secretary; Richard Burgess, Organist; J. Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; John M. Boyd, acting J.D.; and Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Addis, J. W. R. Brown, P. F. Buck, L. B. Brough, C. Courtenay, J. F. Cowdell, W. Hildyard, J. Keet, J. Levy, H. Leslie, P. Lowndes, J. A. Mercer, G. Martin, W. Mears, J. Penny, J. Reay, J. Shrapnell, R. Williams, and others. The visitors included Bros. Hall, 241; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; J. Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; Jesse Banning, P.P.G.O., Cumberland and Westmoreland, and others. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed in the usual way and unanimously, the W.M. most impressively initiated Mr. J. Bayliss and Mr. James Hont into the privileges of the Order; the work of passing Bro. W. Addis being done by Bro. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M. The lodge voted a sum of money for the help of a widow and several orphans (on the application of Bro. J. Hayes, P.G.S.), and the brethren subsequently adjourned for refreshment, a pleasant evening being subsequently enjoyed.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of the fraternity. The chair was taken and the lodge opened at five o'clock in the "Old Lodge Room" by Bro. R. Wylie, W.M., P.P.G.S.D., and the officers present included Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M.; J. R. Bottomley, S.W.; Thos. Evans, J.W.; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Treas., P.G. Chap.; J. W. Johnson, Sec.; R. Fairclough, S.D.; Hugh Jones, I.G.; H. Pritchard and Alex. Thomp, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. E. Coxon, W. C. Cowell, G. Charney, J. Hughes, E. Jones, J. F. Lloyd, W. H. Rowland, T. H. W. Walker, H. Pritchard, H. Wynne Parry, Robert Parry, W. Williams, Joseph Woods, John Lewis, Hugh Hughes, J. J. Knight, John Melloden, Jacob Davies, George Neville, George Porter, J. R. Jones, W. Murphy, G. W. Davies, D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; Robt. W. Wynne, Maurice Jones, John Pritchard, Robert, Hitchmough, H. R. Parry, John Parry, James Ireland, and Joseph Wood (*Freemason*). The list of visitors included Bros. Y. Holden, 1182; John Devaynes, P.M. 667; James P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; Jesse Banning, P.M. 310, 1209, P.P.G.O., C. and W.; John Hayes, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; W. Corbett, S.W. 249; R. C. Mellor, 605, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; C. Arden, J.W. 1356; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 823, 155, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Busfield, 1299, 216; B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, P.G.S.B.; John Hill, 1609; Alfred Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treas. 1609; and Lindo Courtenay, W.M. 1609. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and other matters of routine business transacted, Bro. J. R. Bottomley, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith and Bro. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., and installed by Bro. R. Wylie in a highly impressive and almost perfect manner. The usual honours having been paid, the W.M. invested the following officers for the next twelve months:—Bros. R. Wylie, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Evans, S.W.; J. W. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. Evan T. Davies, Chaplain; W. E. Coxon, Treas.; R. Fairclough, Sec.; C. W. Cowell, Asst. Sec.; Dr. J. Howard Pugh, S.D.; Hugh Jones, J.D.; Hugh Pritchard, J.G.; John Hughes, G. W. Davies, T. H. W. Waller, Stewards; and M. Williamson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The accounts were presented, and a short statement made by the Treasurer, and after they had been duly adopted by the unanimous vote of the brethren, Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., arose, and said: W.M. and brethren, it has been considered by the brethren of this lodge that this would be the most fitting time when we should present to our Bro. the Rev. John Rees Jenkins, P.M., Prov. G. Chap. of W. Lancashire, a testimonial in recognition of his services as Treasurer of this lodge from its formation, and as a token of the sincere regard in which he is held by the brethren. A sum of money was voted at our last meeting to supplement, if necessary, the contributions of the brethren for this purpose, but the whole matter has been accomplished without having taken one penny of that sum. I mention this to point out that the appreciation of Bro. Jenkins' worth is not confined to a few, but all experience the effect of his courteous and affable manner. Bro. Smith then placed on his breast a beautiful Prov. G. Chaplain's jewel, which was adorned with diamonds, at the same time wishing him, on behalf of the brethren, every happiness in his new home. Bro. Jenkins then said: I thank you, Bro. Dr. Smith, for the very kind expressions you have been pleased to make use of in conveying to me this very beautiful token of the esteem and regard of my brethren of this lodge. From the formation of it I have had charge of its financial affairs, and I have cared for them with a tender care, and have always been proud of the position in which we have stood from the first. Although I am leaving this lodge and province, I am going into one which is my mother province, and a very vigorous and active one too,

that is, Monmouthshire, where I hope to be able to serve our Craft as I have served it here. I can never forget, however, my connection with this lodge, nor cease to regard with some pride the fact that I have been the Prov. G. Chaplain of a province like West Lancashire. I cannot but be touched with the expressions of personal regard and friendship which have met me on all hands among brethren, not only of this lodge, but also outside of it. Ever since I came to Liverpool, which was six and a half years ago, I have given much time and attention to the discharge of duties connected with committees of a general nature, such as the Relief Committee, but the work itself has always been to me its own reward. In going away I realise to its fullest extent that I am leaving many personal friends, indeed more than I had ever thought I possessed; and that I take with me the best and kindest wishes of all. To thank you for this I will not try, for its continuance does not depend on mere words, which words would after all but dwarf it in its living reality. After business, the brethren banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., who subsequently gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The I.P.M., Bro. Wylie, gave "The R.W.P.G.M., and the other P.G. Officers of West Lancashire," and coupled with it the name of the P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins. Bro. Wylie said it was well-known to London Masons, and to brethren throughout the provinces who visited London lodges, that the Pro G.M., Lord Carnarvon, was one of the best working Masons in England. He also spoke in high terms of praise of Bro. Lord Skeimersdale, P.G.M.W.L. In reply to the toast Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins returned thanks on behalf of the Officers of Grand and P.G. Lodges, in a feeling manner. He maintained that the Supreme Officers of the Order had at heart the welfare of the brethren generally. He was exceedingly proud to hold the position of an officer in the Prov. G. L. of West Lancashire, particularly when visiting our Provincial Lodges, of say, 400 members, for in this province there were as many thousand members. During the last six years he had taken a great interest in Masonry connected with this province, and if he had attained a high position, he had also looked after and done as much as he humbly could for the interests of the brethren generally—such has been his object. He was leaving Liverpool, going far away, and he was almost sorry he had to go. He sometimes felt he would perhaps have been happier had he stayed, or, on the other hand, could take with him many kind friends whom he had made here. Those friends had been dear, and were dear to him, and he assured them and all the brethren that he regretted to leave them. Bro. Wylie, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of Bro. Bottomley, W.M.," who, he said, had given much labour in the advancement, and was in a great measure instrumental in forming the Antient Briton Lodge. He (Bro. Wylie) had an earnest wish and desire to see this a pure Antient Briton lodge, in which the working would be given in the Welsh language, which would, no doubt, come in time. In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Bottomley thanked Bro. Wylie and the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and assured them that he would do his best to please them during his year of office. His officers had been selected with great care, and if any one considered himself slighted who had been passed over he tendered to him his apology. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. S.G.W., the I.P.M.," and called upon Bro. Jenkins, Prov. G. Chap., to present to him a testimonial from the brethren. Bro. Jenkins said: W.M. and brethren, I thank you very much for the privilege granted to me of presenting to Bro. Wylie on your behalf these cases of fish carvers and fish eaters. We have all realised the courtesy and the assiduous care and attention with which he has watched over the development of this lodge, which moral qualities have been only rivalled, perhaps, by his dignified and commanding appearance. Bro. Wylie, on behalf of the brethren, I have to thank you most cordially for the time and care you have given, and the skill and ability with which you have guided the affairs of this lodge, and I now ask you to accept this present as a small indication of the esteem in which you are held, and of the good wishes that accompany them. Bro. Wylie then thanked Bro. Jenkins and the brethren generally for their kindness and the cordial words that had been used towards him. I was, he said, at the first pleased with my Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith at the head of affairs in this lodge without our seeking it, but having been so placed I then felt it my duty to do all that was in my power, and to employ such talents as I have towards perfecting the organisation and the ritual of this lodge, and as this lodge, as its name will signify, and as was intended from the first, is essentially a lodge for Welshmen, I am exceedingly anxious that a Welshman should as soon as possible occupy its chair, and such a Welshman too as will be able to give the various degrees in the Welsh language when considered necessary or desirable. I thank you, brethren, for having set such a value to my services, which will continue, I hope, for many years to be at the service of this lodge. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant entertainment came to a close at an early hour.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge held its last regular meeting for the season at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present among others Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M.; Forge, S.W.; Piller, J.W.; Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, &c., acting I.P.M.; Fitt, Ser.; Linton, J.D.; Goodchild, I.G.; Stevens, Org.; Abbott, D.C.; Reinhardt, acting Tyler; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D. (*Freemason*). The visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.M. 201, 889, &c.; May, P.M. 700, 1638; Muller, Crescent; Tily, 1446; Handel and Bonell, 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the able assistance of Bro. Elsam, raised Bro. Goodchild and passed Bros. Collier,

Owens, Humphries, and Beauchamp, the ceremonies being well performed. It was then unanimously resolved that in consideration of the W.M.'s long and zealous services to the cause of Freemasonry in the province he should be recommended to the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex as a P.G.S. Several propositions having been handed in the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent and well served collation. The customary Royal and Craft toasts having been loyally disposed of, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Walls. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that he could only reiterate what he had said on former occasions, that he felt highly gratified in being the first Master of their local lodge, more especially as that honour had emanated from the general wish expressed by the promoters. He, however, was sorry that, in consequence of extreme pressure of business, he had not been able to give that amount of attention to the duties of the chair as he hoped to be able to bestow upon it after the summer recess. In conclusion, he said he would take that opportunity of returning his very sincere thanks to Bro. Elsam, who, in the character of acting I.P.M. that day, had rendered him such valuable aid. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors," in which he said that, although he had just mentioned the name of one of the visiting brethren that evening, namely, Bro. Elsam, he felt bound to briefly speak of him again. He, Bro. Elsam, held, and deservedly so, a very high Masonic position both in London and in the province of Surrey, and which honourable position he had worked very hard to attain. With regard to his working capabilities, he (the W.M.) could only state that he had attended a club of instruction under his Preceptorship, and he had reaped very considerable benefit from his teaching. Of the remaining visitors, Bro. May, P.M., and others, he, on behalf of the members of No. 1793, gave them a very hearty welcome, and trusted that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Elsam, in reply, said that, speaking for himself, he would say that it had afforded him the greatest possible amount of satisfaction at being present that day. With regard to the very high encomiums bestowed upon him by the W.M. he could only say that to assist in the working of any Masonic ceremony gave him the most unqualified pleasure. In conclusion, he expressed an opinion that the Sir Charles Bright Lodge had a very high career marked out for it in the Masonic province of Middlesex, and it had his best wishes for its success. Bro. May, P.M., and the remaining visitors having replied in a similarly eulogistic vein, the W.M. immediately arose, and gave, in a neat speech, "The Health of the Officers." This pledge having been warmly received, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The annual banquet of this lodge took place on Monday, the 28th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m., Bro. Bumstead, P.M. and Sec. 548, P.Z. 79, &c., occupying the chair of W.M., and the other offices being filled as follows:—Bros. Batchelor, J.D. 548, P.S. 79, as S.W.; Hutchings, J.W. 147, S.D. 1531, as J.W.; Catterton, S.D. 548, as S.D.; Hunt, I.G. 1662, as J.D.; and Price, 471, as I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was eloquently rehearsed by the W.M. The working of the First and Third Sections of the Lecture, by the Junior Warden, followed, and the time had then arrived for an adjournment from labour to refreshment. The lodge was accordingly closed, and the brethren, to the number of forty, sat down to banquet, which was served by Bro. Morgan, the host, in a style that produced commendations from all present. The same officers presided as at the working of the lodge. The Stewards were Bros. Batchelor, J.D. 548, P.S. 79; Carman, 548; Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G. 1326; Griffin, P.M. 933, J.W. 1531, P.Z. 79, &c. (Preceptor and Treasurer); Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec.; Hutchings, J.W. 147, S.D. 1531; Hunt, I.G. 1662, and Vohmann, S.W. 871. The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. invited the brethren to drink the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction," which he coupled with the name of Bro. Griffin, its Preceptor and Treasurer. In proposing this toast he desired to impress upon the minds of every brother present the necessity of frequently attending a lodge of instruction. To those young in Masonry it was necessary as a preparation for the time when they might be summoned to take office; while for those more experienced, occasional, if not regular, visits to a lodge of instruction would serve to "rub off the rust," and conduce to the securing of correctness in the delivery of the ritual; and while upon the subject of ritual he desired to express his deep regret at a practice, which of late years had become common amongst Preceptors of lodges of instruction, of introducing phraseology of their own in the working of the ceremonies instead of employing the ancient and recognised ritual. He felt very strongly on this point. The innovations thus made upon the ancient landmarks of the Order were rapidly increasing; one heard from time to time of a certain form being "Bro. So and So's working," and, indeed, it had become difficult to find two lodges of instruction where the ritual was identical. In fact, the working in many lodges resembled an ancient picture which had passed through the hands of a modern "restorer," or, if he might descend to a more humorous parallel, he would allude to the celebrated dog whose owner declared had been originally a greyhound, but his ears and tail being cropped became converted into a mastiff. He concluded by inviting the brethren to drink the toast, which was done with enthusiasm. Bro. Griffin replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. For his own part, the remarks of the W.M. concerning the innovations

in the working of the ceremonies did not apply, as he could confidently declare that he had neither introduced nor suppressed, but taught the ritual in the precise form he had received it. In conclusion, he expressed a hope of meeting the brethren round the festive board upon many future occasions. The next toast proposed was that of "The Visitors," of whom there were some twenty present. Bro. Abbott, W.M. 765, briefly responded. Bro. Griffin then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Bumstead," who, he said, had, to some extent, retired from Craft Masonry and identified himself with the Royal Arch De-Masonry, but nevertheless by his working on that evening had shown that he was no stranger to Craft ritual. He hoped at some future time, on a similar occasion, again to attend at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, where he had received his first lessons in Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed "The Hon. Secretary." Bro. Gibson, in returning thanks, quoted some statistics to show that the attendance at the lodge of instruction during the financial year just expired had attained a satisfactory increase upon previous years. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and was acknowledged briefly by Bros. Batchelor, Hutchings, Catterson, Hunt, and Price. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and terminated one of the most successful festivals given by this lodge of instruction for many years past. The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the vocal efforts of several of the brethren, both members and visitors.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, by invitation, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway—Bros. R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861, W.M.; G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201, S.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693.
- 2nd " ... " J. Gibbs, A.D.C. 1178.
- 3rd " ... " G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201.
- 4th " ... " A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693.
- 5th " ... " G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201.
- 6th " ... " Gardiner.
- 7th " ... " L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 8th " ... " Pelikan, 1602.
- 9th " ... " C. Lorkin, J.D. 1524.
- 10th " ... " R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861.
- 11th " ... " H. P. Isaac, S.W. 1693.
- 12th " ... " F. G. Chant.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 13th " ... " J. A. Powell, S.W. 186.
- 14th " ... " H. P. Isaac, S.W. 1693.
- 15th " ... " J. A. Powell, S.W. 186.

Present: Bros. R. J. Tolmie, W.M. 861, W.M.; G. H. Saul, W.M. 1201, S.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M. 902, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1693, S.D.; J. M. Yeomans, J.D.; J. Oldis, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, J.W. 1695, Hon. Sec.; Past Masters, Bros. P. Dickinson, J. Eldridge, J. Yeomans, L. R. Rogers, Tolmie, H. Hollis. Brethren: Bros. J. Gibbs, T. Press, W. Payne, F. Brown, J. Greenfield, T. Tremere, F. G. Chant, A. Goode, U. J. Upton, S. Beattie, G. D. Edmunds, J. Alderson, J. H. Peach, Frodsam, W. Earl, Blackie, J. Swinyard, H. P. Isaac, Pelikan, J. A. Powell, C. Lorkin, A. W. Fenner, H. B. D. Dunn, Campbell, Gardner. Bros. S. Beattie, of Lodge 1507; Earl, 1695; and Swinyard, were elected joining members. Bro. R. G. Tolmie, W.M. 861, was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him and entered on the lodge minutes. Great praise is due to the presiding officers and brethren who assisted them for the able and efficient manner in which the work was performed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This lodge held its meeting at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. J. Lorkin, W.M.; F. Carr, S.W.; A. McMillan, J.W.; C. Lorkin, J.D.; C. Olley, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec.; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. R. Olley, being the candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by Bro. F. Carr, worked the Second Section of the Lecture. The lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and then closed down. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McMillan seconded, that Bro. Carr be W.M. for the following Wednesday, 14th inst.: carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form. Time of meeting from 8 till 10.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—This lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult., in the class room of the Sutherland Chapel, 346, Walworth-road, S.E. There were present Bros. T. E. Walker, W.M.; Power, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Stokes, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Lawrence, I.G.; Corpe, Treas.; Walker, Sec.; Dann, Preceptor, and other brethren. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Corpe as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the questions for raising were answered. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was duly rehearsed, Bro. Brooke acting as candidate. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the W.M. for his efficient working in the chair. The meetings in its new quarters are

most satisfactory, there being a much larger attendance than formerly, while the members continue to express satisfaction at the labour being disassociated with refreshment.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—This meeting being election night, a large mustering of the brethren took place. Comp. Willing, M.E.Z., presided, assisted by Comps. J. R. Stacey, H.; W. J. Ferguson, J.; T. A. Adams, P.Z.; W. M. Stiles, Scribe, E.; C. W. Hudson, Scribe N.; H. Stiles, as P.Z. (Comp. J. Douglass being absent owing to the production of a new piece, "Two Reigns," at the Park Theatre, by the M.E.Z. and Comp. Leonard Rae). Companions present included Comps. Gilbert, Daniels, Humphreys, Deller, Holt, Cook, Edmonds, Beattie, and others. Visitors: Comps. E. Swanborough (Strand Theatre), Eldridge, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. F. Johnson, Van der Pump, and Dimsdale were balloted for and exalted to the R.A. Degree. The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following companions were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: E. Comps. Stacey, H., M.E.Z.; Ferguson, J., H.; Stiles, S.E., J.; Willing, P.Z., Treas.; Comps. Hudson, S.N., S.E.; Douglass, P.S., S.N.; H. Stiles, A.S., P.S.; Barnes, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. Willing for his services as First Principal and founder of the chapter, accompanied with a jewel of the value of £10 10s., the latter, by the earnest wish of the M.E.Z., being reduced to the value of £5 5s. The progress of this chapter has been very rapid, and must give great satisfaction to the companions. They muster over forty in number, and bid fair to become one of the strongest and most important chapters in London. The companions adjourned to banquet about half-past seven, and spent a pleasant evening, breaking up at ten o'clock.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, at half-past six. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Bowes, assisted by E. Comps. R. Brierley, P.Z., as H.; James Jackson, J.; D. W. Finney, P.Z.; and P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., P.S., opened the chapter, after which the rest of the companions were admitted. Amongst those present we noticed Comps. Potter, W. H. Robinson, Jos. Pickthall, Dr. Evans, W. Richardson, Jno. Armstrong, and Dr. Joseph. Comps Percival Pearce, No. 62, and W. Taylor, No. 220, were visitors. The M.E.Z. then announced that the business of the meeting was to ballot for, and, if elected, to exalt Bro. Charles Skinner, Arthur Peake, James Charlton, and Richard Starkey. The ballot box having been sent round respectively for the four brethren, and each case being unanimously in favour and, being present, they were exalted in ample form by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the mystic lecture. The symbolic and historic lectures were given by Ex. Comps. Finney, P.Z., and James Jackson, J. There being no further business the chapter closed with the usual solemnities.

Obituary.

CHARLES BRYANT PAYNE.

It is only a week since the Grand Festival and the investiture of officers for the year, and we have to chronicle the decease of the well-known and dearly loved Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who has filled the offices of G. Tyler of the G. Lodge, and G. Janitor of G. Chapter of England, for upwards of twenty years. He had been ill some time, and it was the remark of many brethren in Grand Lodge that he then appeared very poorly. It was only, however, on Monday that he gave up and took to his bed; he died on the following evening. His genial disposition and real Masonic character endeared him to all who knew him. He was initiated in the Industry Lodge, No. 186, London, on 26th Nov., 1833, and was a member some years. He joined the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London, 2nd April, 1857, and was W.M. in 1862; exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in Moriah Chapter, No. 9, 3rd Jan., 1839; joined the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, 25th June, 1857, served the Three Chairs and M.E.Z. in 1868. He was appointed G. Tyler and G. Janitor in 1857. We think it may safely be said of him that he never did an unkind action to any one, and, we believe, has not left an enemy, or one who would speak unkindly of him.

W. BRO. HARRY JOHN FREW, P.M. No. 825.
By the mail leaving England to-day our brethren in India will receive the sorrowful intelligence of the loss they have sustained by the death of W. Bro. Harry John Frew, P.M. of Lodge Excelsior, No. 825 of England. Bro. Frew was for the last fourteen years an officer of the Treasury in Calcutta, and in 1874 he was selected by the Government for the arduous and responsible charge of the public accounts connected with famine expenditure in Bengal, for which duty he was deputed to the distressed districts of Behar and Tirhoot. There his health began to give way, but he laboured on up to the termination of the relief measures conducted by Sir R. Temple, K.C.S.I., the present Governor of Bombay. Bro. Frew remained at his post in Calcutta for months afterwards, until his health entirely broke down and he was compelled to return home. About two months ago pleuro-pneumonia set in, and after a period of acute suffering, borne with patient resignation—whilst he was throughout supported by the gentle ministrations of a devoted wife—he, on the 1st instant, entered into his rest, at the age of thirty-four years. His remains were interred in the Honor Oak Cemetery on Monday last, and at the funeral both his lodge and chapter were

represented by R.W. Bro. Thomas Jones, P.G.S.W. of Bengal, P.M. of Lodge Excelsior, and P.Z. of Chapter Hope, No. 109. The generous and amiable disposition of our deceased brother gained for him many friends in India, while his talents and zeal in Masonry brought him forward at an unusually early period of life to high office and distinction in the Craft. In 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years, he was installed as W.M. of Lodge "Excelsior," and was afterwards elevated to the chair of Third Principal in Chapter "Hope."

"Pulvis et umbra sumus;
Quis scit an adjiciant hodicernæ crastina summæ
Tempora Di Superi?"

BRO. H. WINTON.

The *East Sussex News* reports that on Monday, the 28th ult., was interred at St. Michael's Cemetery, Lewes, the remains of the late Bro. Harry Winton, who died at his residence, Chace Green, Enfield, on the 21st ult. He was an old Lewes townsman, and was born at Horsbam in May, 1799. The deceased was a zealous Freemason of the South Saxon Lodge, and did much to advance the interests of the Craft. He was instrumental in securing the Castle Keep in perpetuity for the Freemasons from the late T. R. Kemp, Esq., M.P., and was Master of Ceremonies of the Masonic deputation on the reception of the late King William IV. and Queen Adelaide, on the occasion of their visit to Lewes. About the year 1835 he received an appointment under Government and left Lewes for Brighton, on which occasion he was presented by the Masonic body of Sussex with a service of plate and his portrait as a mark of esteem. After some years of active service the Government accorded him a retiring allowance, and he passed many years in retirement, devoted to the pursuit of organic chemistry, the outcome of his labours being some useful chemical processes and patented inventions. He was an indefatigable worker in behalf of Masonic Provident Institutions. The deceased was always greatly attached to Lewes, and was buried there at his own desire. The body was conveyed by train, and the hearse, which left the railway station at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, was followed by Mr. H. J. L. Winton, Mr. E. W. Winton, and Mr. D. Winton (sons), also by Mr. W. K. J. Langridge. At the White Hart Hotel the following Freemasons joined the cortege:—Bros. S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon Lodge; G. Stone (Newhaven), J. C. Lucas, J. Inskip, H. Wingham, Jos. Farncombe, R. H. Ellman, A. Holman, Lenny, Honey, and several old townsmen.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

A convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held on Tuesday week, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle, under the banner of the Tyne Chapter. The chapter was opened by the Three Grand Principals, assisted by the companions present, among whom we noticed Comps. Lonsdale M. Cockroft, Prov. Grand Supt.; W. Twizell, P.G.H.; J. S. Challoner, P.G.J.; J. S. Wilson, P.G.E.; A. Potter, P.G.N.; John Ridsdale, P.G.P.S.; T. Blenkinsop, P.G.A.S.; George Thompson, Prov. G. Treas.; Paul O. Smith, P.G.S.B.; G. A. Allan, P.G. Std. Br.; F. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C.; W. J. Ward, G. I. Dean, Mean, Guthrie, A. Mustart, and others.

The minutes of the last convocation were read, and the roll of Chapters was then called, as follows:

- 1. Chap. De Swinburne ... No. 24
- 2. " De Sussex ... " 406
- 3. " De Ogle ... " 431
- 4. " St. Peter's ... " 481
- 5. " Tyne ... " 991

Very gratifying reports of all the chapters were given by the representatives of their prosperous and harmonious state. The report of the Provincial Fund was read, to the effect that they had examined and audited the Treasurer's accounts, and found the balance in hand to be £12 4s. 6d. The report was confirmed. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was then read, received and adopted. Comp. George Thompson was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following proposition was received from Comp. Wm. Twizell, seconded by Comp. Challoner, that the balance of £12 4s. 6d. in the Treasurer's hands be invested in the Monarch Building Society. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. L. M. Cockroft, then appointed and invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:

- M.E. Comp. John Straker Wilson ... Prov. G.H.
- " A. Potter ... Prov. G.J.
- " John Ridsdale ... Prov. G.E.
- " W. J. Ward ... Prov. G.N.
- " T. Blenkinsop ... Prov. G.P.S.
- " Mein ... Prov. G.A.S.
- " Guthrie ... Prov. G.J.A.S.
- " Geo. Thompson (elected) ... Prov. G.Treas.
- " G. I. Dean ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " Underwood ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " Montgomery ... Prov. G. St. Br.
- " E. D. Davis ... Prov. G. D. of C.
- " Thos. Smith ... Prov. G. Org.
- " Curry ... Prov. G. Janitor.
- " Bell ... } Prov. G. Stewards.
- " Reid ... }

The Provincial Grand Superintendent announced that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held under the banner of Chapter De Swinburne.

There being no further business the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in solemn form.

The Royal Savoy Lodge has decided to hold the annual summer festival under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Willing, on the fourth Thursday in July.

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Henry St. Clair's queries are not suitable for a Masonic paper. Mr. Lowe is not, as far as we are aware, a Freemason.

"The Oldest Mason in England" in our next.

The following stand over—Lodges 1002, 1561, 1476, 1650, 1752. Masonic Festival at Pontypridd.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Der Bahutte," "Dickens's Dictionary of London," "Proceedings Grand Council Royal and Sicket Masters, Massachusetts," "Hull Packet," "The Advocate," "Our Home," "Alliance News," "The Keystone," "Masonic Newspaper," "Young Folks' Weekly Budget," "The Star," "North China Herald," "Masonic Herald," "Masonic Record," "Prize Paper," "Hebrew Leader," "Ketet Orient," "Liberal Freemason," "Freemason's Repository."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

HEARSON.—On the 3rd inst., at 4, Glen-Mahr-terrace, Hyde-vale, Blackheath, the wife of Mr. T. A. Hearson, of a daughter.

WILTSHIRE.—On the 2nd inst., at 57, Wimpole-street, W., the wife of Mr. Alfred Wiltshire, M.D., F.R.C.P., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SMITH—FAIRBANKS.—On the 1st inst., at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. Arthur Fairbanks, the Rev. Lewis Arthur Smith, of Radnor, to Edith, daughter of the Rev. J. H. Fairbanks, of Luton, Chatham.

DEATHS.

COLTHURST.—On the 27th ult., at Manor House, Thurlington, near Taunton, Mr. Thomas Colmer Colthurst, aged 60.

RAMMELL.—On the 2nd inst., at 119, High-street, Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Rammell, of Ramsgate, aged 70 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1879

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We think it right to remind our many readers that the Anniversary Festival of this excellent Institution takes place on Wednesday, the 14th inst., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. As was explained last week, owing to various disappointments and delays, which were utterly unavoidable, our gallant brother, the Grand Treasurer, came forward at the eleventh hour to rescue the Stewards and the Charity from a serious dilemma. As Trustee and Treasurer of the Girls' School, as Chairman of the Building Committee, his services have been many and great, and no one is more qualified to advocate the cause of the School, just as no one is better acquainted with its needs and its claims. We do not doubt ourselves, that a large number of brethren, friends to the School, will rally round our Grand Treasurer, so deservedly popular in the Craft, and we are inclined to think, from what we hear, that the Festival of 1879 will be a success for the Girls' School, its managers, and the Secretary. No brother can do better, even at this late period, than join that gallant crew who are striving so hard to come in No. 1, and as there is no Masonic Institution more admirably and efficiently conducted, so there is not one which more deeply appeals to our sympathy and attachment, and we will add pride, as men and Masons. May the Anniversary of 1879, despite many hindrances and difficulties, arising from the fluctuations of commerce, and the badness of trade, be, nevertheless, another striking proof that the "hearts" of English Freemasons are "in the trim," and that to them the goodly word of Charity, as emblazoned on their historic banners, is not merely the "outcome" of lip service, or much talking, but is indelibly graven on their hearts.

ANTI-MASONIC PAPERS.

By the kind courtesy of an American brother, we are indebted for a "sight" of one of these remarkable productions. It is yclept "The Christian Cynosure," and is published at Chicago, edited by J. Blanchard, with an assistant editor termed H. L. Kellogg. It is indeed a very striking periodical in itself, and that on every possible ground of reason, moderation, justice, toleration, and truth, above all. Blanchard, the editor, is, we fancy, that same "excellent being" mentioned by "Weller, senior," and to whom we poor Masons ought to apply his striking words, "If we get no more light, my worthy creature, than that ere moonshine of yourn, we are like to continue night coaches for the rest of our journey." Is not Blanchard the great and august Blanchard, who in the name of religion has been vituperating and vilifying Masons and Masonry, even in so-called "prayers," utterly forgetting the Christian graces he affects to believe in, of charity, equity, and goodwill? Is he not the "real and original Blanchard," who has amused himself with "running a rig" at Masons, forgetting in his blinded and pharisaical prejudices that there are thousands and tens of thousands of Masons in America who are an ornament to their country, the joy of their family, the pillars of their churches, and as religious and God-fearing, as sincere and spiritual, as enlightened and earnest, nay, may we not suspect a good deal more so, than Mr. Blanchard or Mr. Kellogg, or all the Blanchards and all the Kelloggs in the world? We have read "The Christian Cynosure" with amusement, mingled, we regret to add it, with contempt, if such be Masonic in any sense. From first to last we are struck with its irreverent tone and its profane dealing with holy things. Amid the great struggle going on in this world just now with sin and sorrow on all sides, amid that stern combat that is ever progressing between religion on one side, and the spirit of all ill on the other, we confess that we are deeply affected with the ineptitude, the reck-

lessness, the childishness, the perversity, and the wickedness of those brainless, but mischievous, fanatics, who are waging war with a useful, benevolent, God-fearing, man-loving sodality like Freemasonry. Freemasonry does not suit Blanchard and Co. in its secrecy, its universality, its toleration, and its charity, and, therefore, forsooth, from their subjective view of its unholiness and ungodliness, they pronounce "ex cathedra," with all the dignified authority of an infallible Pope, that Freemasonry is irreligious, and is to be "put down." Blanchard put down Freemasonry! Bravo, Blanchard! As the little boy in the pantomime says to the clown, "Hencore." Some of our brethren, remembering Gulliverian incidents and episodes of travel, and the like, will laugh heartily at Blanchard's attempt to extinguish Freemasonry, and at Blanchard's flow of spasmodic anathemata. Let us realize the actual position of affairs. Here is a professedly Christian minister invoking the most sacred name and the most holy sanctions with an unction, and a freedom, and a fluency which strongly remind us of "Pecksniff" and "Stiggins" combined, to say nothing of "Tartuff's" abject hypocrisy, or "Mawworm's" offensive nonsense, denouncing an Order which, with many shortcomings, is one of the most religious and benevolent in the world. And all because, mark it, my masters, it does not agree with Blanchard, it does not please Blanchard, it does not teach Blanchard, it does not affect Blanchard. Think of a man loudly avowing religious principles, on no evidence whatever, accusing our reverent and kind-hearted Fraternity of speculation, profanity, atheism, and immorality, disowning of God, and imposition on mankind—all in the same breath. "The Christian Cynosure" may call itself Christian, and may represent the "Cynosure" to Blanchard, but, in our opinion, it is neither Christian nor a "Cynosure" at all. Theirs must be little minds, and theirs benighted intellects, and they very irreligious religionists, to whom Blanchard's paper is the "star of light to direct them on their course." That it can do any harm to Masonry we do not believe, as the world is getting ahead of intolerant impertinences and vulgar denunciations. We are amused to note that, like all impostors and mendicant lackeys in all ages of the world, Blanchard's paper, like every similar hurtful publication, hurtful to the best interests of religious sincerity, kindness, and fair play, has to "send round the hat," and, therefore, we say to our brethren in America, let Blanchard curse, they can call to mind how the "curses" of the hired "Vates" turned out "blessings" to the true servants of God. Freemasonry, strong in the goodness of its intentions, the justice of its cause, and the reality of its efforts for the "honour of God" and the welfare of man, leaves its justification to the world at large, caring little what its accusers may allege, and, above all, what maligners may proclaim.

THE LATE GRAND TYLER.

We deeply regret to have to announce the fact of the somewhat sudden death of our late excellent Grand Tyler, Bro. Chas. Payne, though it will be seen, from a report elsewhere, that Bro. Payne has been ailing for some little time. His death will come as a sad shock to many to whom his cheery face, and genial qualities, and Masonic services have been well and pleasantly known for years. Bro. Payne was one of the most hard-working, kindly, and yet obliging and unassuming of mortals, fulfilling his duties to the satisfaction and respect of all, and he has left a void very hard to fill in the regard and memory of his brethren.

SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., now re-appointed Grand Chaplain, is vicar of Throwley, Kent, and a veteran in Masonry, having been initiated in the year 1844 in the Lodge of Good Report, No. 135. Our reverend brother was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, in 1846, and filled the office of

W.M. of the Mount Moriah Lodge in 1847. He was Provincial Grand Chaplain of Worcestershire in 1854 and subsequent years, and on removing into Kent as vicar of St. Peter's, Maidstone, on the installation of Lord Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., at Gravesend, in Oct., 1860, as Provincial Grand Master, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, and has so continued to this date, having been presented, at the Grand Festival held at Canterbury last year, with a magnificent evidence of esteem in the shape of money and plate. He is sincerely attached to our ancient landmarks, and his pulpit addresses, and the orations delivered at the consecration of the lodges in the province during the firm but genial reign of the noble P.G.M., have been greatly appreciated. This year he presides as First Principal of the High Cross Chapter, No. 829.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Bro. John B. Monckton was initiated into Masonry in the Belvidere Lodge (503), Maidstone, Kent, about the year 1855. In January, 1864, he joined the Jerusalem Lodge (197), famous in the Craft as the lodge at whose centenary meeting, in February, 1871, when Bro. Monckton was I.P.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales first saw English Masonry. In 1867 Bro. Monckton was active in founding the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge (1150), of which he is now the Senior Past Master. In 1868 he represented Jerusalem Lodge as Grand Steward, and served as Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards, and in the same year he was elected on the Board of General Purposes, of which in the following year he became Vice-President, a post he held by successive elections for three years. In 1871 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of England, and two years later succeeded the lamented Bro. Horatio Lloyd, Q.C., as, and has ever since remained, President of the Board of General Purposes, having for some time previously acted as President of the Colonial Board. By virtue of his office, Bro. Monckton was Chairman of the Committee who so successfully carried out the memorable installation at the Albert Hall of H.R.H. the present Grand Master, without doubt the greatest Masonic event in modern times. He is Past Grand Principal Sojourner in Grand Chapter, member of many lodges, Mark Mason, Knight Templar, and 32°, and has been frequently Steward of the Charities.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in the year 1852, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach was Master. After an absence of several years from England, he was on his return appointed to a Wardenship in his mother lodge, and served the office of Master in the year 1872. In the following year (1873) H.R.H. the Grand Master filled that chair, and appointed Bro. Bird as his Deputy Master. Also in the year 1872 Bro. Bird was appointed Senior Warden of the province of Oxfordshire (by the present Grand Registrar), who was then administering the province. Upon the resignation of Bro. R. J. Spiers in 1874, Bro. Bird was appointed (also by the Grand Registrar) Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which office he continues to hold under H.R.H. Prince Leopold. In the same year he was elected Treasurer of the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, which office he now holds. During the ensuing year he was installed first Master of the St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, of which he was one of the founders. He has also served Stewardships for all the Masonic Charities, and is a member of various other lodges in London and Oxfordshire.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Matthew E. Clark was initiated, passed, and raised in Lodge of Harmony, No. 255, by Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., and occupied the Master's chair in 1871. He was appointed D.P.G.M. for Essex in 1875, by the late Bro. Robert Bagshaw, P.G.M. Essex; ruled the province during 1875, 1876, and 1877, during which time he had entire care, owing to the P.G.M.'s ill health. He resigned

the office in 1878 on account of an illness. In April, 1879, he received notification from Grand Lodge, and was appointed Grand Deacon on the 30th ult. He is Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 255, and Bagshaw Lodge, Buckhurst Hill; Past Principal Chapter of Iris; member of Studholme Lodge of Mark Masons.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. George Burt was initiated in the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, on the 2nd December, 1851, served the office of J.D. in 1855, S.D. in 1856, J. Warden in 1857, S.W. in 1858, W.M. in 1859. On the consecration of the De Moulham Lodge, No. 1146, at Swanage, Dorset, in March 1867 Bro. J. Mowlem was appointed W.M., Bro. J. Freeman, S.W., and Bro. G. Burt, J.W., being the three members of the firm of John Mowlem and Co., who founded the lodge. In 1868 Bro. Bird served the office of Senior Warden in the same lodge, and in 1869, as also in 1870, was the W.M. thereof. Further in 1859 he served as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In 1864 Steward of the Boys' School, Festival. In 1867 Steward of the Girls' School Festival; in which year (1867) he was made Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Dorset, and in 1879 Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of Grand Lodge.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Samuel Mullens was initiated in September, 1860, in Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, and served the office of W.M. in that lodge for two successive years—1869 and 1870. In 1867 he was one of the founders (in conjunction with Bros. J. B. Monckton, P.B.G.P., and P. de Lande Long, P.G.D., and others) of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, 1150, which was first established in connection with the First Middlesex Artillery Volunteers, of which corps the founders were all members. He served the office of W.M. in that lodge for the year 1870-71, holding the office of Master of two lodges at the same time, by dispensation. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes during three years, and was one of the special Stewards at the installation of the present M.W.G.M., in 1875. He is a Life Governor of each of the four Masonic Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. James Kench, the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, was initiated on the 3rd January, 1867, in the Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, a lodge originally founded by some French refugees, residing in London, but which would have been erased from the books of the Grand Registrar in 1866 had not some English brethren met together and succeeding in resuscitating it. Bro. Kench was the first initiate that entered the lodge after its resuscitation, and was installed W.M. of the same in 1870. In the following year he was elected Treasurer of the lodge, a position he has held ever since—having been re-elected every year to that office. In the same year that he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, Bro. Kench became a member of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, that meets at Highbridge, in Somersetshire, and in the year 1869 he was one of the founders of the Stanhope Lodge, No. 1269, whose meetings are held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley. In the same year that he was W.M. of his mother lodge, Bro. Kench was elected W.M. of the Stanhope Lodge. He had, therefore, to apply to the M.W.G.M. (the Right Hon. the Earl de Grey and Ripon) for a dispensation to enable him to be W.M. of both lodges at the same time, and as at that time there was no other brother in the Stanhope Lodge eligible for the position, Bro. Kench was successful in his application. This was, we believe, a very exceptional circumstance, as it is only in very rare instances such dispensations are granted. Bro. Kench was exalted in the Royal Arch on the 20th October, 1868, in the Industry Chapter, No. 186, and in the year 1872 he was one of the founders of the Vane Chapter that is attached to the Lodge La Tolerance. He is a P.Z. and the Treasurer of that chapter, and also the I.P.Z. of the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, the chapter that is attached to the lodge of the same name. Bro. Kench is, we believe, a very zealous Mason, being indefatigable in his exer-

tions to maintain the efficiency of the working members of his lodges and chapters, and to extend the influence of the mystic art, and it was in a great measure due to his exertions that the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction was formed, a lodge that is noted for its excellent working under the stern discipline of its able Preceptor, Bro. Charles Davis, P.M. of the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge. Bro. Kench is a Life Governor of the three Masonic Institutions, having frequently represented La Tolerance and the Vane as a Steward at the different festivals.

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.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The minute books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the period between 1797 and 1805, or thereby, are unfortunately lost, but an abstract of the more important minutes is given in Laurie's "History of Freemasonry." In the edition of 1804 we have, under date 1802, a statement as to the institution of the Supreme Council of Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of North America, now designated by its Sovereign Grand Commander "The Mother Council of the world."

If it be correct that the "Mother" Supreme Council was formed about 1802, it is clear that Frederick the Great, who died in 1786, had no part in the formation of these councils; and I concur in thinking with some of your correspondents that it would have been for the peace and advantage of Freemasonry had they never existed.

The edition of Laurie's "History," in which this important statement is made, is now scarce. It was written by the well known philosopher, Sir David Brewster, sometime principal of the University of St. Andrew's, and afterwards principal of the University of Edinburgh. The statement was published shortly after the occurrence of the facts to which it relates, and as it possesses an historical value, and is omitted in the subsequent edition of Laurie's "History," and is, therefore, apt to be lost sight of by "Masonic Students," I take the liberty to request you to give it a place in the *Freemason*. It is as follows: "1802. A circular letter was this year received from the Grand Lodge of America. The spirit of illumination which it breathed, and the supernumerary degrees, amounting to about fifty, which it authorised, were sufficient reasons for drawing down the contempt of Scotch Masons, whose honour it is to have preserved Freemasonry for many centuries in its original and simple form, and whose pride it shall ever be to transmit to the latest posterity the principles and ceremonies of their Order unpolluted and unimpaired."

The views of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are so correct that I cannot help expressing my surprise that Supreme Councils have succeeded in obtaining any footing in the estimation of ordinarily well informed Craftsmen. But yet we see brethren of high, social, and Masonic position induced, probably by the high-sounding but ludicrous titles attached to the offices, however humble, which they hold in these bodies, associating themselves with them, to the prejudice of the general interests of Freemasonry, and in face of the resolutions of their respective Grand Lodges refusing them recognition. These Councils too are, in almost all cases—the Councils of Charlestown and Scotland not excepted—of spurious origin. It is to be hoped that such brethren act unthinkingly in connecting themselves with such bodies, which are not only not Masonic, but are in principle antagonistic to Freemasonry.

The valuable Masonic library of your distinguished correspondent Bro. Hughan will likely possess the circular referred to in the statement quoted from Laurie's History, and if it does, I respectfully suggest that he should kindly oblige your readers by publishing it in the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

AN EDUCATION SCHEME.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

You may probably recollect that I wrote some letters to you last year and the year previous, some of which you published in the *Freemason*, on the subject of provincial education, and if by your great influence any other province could be induced to adopt the same simple method of providing for the education of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, especially those who are candidates for the central Charities, "pending their election," many of which are unsuccessful, and through no fault of their own, but their age, have to retire, "because they are ineligible," much to the regret of those concerned, after great trouble, anxiety, and pecuniary loss, and perhaps receiving no benefit from Freemasonry—I think your influence might obtain a benefit for these poor unfortunates, whose characteristic is to be forsaken or forlorn, and though non-election always will be a source of regret, it will not be attended by those heart-burnings that now take place after their last chance is gone. The rapid increase in the numbers of the Craft must necessarily make a corresponding increased demand upon our central Charities, by increasing the number of candidates.

I beg to remain, dear Bro. Kenning, yours faithfully,

ROBT. THORPE, P.M. 588.

Sleaford, Lincolnshire,

26th April, 1879.

The following circular has been sent to the W.M.'s of lodges in the province of Lincolnshire:—
St. Botolph's Lodge, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

W. Sir and Brother,—

The enclosed motions have been forwarded to the P.G. Sec. by Bro. Thorpe, P.M. 588, in order to their being brought before the next meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, and I am requested by the members of the above lodge to ask you to give the subject your consideration and support, also to use your influence with the members of your lodge in obtaining their assistance. You may probably recollect some allusions made to these motions by the R.W.P.G.M., in his address at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Grimsby.

Bro. Thorpe has the unanimous support of this lodge. I am, W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. J. TOMLINSON,
P.M. and Sec. 588.

BENEVOLENT FUND RULES.

Rule I. This fund shall be called "The Masonic Benevolent Fund of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire, established for granting temporary relief to aged, distressed, or necessitous brethren of this province, or their indigent widows and children (as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children if considered requisite), and shall be restricted to purposes of Masonic benevolence either of a 'local' character or in connection with the general Charities of the Order."

PROV. G. BYE-LAWS.

Rule XV. Every lodge in the province shall pay to the Prov. G. Lodge the sum of one shilling per annum for each contributing member, and a further sum of three-pence (contingent upon the above alterations that in Rule XV. of the Prov. G. bye-laws the word "three-pence be altered to "sixpence") per quarter to the Benevolent Fund.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter of the P. Prov. Grand Master of Leicester and Rutland, W. Bro. Wm. Kelly, permit me to inform him and your readers generally who were good enough to become subscribers to the engraving, that the key (which is in the form of a neatly-bound little book) is now being printed and bound by your own printer, and will be ready for issue, I hope, in about three weeks.

It has been a source of great trouble, vexation and delay to compile and procure the correct Christian and surnames of the various brethren whose portraits are inserted; as also their Masonic rank, and the number or name of the lodge, &c., &c. This, I hope, will be a sufficient excuse for the unavoidable delay in issuing it.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
EDWARD J. HARTY.

213, Regent-street, W.,
May 8th, 1879.

TO ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

Brethren,—

From the statements given in my recently published pamphlet, "Freemasonry and Intolerance," and from further particulars made known in a "review," a "letter," and an "editorial" of the *London Freemason* of April 5th and 12th this year, it will be seen that I (being a Freemason) have been deprived of my office as a pastor both in America and Norway, for having defended Freemasonry against the attacks of my colleagues. I have considered it my duty to the Craft and brethren in general, as well as to myself and family (wife and five children) in particular, to make this case of persecution known to you, and I now confidently ask the English brethren kindly and fraternally to assist me in procuring means to have this case of intolerance and injustice thoroughly tried before the Courts and Storning of my native country, to have my rights vindicated, or eventually to find a new existence.

Yours most humbly and fraternally,

J. H. SIMONSEN.

London April 28th, 1879.

P.S.—Letters will find me at 198, Fleet-street, E.C., or to Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer. Address, Tickencote Rectory, Stamford.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Board of Stewards for next Wednesday's Festival of this Institution held another meeting last Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., President of the Board, in the chair, and Bros. Edward Cox, Treasurer, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, were also present.

Bro. H. A. Dubois was chosen Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards, and the Musical Committee brought in their report, by which it appeared that they had accepted Bro. Lehmeier's tender for the music. In the programme of artistes is the name of Miss Hopkirk (niece of Bro. W. Hopkirk), who has offered her services gratuitously for the festival.

The offer was accepted with best thanks.

The list of Stewards numbers now 240 brethren, the largest list for this Institution that has ever been got together.

The Stewards' visit to the Institution will be paid next Monday, when Bro. Col. Creaton, the Chairman of the festival, will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in the chair. There were also present Bros. George J. Row, S. Rosenthal, Leopold Ruf, Donald M. Dewar, Edward B. Grabham, Rev. Richard Morris, A. H. Lilley, Joyce J. Murray, R. B. Webster, F. Adlard, Peter de Lande Long, J. Wm. Dossell, Hyde Pullen, W. Reebuck, W. F. Collard Moutrie, Thos. Meggy, Richard Tyrrell, George P. Gillard, John Young, Lewis Berry Garnett, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the brethren took into consideration the recommendation of the House Committee, that the boy Wilkinson, who was the highest unsuccessful candidate at the late election, for whom a scrutiny of votes polled for him had been demanded, he being only six votes below the lowest successful candidate, be admitted to the school. The brethren, however, believing that such a course would be a bad precedent, resolved that the recommendation be not adopted. The scrutiny of votes will therefore take place.

It was resolved to admit William Russell Cooper by purchase, on payment of £178 10s., the Secretary reporting that there was sufficient accommodation in the Institution.

Four candidates were placed on the list for next election, one from Preston, one from Goole, one from Chatham, and one from Alnwick.

An outfit was granted to one boy who after leaving the Institution obtained a situation, and gave satisfaction to his employers; and £10 was also granted under exceptional circumstances to another boy who desired to be apprenticed.

The House and Audit Committee for the ensuing year were nominated, and as no new members were given in the old Committee were re-elected.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Bro. H. Browse, acknowledging the receipt of the letter of condolence of the Committee on the death of his late father, and returning the thanks of himself, mother, sisters, and brother. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes; and with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the proceedings of the day were brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

The first meeting of a Provincial Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Dorset was held at the All Souls' Lodge, Weymouth, on Wednesday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Montague John Guest, of Bere Regis, in the county of Dorset, to be Provincial Grand Master of this Order, who, it is well known, is already the Provincial Grand Master of the other Orders in this province.

Lord Skelmersdale had promised to attend and instal the Master elect, but through illness was prevented from doing so.

The Most Worshipful Bro. Past Grand Master Portal, who is also Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, therefore attended, and, in a suitable and impressive manner, performed the ceremony. He was supported by the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, Colonel Davy, the Grand Treasurer of the Order, and Bro. Dewar, the Assistant-Grand Secretary of the Order, and many other illustrious brethren from this province, as well as other provinces.

The Installing Master spoke at great length as to the merits of the Provincial Grand Master elect, and also as to the rapid progress this Order had made, adverting to the great number of lodges it could boast of and the thousands of brethren connected with it. The Rev. Bro. W. M. Heath was appointed Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint the following officers:

Bro. G. R. Crickmay ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. C. Burt ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. Chick ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. T. George ...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. Turner ...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. J. Browne ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. N. Howard ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Tanner (elected by ballot) ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Lundie ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. R. Charles ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. B. Cole ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. S. Webb ...	...	Prov. G. I. of W.
" C. W. Wyndham ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. A. Sherren ...	...	Prov. G.A. D. of C.
" Long ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. Smith ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" A. Graham ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Dring, Bro. Curtis (Poole), & } Bro. H. Russell (Portland) }	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" D. Hazlett (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Bro. E. Dunn supplied the luncheon, which gave the greatest satisfaction, about sixty members sitting down. The usual toasts were drunk, and the Installing Master, in speaking of the Charities of the Order, stated that recently a fund had been started for aiding and assisting Mark Masons in distress, so as to educate their children in their own towns instead of sending them from home, by granting them advances. The Assistant-Grand Secretary, Bro. Dewar, spoke at some length, and explained the object of the intended charity, and also returned thanks for Bro. Binckes, whose health had been proposed, and whose absence from unavoidable circumstances was much regretted.

The whole arrangements for the comfort of the brethren,

under the personal superintendence of Bro. Chick, W.M. of the All Souls' Lodge, and Bro. Howard, the P.G.S., deserve the highest commendation.

CONSECRATION OF THE FIDELIS LODGE, NO. 1089.

An important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in Guernsey was attained on Monday last, when a new lodge was consecrated in due and solemn form. The ceremony was conducted at the Masonic Hall, Court Place, by Bro. James Gallienne (P.D.P.G.M., P.M. No. 82), W.M. No. 168, who has been duly vested with power from the Grand Lodge of England for this special purpose. As W.M. of Mariners' Lodge, Bro. Gallienne summoned the members of that lodge for this particular occasion, and it assembled at 6 o'clock in the evening. About 70 members were present, including visitors from other lodges in the island, as well as brethren from a distance, amongst whom we noticed Bro. W. H. Guifford, I.P.M. 1017, I.G. 1614, &c.

The lodge, as it had been previously arranged, was designated Fidelis Lodge, No. 1809, and the brethren to whom the charter was granted, under the seal of His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, were Bros. T. M. Bichard, J. Toms, T. Le Ray, J. T. Snell, J. S. Sneath, J. H. Parsons, B. Peace, and S. J. Hutchinson. Bro. F. Clarke, P.M. No. 168, acted as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Wilkins, P.M. No. 84, undertook the duties of Chaplain. The other officiating brethren were the regular officers of Mariners' Lodge.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., No. 84.

The brethren assembled in the banqueting-room, and from thence entered the lodge in procession.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, after which the Acting Chaplain delivered an appropriate prayer.

The Presiding Officer then addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Secretary to state the wishes of the brethren of the new lodge. He did so, and afterwards read the petition and warrant as requested by the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer then enquired of the brethren of Fidelis Lodge if they approved of the officers nominated in the warrant, and afterwards of the nominated officers if they promised to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge of England.

This assent was given in Masonic form to each enquiry.

The Chaplain then delivered an oration on the nature and design of the Institution of Freemasonry.

The Chaplain then offered up prayer.

The Presiding Officer gave the invocation. The lodge-board was next unveiled by the brethren who bore it into the room.

The name of the M.H. was placed upon the pedestal by the Director of Ceremonies, before and after which the Presiding Officer made the usual address and supplication.

The consecration then took place in ancient and solemn form, the Consecrating Officer strewing corn upon the ground, the emblem of plenty; the Senior Warden pouring out wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; and the Junior Warden pouring out oil, the emblem of unity.

A prayer was offered by the Presiding Officer, and the W.M. and Wardens of the new lodge deposited the emblems they bore upon the lodge-board.

The Chaplain, bearing the appropriate emblem, went round the lodge and performed the usual ceremony.

The third portion of prayer was then given by the Presiding Officer, and the G.H. was then given, led by the Director of Ceremonies.

A prayer by the Chaplain followed, and the Presiding Officer then declared in solemn form Fidelis Lodge duly consecrated, and pronounced the Constitution, and the Presiding Officer delivered the finale recitative—"He shall build me an house, and I will establish him therein for ever. I will be his father and he shall be my son, and I will not take my mercy away, but I will settle him in mine house and my kingdom, for ever."

The lodge was then resumed for the purpose of the installation of the W.M. designate.

The ceremony of installing Bro. T. M. Bichard, the first W.M. of Fidelis Lodge, was then proceeded with in due form, and the W.M. invested as his officers Bros. Thos. Le Ray, Senior Warden; J. T. Snell, Junior Warden; and T. S. Sneath, Treasurer and Secretary, pro tem. This being completed, Mariners' Lodge was resumed, and before closing the proceedings the new W.M., in the name of the charter brethren, most cordially thanked the Consecrating Officer for the very able and most perfect manner in which the impressive ceremony of the day had been conducted, and on behalf of those brethren presented Bro. Gallienne with a very handsome Royal Arch apron and sash.

This gift was most feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Gallienne, and the lodge was closed according to ancient usages.

A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of Bro. Gallienne, to which about sixty brethren sat down and did good justice to the sumptuous fare provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with full honours, and a most harmonious evening was spent, the brethren separating ultimately with the most hearty wishes for the prosperity of Fidelis Lodge.

Public Amusements.

PARK THEATRE.—A new piece, *Two Reigns*, was brought out at this theatre on Saturday, May 3rd, freely adapted from the French, by Bros. Leonard Rae (John Douglass) and James Willing. The piece seemed to give great satisfaction to a crowded audience, and was announced amid cheering for repetition every evening. We congratulate these young authors on their first venture, and hope the piece will have a long run.

BRO. WILLIAM STEPHENS' AND MRS. STEPHENS' SILVER WEDDING.

The celebration of the completion of twenty-five years of married life by Bro. William Stephens, Past Master of the Clapton and Marquis of Ripon Lodges, with Mrs. Stephens, took place on Tuesday at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road, when, in addition to four daughters and one of the sons of Bro. and Mrs. Stephens, some eighty ladies and brethren were present. At the dinner, which was graced by a magnificent wedding cake, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M. Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, took the chair, and Bros. W. J. Murlis and W. Grist the vice-chairs.

After the dinner the Chairman, in a felicitous speech, presented the gift of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, weighing 100 ounces. He also presented the gift of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, consisting of an elegant bronze dining-room clock and pair of vases. Bros. James Terry and Thos. Cubitt presented a dozen silver dessert knives and forks. On the presentation of each of these gifts congratulatory speeches were made. There was also presented an address on vellum in illuminated writing, framed and glazed, setting forth Bro. W. Stephens' well-known Masonic career as follows:

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, to Bro. William Stephens, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We the undersigned, on behalf of the brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having been associated with you in the mysteries of the Craft for a number of years, avail ourselves with pleasure of this opportunity of paying to you personally a slight tribute of our sincere regard and esteem. There are among us many who have been associated with you during the whole period of your Masonic career, and others who have known you only since the period of their introduction to the Craft, but we are unanimous in feelings of appreciation and admiration of the generous bestowal of your Masonic gifts in the interests of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and of your substantial support of the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions, which are the means of affording such great assistance and relief to the poor and necessitous of the Order; we therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying silver tea and coffee service, on the occasion of your Silver Wedding, as a slight token of our regard, and fervently hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may grant you many years of health, prosperity, and domestic felicity.

Samuel Henry Parkhouse, W.M.; Edward M. Lander, S.W.; Samuel Smout, J.W.; George Penn, Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, Hon. Sec. London, 6th May, 1879.

Bro. W. Stephens, in acknowledging the various presents, said: Brethren and ladies, I hardly know how to find words to adequately thank you for the kind expressions you have thought fit to use in proposing the health of myself and wife, and the kind reception you have given our names. I will take this occasion of saying that if I fail to sufficiently thank you for your kindness it is not in lacking gratitude, but for want of words to convey to you my feelings on the present occasion, I am so familiar with the kindness I receive from all I see around, and knowing how little I have ever done to merit these compliments, to express my deep obligations to you for these superb presents. It is an event in my life that will never be forgotten, and believe me when I assure you these are not merely idle words, but expressions from the depths of my heart, that I could not have supposed I lived so much in the esteem of my brethren as to merit this generosity. I am sure I cannot tell in what way I can make a fitting return for this kindness, I can only promise to faithfully carry out the duties of Masonry according to its teachings, and devote my energies for the good of those who are less fortunate than myself. You have been good enough to mention in this address my connection with the Charities of our Order; I have devoted some time and a little money—at any rate, as far my circumstances have permitted, I have done my best to carry out those duties; and, if pleasurable to me to receive this mark of your esteem, it has also been a source of pleasure to me, in my humble way, to assist in alleviating the distress of those less fortunate than myself. Again thanking you for myself and wife, I trust these handsome presents will be handed down as heirlooms in my family, and be considered and appreciated by my children as we appreciate them on the present occasion.

Bros. Pushman, Grist, and High, and the Misses Bartle, the Misses Stephens, and Miss Smout sang several songs and duets.

A most delightful evening was passed by the company assembled, who did not separate till a late hour.

The strides taken by art in what used to be considered minor matters is very noticeable, and extremely praiseworthy. We are now specially alluding to the very tasteful garden border tiles and stable pavings produced by Messrs. Muir and Co., of the Strand, whose terra-cotta, encaustic tiles, &c., are produced in infinite variety and great beauty, and will well repay a visit to their establishments at 36, Strand, London, W.C., where there are to be seen some really very beautiful patterns of tiles. These are designed by artists, gentlemen of cultivated tastes and high education, who by no means consider their talents thrown away upon these matters, which many persons are prone to despise as being unworthy of consideration. We are glad to learn that Messrs. Muir's contributions to art in small matters are as successful from a business point of view as they certainly are from the aesthetic stand point.

The Marquis of Hartington has written to say that he will be happy to join and co-operate with the "George Smith of Coalville Fund" Committee.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA IN 1878.

I have been favoured with a copy of the "Proceedings" of the "Templars" for Canada by the distinguished Freemason-archæologist, the R.W. Bro. Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, who is the Great Prior for that Dominion. The pamphlet is most interesting, and to do it justice should almost be given entire. The National Great Priory assembled in the city of Montreal 11th day of October, 1878, and from the account sent in it is evident that the meeting was a success. Indeed, with such a President we could not anticipate any other result, for Col. Moore gives his whole heart to the Order, and endeavours to incite in others somewhat of the enthusiasm enkindled in his own, as well as to lead the members to a more careful study of the past history of the society.

The proceedings were conducted with great dignity, and certainly if the Templars of the present day are the actual descendants or lineal representatives of the fratres of old, which, as the Rev. Bro. Woodford says, *remains to be proved*, then the dignity was well ordered.

The address by the Great Prior, to my mind, is one of his happiest efforts, and, in the attempt to show "what the Order really is," he has conferred a boon on many students of its history. The "encampment" and "commandery" style of nomenclature receives hard blows. The independence of Canada as much as England and Ireland, Masonically, and in Knights Templar, is not only plainly stated, but is proved, for it as a peer of the other contracting parties, that Canada appears on the roll of the Convent General. In that spirit Canada protests against certain alterations in the statutes, "at the same time the Great Priory can still adhere to her own views of the question without departing from the federation of the whole body." The chief point of the objection is to the term "Eminent Commander," which the Canadian Knights Templar deem an unhistorical designation for the chief of a preceptory. The question of "past rank" also is an objection in some respects, as the fratres of Canada only care for it in a limited or restricted sense, not wishing for a multiplication of honours to such an extent as to lessen their value.

The revision of the ritual having become necessary, so to "assimilate with historic truths and the changes that have taken place in the Constitution," the ritual of the Templar Order as revised by Convent General, with certain alterations made by the Committee of Great Priory of Canada, was confirmed, adopted, and exemplified at the assembly. The officiating preceptory was the "Richard Cœur de Lion," the Preceptor being Bro. McMinn. The Great Prior expressed his approval of the excellent work and correct rendering of "the beautiful and impressive ceremony which Great Priory had that day proclaimed."

Colonel Moore remains a firm adherent of the present qualifications for admittance to the Order, and speaks most forcibly against fanciful pre-requisites. The action taken at the last triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A. is not at all relished by the Great Prior, as it seems our American fratres declined to accept Canada as its peer on the representative question. The scope of the changes made of late in the Templar body is clearly exhibited in the address, and proves that the originators of the scheme had a large field in view for their operations. That the Great Prior of Canada appreciated the great aims of the Convent General will be seen from the following: "The object was to form the nucleus of a cosmopolitan chivalric fraternity, which it was hoped all English speaking Templars would gladly join, acknowledging H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the only Grand Master." The United States Templars, however, do not fancy such an absorption, and practically the plan is not feasible, however beautiful it looks on paper. It is interesting to note that our able brother remarks on the K.T. in U.S.A., "The earliest Grand Encampment, that of New York, was chartered by a Consistory 32," thus "receiving its first impetus from the S.C. of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. The Order with them is therefore peculiarly American, derived from the Kadosh * * *, on which the death of the last Grand Master, De Molai the Martyr, is commemorated.* * * It is an ably formed organisation.* * * Whatever the practices of the United States may be, they form no rule for the British branches of the Order. Appearing in public with Templar or Masonic emblems of any kind is opposed to our customs and long established usages, and contrary to the wish of our Royal Grand Master." As Templars it would be well if this advice were always followed, but as a matter of fact, in England we have known a procession take place when the muster roll did not number 50, and a sorry exhibition it was a few years since in a country town, affording amusement to the crowd, but a source of grief to earnest brethren. Under the heading *Historical References*, Bro. Moore alludes to the charter granted by the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Scotland, to certain brethren in Dublin, A.D. 1779, styling themselves the *High Knights Templars' Lodge*. Our learned brother handsomely acknowledges his indebtedness for correct information as to this matter to R.W. Bro. James Horner Neilson, a well known Masonic antiquarian of Dublin, who has fully elucidated the whole subject. Bro. Moore thinks the petitioners must have been Templars before they applied for the warrant, and he is doubtless correct, and though the authority was simply for the Craft Degrees, we know often the presence of such a charter was all that was needed in the eyes of our brethren of the last century to assemble in any Masonic degrees. The *Canadian Craftsman* contains several articles of late by Colonel Moore, Great Prior, on the "Modern Order of Knights Templar" and other chivalric subjects, which though too long and important for brief notice here should be carefully studied by all interested in the subject.

The author does not think it likely that the high degrees were all invented and sprung suddenly into existence at the

commencement of the last century, without some feasible foundation of long standing to warrant their introduction, though he is "free to confess it is not easy to account satisfactorily for the absence of all records to show any connection with Freemasonry from the time of the Reformation, when the combined Orders of the Temple and Hospital disappeared, and were not again heard of until the Masonic revival in the last century."

I quite agree with him in the assertion as to titles, that "the addition Sir, as a title to the name, we, as Masons, have no claim or right to whatever, and although the pretentious compound word of two syllables—*Sir Knight*—is now commonly adopted, it seems to have been only applied occasionally in former times when speaking of, *not to*, a person." Why wish, I ask, for more than the title *brother*? What can be more expressive or Masonic? Surely the time has gone when Freemasons desire to pass for actual *knights*, and, therefore, the prefix *Sir* is out of place, and altogether as unnecessary as *objectionable*. A few years will witness the dropping of many absurd titles in connection with our society, and then I shall hope to see more attention paid to the duties of the brotherhood. The admirable address concludes with the appropriate words, "May the Lord bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful to us."

A circular was issued by the Great Prior of Canada on 9th January, 1878, expressive of the great sorrow felt in that Dominion on the decease of Bro. Richard Wolfe (Woolf), F.S.A., the representative near the Great Priory of England. The page devoted to his memory in the "Proceedings" is thus arranged:—

In Memoriam.
The Frère Chevalier
RICHARD WOLFE, F.S.A., &c.,
Registrar of the Order of St. John of
Jerusalem in England,
Representative of the Great Priory of the United Orders
of the Temple and Malta for Canada, near
the Great Priory of England.

A faithful brother, who, taking the warmest interest in the prosperity of the Order in Canada, helped still more to strengthen the ties that bind them to the parent body.

Born	Died
15th December, 1821.	at Worcester, England, 16th December, 1877.

This appropriate and kindly reference to our dear and lamented friend, Bro. Wolfe, will be esteemed by his many fratres in England. Bro. Emra Holmes, K.C.T., an enthusiastic Templar, was elected in his place to the honourable position of representative, which was so ably filled by the English historian of the Templars. The representative for Ireland is our esteemed brother, the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., K.C.T., &c.

These two distinguished brethren are honorary members of the Great Priory, as are also Dr. Rob. Morris, Dr. Alfred Creigh, General Albert Pike, Bros. T. B. Whythead (of York), and G. O. Tyler, of Vermont, U.S.A.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

I find that the April number of the *Masonic Magazine* contained the commencement, or first part, of the list of Masonic Works in the "British Museum," and not, as I surmised, the whole of the list obtained by the brother who had so kindly furnished it for the information of the Craft universal. The list bids fair to be a most useful compilation, and already I have had enquiries about several works which were hitherto unknown to general readers of the *Freemason*, though they occurred at a sale of the large collection of Masonic works of the late and lamented Bro. Richard Spencer. Bro. Lamonby's reference, if not a typographical error, is not correct as to Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry." The first edition of 1775 was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge (or the M.W.G.M.) in that year, not in 1766. Lord Petre was not the M.W.G.M. until 1772, and continued in office until 1776. His lordship was a most energetic and able President of the society, and a much respected Roman Catholic nobleman. Under his rule, Preston's "Illustrations," and Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry," received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

W. J. HUGHAN.

P.S. In a catalogue by Bro. Spencer we see that 1766 is stated as the year when the "Spirit" was sanctioned. It may be that 1776 was intended.

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BOMBAY.—Keystone Chapter (No. 757, E.C.)—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, on Monday, the 13th of January. Present:—M. E. Comps. Counsell, P.Z.; Watson, P.H.; Cooper, P.J.; Barrow, P.P.Z.; Rowe, P.P.Z.; McKenzie, P.P.Z.; Comps. Tomlinson, S.E.; Kapadia, S.N.; Armstrong, P.S.; Brennan, 1st Asst. S.; Jones, 2nd Asst. S.; Robinson, Treasurer; Seager, Janitor. The summons convening the meeting was read. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Permanent Committee were read and adopted. M.E. Comp. P.Z. then informed the companions present that the business of the evening was of a pleasing nature—it was to present M.E. Comp. Barrow, P.P.Z., with a jewel of the chapter pattern, for the long and valuable services he had rendered to the chapter. The jewel was then attached with a few neat and appropriate remarks. M.E. Comp. Barrow replied in suitable terms. Read a letter from V.E. Comp. Mitchell, who was compelled to leave Bombay through sickness, and consequently tendered his resignation, which was received with regret. Read a letter from M.E. Comp. Hussey, D.G.S.E., asking the

chapter to consider the proposal therein made of re-establishing a District Grand Chapter of R.A. Freemasons of Bombay and its territories, also asking the chapter to bear a share of the expenses of the attempt to establish the same in the year 1874. After some discussion on the subject it was agreed to pay the amount, viz., Rs. 38-3-1, forthwith, in consequence of the retirement of M.E. Comp. Honourable J. Gibbs, D.G. Superintendent and first P.Z. One companion was proposed and seconded as a joining member. There being no further business before the chapter, it was closed in due form at 8-30 p.m.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The funeral of Bro. Chas. Bryant Payne, the Grand Tyler, will take place at Abney Park Cemetery on Saturday next, at 3 p.m.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan counties of the Knights Companions of the R.S.Y.C.S. will meet at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening. There was a large and influential attendance, and as the agenda paper contained a more than usually long list of initiations, &c., a heavy evening's work was the result. We shall give a report in our next.

Bro. Lazarus, who is a candidate (No. 17 on the list) for the Annuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is eighty years of age, and has been fifty-six years a Mason, having been initiated in the year 1823. He is a P. Prov. G.S.W. of Wilts, P. Prov. D.C. of Somerset, a P.M. of three lodges, and P.Z. of two chapters.

The Treasurer of the City and Metropolitan Police Orphanage has been paid £50 9s. 7d., the proceeds of a recent concert given by the Police Minstrels at Twickenham.

At a convocation of the Supreme Council 33rd, to be held at 33, Golden-square, London, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Bro. Magnus Ohren, member of the 31st, will be received into the 32nd.

PRESENTATION TO A PROV. G. CHAPLAIN.—On Friday evening, the 25th ult., Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.M., P.G. Chaplain West Lancashire, late incumbent of Holy Trinity Church, St. Anne street, Liverpool, who has recently removed to Abergavenny, received a handsome testimonial from the members of his former congregation, among whom he ministered for the last six years and a half. Prior to the presentation, which took place in the schools of the church, in Wilton-street, there was a social tea meeting. Afterwards the present incumbent, the Rev. J. H. Skewes, took the chair, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Joseph Woodcock and A. F. Mackay) presented to the Rev. Bro. Jenkins a set of handsome silver salvers and an address, beautifully illuminated by Mr. J. O. Marples, and which expressed to the rev. gentleman the feelings of the congregation for the earnest Christian labours which he had performed amongst them, and their regret at his departure from their midst. The silver plate, which was supplied by Bro. Washington, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, M.A., and Mrs. Jenkins, as a token of the high esteem and affectionate regard in which they were held by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church and other friends in Liverpool. April, 1879." Bro. Jenkins, in suitable and feeling terms, acknowledged the presentation.

The installation meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 12th of May, at five p.m. The Installing Principal on this occasion will be Ex-Companion James Stevens, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the chapter.

THE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the Lord Mayor to dine at the Mansion House on Tuesday, July 1st, when a grand banquet will be given in connection with the holding of the Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibition in London.

The Indestructible Paint Company, 27, Cannon-street, are now applying their invisible preservative solution to Cleopatra's Needle.

THE NEW MARKET HOTEL.—Bro. Burt the energetic proprietor of this hotel held his anniversary dinner on Tuesday last, on which occasion the new banqueting hall recently erected was inaugurated. This hall is intended to be used for Masonic and other purposes, and is admirably adapted for such gatherings, being a well proportioned and capacious room, capable of affording accommodation to upwards of two hundred guests. The host was well supported on the occasion by a numerous gathering, presided over by Bro. James Stevens. During the evening the various loyal and other toasts were proposed, including "The Host and Prosperity to his undertaking." This was received and drunk with hearty applause. A special feature in the evening's proceedings was an excellent musical programme, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the guests.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 16, 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 month of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. (Installation.)
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 234, Brixton, S.M.H.

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.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
 John Harvey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

Grand Chapter.
 Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 K.H. 30th, 33, Golden-square.
 S.C. 33rd, 33, Golden-square.

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., Dalston, 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 Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.

Gen. Com. and Election R.M.B.I.
 Anniversary Festival R.M.I. for Girls.
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1718, Centurion, The London, Fleet-st.
 Chap. 777, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
 " 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1305, Marylebone, Eyre Arms Hot., St. John's Wd.
 S.C. 33rd, 33, Golden-square.

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, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
 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, MAY 15.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor Hot., W. Kew Gds.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs., 1st Sy. Rifles, Cambwell.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1278, Burdett Cutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Clapton.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
 Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.
 K.T. E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 R.S.Y.C.S., 33, Golden-sq.

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, Ponsonby-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, MAY 16.

Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynnt, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 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.
 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, May 17, 1879.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley, L. of I, 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combertmere, Seacombe, Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

Hamer L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

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