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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The last regular meeting for the season of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. There were present among others Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Heaphy, S.D.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; M. Davis, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., J.D. (*Freemason*); Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; Saunders, J.D. 1293; Whiting, 87; Andrews, 382; Lowins, 433; Arlett, 869; Abrahams, 1602; Cole, Crystal Palace; Scott, Sincerity; Williams, Justice. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Joy and Wadcoat, and passed Bro. Hart, the ceremonies being well performed. A vote of condolence to the family of one of the oldest members of the lodge, Bro. Wilson, who had died that day, was unanimously ordered to be sent. Several propositions having been handed in, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. After the Royal and Craft toasts had been proposed and received with the usual honours, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Stuart, P.M. He said that the members of the lodge had had ample opportunities during the W.M.'s year of office of judging of the able manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge, and in concluding his remarks he said he believed that at the end of his tenure they would return him—the W.M.—their unanimous vote of thanks for the way in which he had discharged the duties of his position. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that if he had given the lodge satisfaction he was amply repaid for the trouble he had taken in order to prepare himself for the responsibilities of the chair. He hoped on the re-assembly of the lodge in September that every member then present would be in the enjoyment of good health. In conclusion, he said that for the support and kindness he had received from the members of the lodge during his occupancy of the chair he desired to return them his heartfelt thanks. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. tersely said it was a toast that was always a pleasing one to propose. The members of the Lodge of Faith were always gratified in receiving visiting brethren. They were favoured that evening by the presence of several very distinguished Masons, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Saunders, Whiting, and Scott responded. The former said that the working of the lodge had afforded him not only great pleasure, but had given him much valuable instruction. He owed the pleasure of his visit that evening to the good offices of one of their oldest members, Bro. Hopwood, P.M., and although he (the speaker) had some distance to go that inclement evening, that discomfort would be more than compensated by the recollections he should carry with him of the social amenities and able working of No. 141. During his connection with the Craft he had witnessed the work of many outlying lodges, but none of them were to be compared with what he had seen that evening. He, in conclusion, said he attributed this happy state of things, in a great measure, to the exertions of the Past Masters. The remaining toasts, "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

**MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).**—The elevenh anniversary of this well known Metropolitan lodge was celebrated at the Head Quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The steady progress of this lodge towards a recognised position in the Craft, as well for its "working" as its liberality towards the Institutions, and its hearty welcome of visitors, has always caused each successive installation to meet with great success, and this occasion proved to be no exception to the rule. Being composed entirely of effective

or honorary members of the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers, the uniforms of the several ranks in the corps and the Masonic regalia and appointments of the lodge room together form a "coup d'oeil" at once pleasing and attractive. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell, W.M., and there were present during the evening the following amongst other brethren, viz., Bros. C. Fountain, S.W.; D. A. Ross, J.W.; Capt. Styan, Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., and Sec.; W. C. Hale, S.D.; T. Harper, J.D.; C. H. Nevill, D.C.; A. Bradley, W.S.; Past Masters James Stevens, Newington Bridges, G. Waterall, M. S. Larham, and H. Hammond; Bros. F. H. Cozens, A. R. Cranch, F. Fitzer, P. Clay, A. G. White, E. W. Dubois, C. F. Hildreth, C. H. Rugg, J. J. Curtis, A. Woodcock, A. J. Style, W. S. Harvey, A. Youngman, F. De Rossignol, C. E. Goldring, T. D. Turner, H. Bridges, H. Cuss, A. H. Mann, F. Staley, J. Carpenter, G. H. Besley, F. P. Yonge, C. W. Davis, W. Foster, A. Goggs, C. J. Henton, F. Hutchins, T. Dane, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Probert, P.M., P. G. Steward; John Close, P.M. 463, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middx.; J. Cawan, P.M. 1572; W. F. Bertram, and H. J. Bertram, The Great City, 1426; G. Carrington, 1593; J. Boulson, 1056; W. Liddell, 157; G. J. Earney, 511; J. Shipley, 30; E. H. Stammwitz, P.M. 435; A. F. Lowrie, 1556; H. Ashton, 1181; F. Fladgate, Gibraltar; Joseph Dezer, Mizpah; Lawler, Moira; and others. Previous minutes having been confirmed, and a few business matters disposed of, the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was undertaken by Bro. N. Bridges, P.M., who, in a very able and efficient manner, placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Charles Fountain, whom he had introduced for initiation in this lodge in 1869, and who is the first honorary member of the corps who has attained to that eminence in the Macdonald Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. at once "fleshed his maiden sword," and, in a thoroughly perfect and admirable style, initiated Mr. Victor Henry D'Avaux into the Order. The correct and impressive rendering of the ceremony by a presumed novice appeared to surprise some of the visitors present, but those who have attended each recurring installation in this lodge expected no less than such perfection, for no appointment has yet been made to the Macdonald chair without full preparation by the candidate for that honourable position. The congratulations of members and visitors having been offered to and accepted by the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess-room of the corps, where a very sumptuous banquet was prepared for the numerous company. The several magnificent silver trophies, shields, and cups, which testify to the shooting qualities of so many members of the lodge as volunteer riflemen, and the choice flowers and "button holes," so profusely decorating the tables, were fit accompaniments for one of the most elegant "menus" we have yet seen; at once chaste and comprehensive, comprising bill of fare, toast list, musical arrangements, and list of officers, it was much admired for the perfect taste of its adornments. After the cloth had been cleared, and "Non Nobis" sung, the W.M., who was most enthusiastically received, proceeded to submit the several loyal and Masonic toasts with easy confidence and in impressive, though brief terms. Bro. T. W. Carnell, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. Fountain," truly remarking that no words of his own could more effectually eulogise the qualifications of the new Master for his office than the display he had already given of his ability both in the lodge and at the banquet table. The toast was drunk amid acclamation, and the W.M., referring to the pleasure it gave him to reflect upon the progress he had made from his initiation in the lodge to the present moment, assured his hearers that no pains should be spared on his part to discharge the duties of his high office to their entire satisfaction. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bridges," was heartily received and responded to. The initiate, Bro. D'Avaux, made a very telling response to the toast proposed in his honour. To that of "The Visitors," each of whom the W.M. welcomed by name and reference, responses were made by Bros. J. P. Probert, Stammwitz, and H. A. Dubois, and their respective remarks on the working of the lodge and the hospitality of their hosts must have been especially gratifying to those to whom they were addressed. "The Past Masters" were received with hearty greetings, the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Carnell, being presented with the handsome "Macdonald" jewel, and complimented on his able management during the past year, for which expressions of esteem he made his acknowledgments. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. (and originator of the lodge), also responded on behalf of the other Past Masters and himself. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast then brought to a conclusion one of the most agreeable evenings of the very many enjoyed in connection with this thoroughly well organised and disciplined lodge. The musical part of the business of the evening was conducted by Bro. F. H. Cozens, Org., assisted by Bros. Lawler, H. Ashton, H. Bertram, A. R. Cranch, and the "topical" poet of the corps and lodge, Bro. C. T. Hildreth, whose very witty parodies of popular songs invariably afford much entertainment.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—This lodge met on the 8th inst., at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, under the Mastership of Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse. There was a very large attendance of brethren, among whom were the Grand Master of Jamaica (Scotch Constitution), Bro. Constantine Burke; Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; J. Wright, W. Beasley, and Prickett. Bros. Cowland, Robson, and Russell were passed, and Messrs. Taylor, Huish, Burgess, and Foskett initiated. Bros. Walter Graves (753), James Flood (201), and Stephen Etherington (1305), were elected joining members. All the work of the lodge was admirably performed, and after the lodge was closed the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and honoured the

usual toasts. In giving "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," the W.M. said that this toast had always special interest for the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, as it was named after his lordship. Every one present on the last occasion remembered the great interest he took in this lodge, and those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge would know how efficiently and well his lordship did his duty as Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge. He (the W.M.) attended on last occasion, and noticed with what enthusiasm the name of the Pro Grand Master was received, when it was announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed him as Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year. That showed that his lordship was appreciated not only in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, but in every lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of England. In proposing "The D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., and Bro. Albert, P.G.P., the W.M. said he had frequently attended the Lodge of Benevolence and saw the great interest taken by Dr. Hogg in the work of benevolence. It gave him great pleasure to see the great care and discrimination which were exercised in the investigations of cases which came before the lodge for assistance, and also the endeavours that were used to distribute the funds, not only with discretion, but with liberality. Dr. Jabez Hogg, in reply, said he had frequently been invited to attend this lodge, but this was the first time he had been able to come. After expressing his gratification at the working which he had witnessed in lodge, he drew attention to the great hospitality shown by the lodge at the banquet table. The brethren had all enjoyed themselves most heartily. On the subject of the Grand Officers, which had been alluded to, those brethren endeavoured in every possible way to make themselves useful to the Craft, and he felt it was their duty and their privilege to do so, because their experience in the working of the Craft and the different departments of the ritual was greater than that of many other brethren, and they ought to show how they appreciated the good and kind feelings always meted out to them when they visited various lodges in the Craft. He thought they should endeavour to assist in all possible ways in the consecration and establishing of new lodges. He performed his own duties very imperfectly, because the exigencies of his profession made it impossible to be present at the time he ought to be, and consequently he did not perform his duties in the way that many of the brethren did. He hoped he should be able to assist the lodge again. He looked on Freemasonry as cultivating the highest virtues, and bringing out the Christian and highest feelings that human beings were capable of. They abandoned in lodges all secular matters, and did not allow those things to come in to disturb the mind. Consequently in a Masonic lodge they truly enjoyed the society of each other. A brother had mentioned to him that evening that he got the greatest amount of good in this way out of Freemasonry. That was what he (Dr. Hogg) had found in his experience of the Order. Bro. E. P. Albert also replied. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Initiates" said that on almost every occasion when this lodge met it had had an initiate, and as far as the officers of the lodge personally were concerned they had endeavoured to have the right men. There had not been much trouble in getting them, for gentlemen had only been too anxious to join them. But the brethren of the lodge followed that very proper course not to introduce to the lodge any but those whom they would be pleased to receive in their own homes and families. No other men should be proposed for Freemasonry. It was the desire of the brethren of this lodge that there should be a bond of brotherhood, and in proposing gentlemen for initiation they had ascertained that there was no angry feeling outside the lodge between them. The consequence of this had been that there was not a disagreeable word with any brother of the lodge. The lodge had been a very great success, simply because they had tried to get the right men into it. That evening four such gentlemen had been introduced, thus keeping up the old character of the lodge. The W.M. then recounted the various merits of the respective candidates, all of whom were known to the brethren, and concluded by proposing "The Initiates." Bro. Taylor, in responding, after saying that he considered it a great honour to be introduced into Freemasonry, trusted he should be a worthy member of the lodge, and a diligent and zealous pupil. He would endeavour to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to acquaint himself as fully as he possibly could with the duties that appertained to a Mason. Bros. Huish, Foskett, and Burgess, in replying, requested the brethren to adopt the words of Bro. Taylor as their own. Bro. Penn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," with whose working that evening all the brethren were highly delighted. Every one who knew the W.M. knew he was a thorough Mason, and that he had the interest of the lodge at heart. It must be very gratifying to the W.M. to see such a large assembly of brethren present, and to have so many initiates and joining members on the books. It showed the popularity of the W.M., and that the brethren made no mistake when they elected him as their head. The W.M., replying, said it was a proud moment for him when his humble abilities to represent such a lodge as the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were so acknowledged. The brethren could understand that when he accepted the office of W.M. of the lodge he did it with a great deal of hesitation, but he admitted that at the same time he felt very proud. He had received so much kindness not only from his I.P.M., but from all the members of the lodge, that it had more than repaid him for any trouble he had taken to make the lodge a success. It had been his aim from first to last to make it so, as it had been the aim of the P.M.'s. They had worked very hard for the success of the lodge. They had said they should like to see it represented first on the list of the supporters of the Charities, and second to none of the lodges in London. He thought that the visitors would give the brethren credit

for this, and say that the lodge was really a success. It was really a local lodge, but they gathered around them the principal representative men of the Notting Hill Board. As long as the brethren of the lodge continued to conduct themselves as they had done, and to assist the cause of the Charities, the lodge would be esteemed by the Order. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said the lodge endeavoured to bring as many visitors as they could about them, and such a goodly array did credit to the lodge. They were always delighted to see so many visitors around them, but more especially when they had among them, as they had that night, a foreign visitor, Bro. Constantine Burke, District Grand Master of Jamaica, for Scotland, a brother whom several of those present had the pleasure of meeting the previous day week at Grand Festival. Whenever a foreign brother came among Masons in England they always held out to him most heartily the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Constantine Burke, in reply, said it was a matter of considerable pleasure to him to be called upon to respond at a lodge of this character to such a toast as the toast of the visitors. As a good Mason, and paying most perfect obedience to the W.M., he responded to the toast, but he must at the same time take one very small exception to a remark of the W.M.'s, who had said, in proposing the toast, and speaking of him, that he was a distinguished foreign brother. The W.M. probably did not think that standing there he (Bro. Burke) could not claim the character of a distinguished brother. He stood there as an English colonist, coming from one of the most ancient colonies, where Masonry had been observed during the last 200 years, and he was very proud to tell the brethren that the manner in which Masonry was worked in Jamaica would give pleasure and pride to every good Mason, and one who felt that the essential principles of Masonry should extend over the whole universe. It was but within the last twelve days that he had come across the Atlantic, travelled over 5000 miles, and landed on the English coast, which they in Jamaica claimed as their mother country, and he might truly say that the very first hand of fellowship that was held out to him was that of a brother Mason, who told him the morning after his arrival that the Grand Lodge of England was to meet that afternoon, and that if he could by any means make his way there the brethren would be very glad to see him. This was about the most practical exemplification of the universality of Freemasonry and of the important advantages of a man being a Freemason. He had to thank the brethren most sincerely for the manner in which they had received the toast, proposed so kindly by the W.M., who coupled his (Bro. Burke's) name with it. He could only say he had travelled a great deal, and had been a long time a Freemason although only a young man, and he had felt its important advantages wherever he had been. It was no ordinary institution, but one whose principles were such as to recommend it to every man who desired to do good in his country or any country he might be placed in; it was a bond of brotherhood that united the whole world, and made us all feel that its essential principles bound man to man wherever he might be. He had never failed to observe this, or to inculcate it in his country, where he represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Provincial G.M. If the brethren went to the tropics he could tell them they would have a better chance of a cordial reception if they were Masons than if they were not. If they felt the warmth of the country there they would find warm hearts that beat towards the old country, and to every man who belonged to the old country, whether a Mason or not, but more especially if he was a brother. With reference to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, the W.M. had proved himself a thorough good Mason by the way in which he had given the degrees that evening, and he could not have failed to make an impression on the initiates. He could not have failed to make them understand it was not a mere idle display, a joining the Order for fellowship alone, but he had shown them there was something more glorious, that it was a high privilege to belong to the Order. He was glad the lodge bore the name of such a distinguished statesman and Freemason as the Earl of Carnarvon. There was not a colony where the noble earl was not looked upon as a man who had identified himself with progress, and shown himself interested in the union of the colonies and the mother country. Bros. W. Beasley, Prickett, and other brethren also replied, and the remainder of the toasts having been given, the brethren separated.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—An emergency meeting of this very rising young lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The brethren present were W. T. Purkess, W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; H. B. D. Dunn, J.W.; R. V. Davies, Treas.; A. J. Berry, Secretary; J. N. Thompson, J.D.; J. Eldridge, D.C.; E. Grout, Org.; H. Hollis, F. Bouts, J. H. Bastable, W. Earl, J. Reid, C. Hutchinson, F. Austiss, W. F. Richmond, G. Chutter, S. Hawkins, A. Ayden, T. Jackson, and J. Cox. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Rowe, 167; R. Perkins, 34; H. Follett, 45; J. W. Wright, 1298; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; H. W. Levy, 188; W. B. Stannard, 1275; W. C. Maddever, 504; and W. Wilkinson, 167. The lodge having been opened the following brethren were balloted for, and unanimously elected joining members of the lodge: J. Swinyard, of Lodge 1178, F. H. Tibbetts, of Lodge 59, and A. Speller, of No. 217. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Fred. Madgen, when, having been unanimously elected, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Richmond, Earl, and Austiss were then passed to the Second Degree, and a motion by Bro. Berry for an alteration in the months of meeting having been carried, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent and elegantly served banquet, reflecting the greatest credit upon Bros. Bertram and Roberts. The usual toasts were proposed and enthusiastically responded

to, and the proceedings of the evening having been enlivened by the capital singing of some of the brethren and visitors, a very happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

**DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Bull Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. William G. Wingrove, W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Wills, I.P.M., and there were also present Bros. George Churchley, S.W.; E. J. Sears, J.W. and W.M. elect; N. Martin, P.M., Treas.; P. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; Alfred Heeley, S.D.; J. W. Wells, J.D.; W. Light, I.G.; Thos. W. Neech, D.C.; C. White; J. Howden; John Miles, P.M.; John C. Davison; Edmund Mackney, P.M.; C. S. Boardman, Thos. W. Kittle, James Gray, Robert Stone, John Brock, John Keeges, Charles Stott, J. M. Longley, George Fletcher, H. G. Picken, W.M. 1536; J. R. Ford, W.M. 583; F. J. Wingrove, 1343; Horace White, 1604; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); James Cox, P.M. 765; J. Perkins, S.W. 765; Thomas Deane, W.M. 77; H. S. Neate, P.M. 77; H. W. Rankine, W.M. 184; F. Carpenter, 77; Henry Winter, 913; G. O. Abbott, P.M. and Sec. 192; R. B. Webster, P.M. 140 and 1320; T. Y. Zeal, J.W. 1362; J. Bradley, 507; Orlando Latreille, J.W. 1260; J. J. Cornell, 1227; G. Brown, S.D. 140; W. Page, P.M. 1725; Robert Alfred Spencer, Prov. Grand Sec.; W. A. Mills, G. Coast, H. H. M. Paul, W. R. Bradbrooke, Robert Jamblin, Chaplain; Albert Thorn, F. C. Patton, Charles Scott, J. M. Longley, and George Fletcher. Bro. Alfred Keaton Gower, No. 951, Steward of Darenth Asylum, was unanimously elected a joining member; after which Bro. Edmund Mackney, P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. Edward Joseph Sears, J.W., as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Wills was invested as I.P.M., as deputy for Bro. Wingrove, and the following brethren were invested as the other officers for the year:—Bros. A. Heeley, S.W.; J. W. Wells, J.W.; Noah Martin, P.M., Treasurer (for the sixteenth year); P. Harvey, P.M., Secretary; the Rev. Robert Jamblin, Chaplain; W. Light, S.D.; T. W. Neech, J.D.; C. S. Boardman, I.G. and Org.; C. White, D.C.; Corden and Brock, Stewards; and Cooper, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Wills, P.M., seconded by Bro. Noah Martin, P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. Miles, P.M., was elected delegate of the lodge for the Charity Committee of the province, and Bro. Miles, in returning thanks, said he most cheerfully accepted the office. Bro. Miles, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, which was seconded, and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. Bro. Mackney, in acknowledging the compliment, said it had given him great pleasure to instal so worthy a brother as Bro. Sears, who, he was certain, would do honour to so old and distinguished a lodge as the Lodge of Emulation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, which not only did credit to the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Bray, but fully supported the hospitable character of the lodge. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual toasts were duly honoured. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Most Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and excused himself for hurrying the early toasts by saying that Bro. Spencer, the Prov. G. Secretary, and Bro. Page, Past Prov. G. Warden, were obliged to leave by a train which was just on the point of starting for their destination. It was greatly to the credit of the province of Kent, he said, that its Masonic affairs were administered in so excellent a way. There was never any difficulty; they had only to answer the summonses and carry out the work. The Prov. G. Secretary did his work admirably. The Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale, was one of the most excellent working Masons they could have; indeed the province had never had a better Provincial Grand Master, the interest he took in Masonry was very great, not only in general but in detail. If they were to look for another Grand Master to-morrow they could not find a better, and the brethren hoped it would be a long time before he would sever his connection with them. He (the W.M.) had a letter from his lordship apologising for not attending this meeting, which was due to a prior engagement. His duties they all knew were numerous, both as a county member and as a county magnate. Bro. Spencer, P.G. Sec., in reply, said, that having frequently had the pleasure of meeting Lord Holmesdale, and seeing the way in which he performed the duties of his office, he maintained that there was no brother who performed his duties more efficiently. He was sorry his lordship was not able to be present on that occasion, but lately he had been suffering from bad health, and in a letter received from him a day or two ago he conveyed the intelligence that he had been unable to rise from his bed. After apologising for not being in lodge at the commencement of the working, Bro. Spencer went on to say that he was very much pleased that Bro. Sears had been installed in the chair of a lodge not the least among the lodges of Kent, in which all the officers performed their duty well. Kent always came out well, and among the Charities stood well to the fore. Bro. Finch, whose hard work in this cause was well known, had written him a letter, in which he said he had been worked tremendously lately, but that the brethren of the Province of Kent did not support sufficiently the Masonic Charitable Institutions; that there were between 2300 and 2400 Masons in the Province of Kent, and not one third of the numbers made themselves annual subscribers or Life Governors of the Institutions. He (Bro. Spencer) wished to enforce this upon the brethren—if they could not do one thing they could do

another; if they could not afford to be Life Governors they could manage to be annual subscribers. If lodges would impress this on their members it would materially support the Institutions. Bro. Page also responded, recalling his early recollections of Dartford, where he first became a fully fledged Mason. With such a connection with the town he was additionally pleased to be present that day, and it was very satisfactory to him to see the lodge progress as it did. The W.M. here announced that the collection for the lodge charity box amounted to 37s. 9d. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a hearty welcome. Bros. Brown, 140, and Latreille, 1260, replied, both of whom complimented the Installing Master for the way in which he performed the installation ceremony, and congratulated the lodge on having such able officers it. Bro. Wells, P.Z., proposed "The W.M.," stating that the brethren all knew they had put the right man in the right place. He was sure they had selected a brother who would do credit to the lodge and to its members, and at the end of his year of office they would honour him as I.P.M. The W.M. replied. In a position so new to him he somewhat trembled, but after such kind words and their reception he felt a kind of help forward a long, long way. The records of the Lodge of Emulation were good, and he should not like those records to fall into discredit by any blot on the high standard the lodge had attained by any act of his. He should endeavour, by the help of the G.A.O.T.U., and by the assistance of those glorious rules that had been read out, so to conduct the affairs of the lodge that there should be nothing on his part wanting to make it second to no lodge in the province. He was a young member of the lodge, and comparatively a young Mason, and the honour just conferred upon him had come upon him somewhat unexpectedly. It was from no fault of his that he was now in the position, but, from unfortunate circumstances, the esteemed brother who had been occupying the chair of S.W. for the last year there was a difficulty in the way of his election, but he hoped at a future time, by the generosity of the brethren and his own qualifications, that brother would be placed in the W.M.'s chair. He hoped the brethren would look as kindly as possible over any shortcomings on his (the W.M.'s) part, and that he would receive from the highest to the lowest that cordial co-operation which was necessary on the part of every member of a lodge to the well conducting of its affairs. The present was a proud moment to him, and he thanked the brethren now, as he did in open lodge when he was elected, for the high honour conferred upon him. It was a memorable occasion for him, and he hoped it would be imprinted on his heart as long as he lived that he had that day been installed as Master of his mother lodge, the Emulation, at Dartford. He had been solicited to join other lodges; and in the Royal Arch he had made one point; but if he wished to seek other fields and pastures new there was time for that after he had served his year of office, when he would have sufficient time to work himself up in the ceremonies. It was enough, however, for him at present to devote his care and attention to the well being and prosperity of his own lodge, and to place it first among the Kentish lodges. At the end of twelve months it would be time to say yes or no to the earnest solicitations of some of his numerous friends and brethren. The W.M. concluded by thanking the brethren for their kindness, and the numerous visitors for honouring him with their presence. He then proposed "The P.M.'s," and presented, through Bro. Churchley, P.M., a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wingrove, I.P.M. He then reminded the brethren of the great services the Past Masters had rendered to the lodge, and selected Bros. Noah Martin, Treas., and P. Harvey, Sec., as specimens of brethren who devoted the greatest zeal and ability to the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Martin, in reply, said it was twenty-five years that day he had attended this Dartford Lodge, but he had never been so happy in it as he had been that day. Everything seemed to have gone on most pleasantly and prosperously. He had been Treasurer of the lodge fifteen or sixteen years, and he hoped if he should be spared he would be in that office many years to come. While he was supported and upheld as he now was, and as he always had been, it was one of the greatest pleasures of his life. Bro. P. Harvey, Secretary, and Bro. Miles, also replied. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He was a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and during his year of office he should act as Steward for the Boys' School at its festival of 1880. He would have plenty of opportunities of appealing to the brethren for support, and he hoped to be assisted by them in making up a good list. He called on Bro. R. B. Webster, 140, as a very strenuous supporter of the Charities, to respond. Bro. Webster replied, and the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Press," and said he pinned his faith to the *Freemason*, than which there was no better conducted Masonic publication. He liked to see what was going on in Freemasonry, and the *Freemason* never omitted any information that was necessary on this subject. Bro. H. Massey replied. "The Officers'" toast having been given, and replied to by the S.W., the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The evening was enlivened by some excellent music.

**NEWCASTLE—ON—TYNE.**—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 481).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. Eynan, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. S. Sewell, I.P.M.; J. Watson, S.W.; J. Usher, J.W.; E. Gibbon, Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.D.; J. Goss, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; J. Cook, P.P. G.S.W.; J. Spearman, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. Irvine, F. C. Nicholson, J. C. Robinson, W. C. Scott, W. Dawson, J. McKay, R. Younger, R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P.; O. Rowell, and M. Corbitt, I.P.M. 48. Visitors: Bros. H. Usher, J.D. 481; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; G. E.

Dean, P.M. 541; R. Wightman, Sec. 541; W. Smith, J.D. 1342; J. Ridsdale, P.M. 406, P.G.J.W. Northumberland; J. Wood, S.W. 48; J. G. Smith, J.W. 48; B. P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.G.O.; and J. Page, W.M. 405. Bros. Grant and Walklet were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Lowes, Robinson, and Nicholson raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. In a suitable and feeling manner the W.M. referred to the lamented death of the Treasurer, Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., and proposed that the following resolution should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge: "That the deep regret of the brethren be recorded in the minutes at the death of our esteemed Bro. G. Thompson, P.M., who was for many years Treasurer of this lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Sewell, P.M., and unanimously agreed to. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., nominated Bro. J. Spearman, P.M., as Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the W.M. nominated Bro. G. S. Sims as Tyler for the ensuing year. In accordance with notice of motion, the W.M. moved, that the sum of ten pounds be given to the widow of a lately deceased brother. Bro. Sewell, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried. Several Past Masters of various lodges tendered expressions of sympathy and regret at the loss sustained by the lodge and the Craft generally by the death of Bro. G. Thompson, P.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren quietly dispersed, without refreshment and the usual social gathering after the lodge is closed.

**SALISBURY.**—Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New Canal, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when the following were present:—Bros. A. Tucker, W.M., in the chair; F. J. Russell, P.M., as I.P.M.; C. H. Card, S.W.; T. S. Fletcher, P.M. and Treas., as J.W.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Hannan, S.D.; E. E. Bartlett, J.D.; A. Aylward, Org.; H. Silverthorn, Tyler; G. W. Wiltshire, R. Dear, J. Follitt, T. Harwood, E. Hale, G. Wilkes, H. Crawford, G. J. Mannings, J. T. Calkin, and W. B. Haskell. Visitor: Bro. Jefferies, 1478. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. G. Wilkes was examined as to the progress he had made in Masonry, which proving satisfactory, he was entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and on Bro. Wilkes being re-admitted he was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered to the Second and also to the First Degree, Mr. H. W. Larkam and Mr. G. J. M. Main (who had been previously balloted for and elected) were separately admitted, and impressively initiated into the mysteries and secrets of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. The name of a brother having been proposed and seconded for joining, the lodge was closed at 9.10 in ancient and solemn form. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at 11 o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**GUILDFORD.**—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 777).—The anniversary of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The lodge having been opened in First Degree, and the minutes of last regular lodge read and confirmed, letters of apology were read from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Major-General Brownrigg, C.B.; the Past D.P.G. Master, Bro. Harrison; Bros. Earl of Onslow; Earl Percy, M.P.; Col. Thomas Martin, the W.M. of Surrey Lodge, Reigate, and other brethren, regretting their inability to attend the meeting. Mr. Robert Pink was initiated into the First Degree of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. Edgar Drewett, P.P.G.W. of Surrey. The Deputy Grand Master of Surrey, Bro. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap., then took the chair, and duly installed Bro. Denzil Roberts Onslow, M.P., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The claims of the various Masonic Charities having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the rest of the evening was spent in peace and social harmony. The W.M. was ably supported by his two Wardens, Bros. De La Fargus and H. F. Day. Amongst the company present were Bros. Dr. Spence, P.G.W. of Surrey; Loveless, W.M. 1046; Dawes, S.W. 1046, P.P.G. Org. of Surrey; Andrews, J.W. 1046; W. Vine, P.M. 1046; Charles Anderson, P.M. 1046; Asher, 1395; Dr. Piper; E. Grissbrook, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Brks and Bucks; and Andrews, 1329.

**HULME.**—Blair Lodge (No. 815).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. John Vertegans, P.M., acting W.M.; Henry Louis Rocca, S.W.; W. R. Sowter, J.W.; A. E. Gaskell, Hon. Sec.; S. Hildesheimer, S.D.; E. Harris, I.G.; H. R. G. Bayley, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Anderson, Organist; John Sheldrick, J. St. Patrick Riley, J. R. Straus, C. Oldham, A. Bickley, W. Renshaw, W. Fell, J. J. Newton, P.M. Visitors: Bros. T. R. Williams, P.M., Ellis Jones, P.M., Thomas Elliott, P.M., and W. Haddon, J.W., 1147; J. W. Almond, 1773; Henry Briggs, P.M. 320; A. Chendon, 1730; John Cooper Virtue, 152; John Church, Sec., W. Nicholl, J.W., and R. R. Liscenden (Freemason), 317. This lodge, which is a very prosperous one, has this year had to mourn the loss of their W.M., the late Bro. J. O. Moore, who was installed in October, 1878, and who was only permitted by T.G.A.O.T.U. to preside as the head of the lodge some three or four times. The late Bro. J. O. Moore died February 8th, of the present year, and was interred at the Salford Cemetery, on February 13th, and followed to his resting place by Bros. Rocca, Sowter, Vertegans, Gaskell, Hildesheimer, Harris, Bayley, and others. His presence is greatly missed and deeply mourned by all who knew him.

As a man he was the very personification of truth and honour, of kindness and goodwill towards men. As a Mason he was one of the truest and the best, and in his death Masonry in general, and the Blair Lodge in particular, lost a sincere and an earnest member. He served in all the offices except Secretary. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no business the lodge was "worked" up to the Third Degree, and after an interval, down again to the First. A proposition was put forward by Bro. H. R. G. Bayley, P.M., D.C., and seconded by Bro. Henry Louis Rocca, S.W., that the lodge meetings be adjourned from June 13th until Friday, September 12th, for the summer vacation, which was carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The visitors having been kindly invited to stay to supper, afterwards assembled, with the officers and members of the lodge, around the festive board. A substantial supper was prepared, of which some thirty brethren partook. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, with good Masonic "fire," the brethren being led by Bro. Bayley, who makes an indefatigable D.C. The toast of "The Visitors" was received with warm applause, and responded to by each in turn, the W.M. exercising his prerogative by insisting on each one saying something for himself, which caused some little diversion and amusement. Other toasts followed, and the intervals were enlivened with some songs, one of the most enjoyable meetings it has been, our privilege to be present at being brought to a close shortly after eleven o'clock.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Hastings, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Kent; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; H. Butter, I.P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; James Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; R. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; C. Cooke, Organist; H. Pryce, D.C., and Thos. Read, W.S. Among the visitors and brethren were Bros. J. Warren, S.W. 700; R. Hanson, S.D. 927; W. J. Harris, 700; W. Weiss, 706; D. Baker, 30 (S.C.); C. Jolly (Freemason); and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, Mr. John Gould and Mr. Richard Taylor were, after ballot and approval, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft; Bros. A. Flagg and H. Towns were passed; and Bro. Messer (as Tyler) was raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the ceremonies were admirably rendered by the W.M., who worthily sustains the prestige of this important lodge for its good working. £10 was voted to Bro. Weston's list for the Boys' School, he having agreed to take office as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren assembled round the table. The preliminary toasts were drunk with that aplomb and heartiness that characterise Masons; and then in reply to the toast of "Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Grand Officers of Kent," Bro. Coupland said he always felt proud of responding to such a noble toast, although it was a difficulty to say anything fresh about it. The care and interest of the Grand Officers in the Craft in the province spoke for itself, and the time was shortly coming when every member of that lodge would have an opportunity of seeing the whole of the Provincial Officers together, and those who took it would, he felt sure, agree with him that both Bro. Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes were worthy of all the great esteem they were held in throughout the whole of the province, particularly by the Pattison Lodge. (Loud cheers.) The I.P.M., Bro. Butter, then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said it was always a difficult toast to propose satisfactorily by an I.P.M., because, after the first time or so, all the eloquence necessary to give it due effect had been used up. Upon this occasion he should try and say something new about him, and if he did not rise to the dignity of the occasion, it would be because he had to say it to his face instead of behind his back. If one had to speak of one who was not present one could *Butter* one up as much as one liked, but it was a difficult thing to do where one so modest as their W.M. was looking at him, and perhaps laughing at him in his sleeve all the time. However, he would say one thing about him—and he had said a good many in his time—but he would say that he was an honest man and an honest Mason, and Robert Burns had said, and rightly, that "an honest man was the noblest work of God." He did not know whether he had ever called him that before. They had confided to him the Mastership of the lodge, and he had faithfully and honestly done his duty to that trust, and so an honest Mason was an honest man, and an honest man was the "noblest work of God." Unfortunately for himself, he could not attend that evening in time to see the ceremonies, but he stood outside the door and listened, and to his ears came murmurs and music, like to those who, it was said, just before entering it, hear the divine melodies of Heaven, and so it was with him, and he longed to be within those sacred walls, and see and hear their Master carry out, as he could, the beautiful ceremonies entrusted to his hand. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. The W.M. said in the I.P. Master they had always a good stock of *Butter*, always pure, fresh, and good, and much more acceptable than a little dry *Jay*, which, however, he hoped would never get musty. So far as the beautiful rituals were concerned, he thought that a Master should give them as solemnly and as impressively as he possibly could, and he had done his best, and done it honestly, and he trusted to their satisfaction. He threw his whole heart and soul into the work, and it was most satisfactory to him to hear their expressions of praise and confidence. As an Englishman and a Mason, he felt that anything that

was undertaken with spirit and determination was sure to succeed; for when he first took office he felt as if he should have liked to give it up at once, but he had persevered, and worked with a will, and he was not ashamed of the result. The toasts of the "The Initiates," "Past Masters," and "The Officers" followed, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

**KNUTSFORD.**—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The brethren of this lodge held their monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. the R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord De Tabley, the W.M., officers, and brethren of the lodge. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The business of the lodge being ended, the W.M., Bro. Leigh, said: R.W. Provincial Grand Master, officers, and brethren, I rise to perform a most pleasant and agreeable duty, and one which I am quite sure every member of this lodge will feel most deeply interested in. I have the honour and very great pleasure, on behalf of myself and the officers of this lodge, to present our very worthy and much esteemed Bro. Nicholls, P.M., with this very handsome Past Master's jewel, for the valuable services rendered to this lodge, and I only hope (and I am sure I am expressing the sentiments of every member of this lodge) that the Great Architect of the Universe will long spare you to continue your valuable services to this lodge, and wear this jewel upon your breast for many years to come, as a memento of the high esteem in which you are held by every member of this lodge, and hand it down to your posterity as a heirloom in the family. The R.W. Prov. G.M., in rising, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to be present on this occasion and witness the presentation to our worthy and much esteemed Bro. Nicholls, P.M. The very efficient manner in which he performed the duty of installing at your installation reflected the highest credit upon himself and the lodge, and I can only reciprocate the wish you have expressed, "that the Great Architect of the Universe will long spare him to wear the jewel you have presented him with, in token of his valuable services and the high estimation he is held in by every member of this lodge." Bro. Nicholls, in response, said: R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Master, and officers, words are inadequate to convey to you how deeply and sincerely I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this very handsome present of a Past Master's jewel, and the beautiful inscription engraved upon it. Valuable as the jewel may be of itself, the kind expressions of fraternal friendship which accompanied the presentation enhances its intrinsic value a thousand fold, and, as you have so feelingly expressed it, I hope the Great Architect of the Universe will spare me for many years to come to devote my best energies for the good of Masonry in general, and of this lodge in particular, and may the crest of our lodge, with the word "Teneto," shine with greater lustre and more Masonic brilliancy. The jewel is a very chaste piece of workmanship in gold, and bears the following inscription on the cross bars: "Palmarum qui meruit ferat" (in English "The palm which he merits let him bear"); and on the square, "Presented to Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M. of the De Tabley Lodge, 941, by the officers, in recognition of valuable services rendered. 12th May, 1879."

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The duties of Masonry in this lodge were resumed on the 5th inst., at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. N. W. Helme, W.M., presided, and was supported by his respective officers, there being also a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cutts being a candidate for being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, the chair of K.S. being occupied by Bro. Longman, P.M. and Sec. Bro. Cutts was then re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being very impressively and efficiently gone through by Bro. Longman, who also gave the working tools. Bro. Helene then re-occupied the chair, and by the powers vested in him resumed business in the First Degree, when the ballot was taken for the Rev. William Taylor Newbold, M.A., and proved unanimous. The candidate was then admitted into lodge with the formalities of the Craft, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very effective manner, the working tools being presented by Bro. J. T. Jackson, J.W. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from members of 89, 281, 1353, and 1561, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The monthly meeting of this lodge (changed from the fourth Friday to the third Thursday in the month) was held in the Old Lodge Room of the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. J. McCarthy, P.M., was in the W.M.'s chair, and among others of the "Hamerites" present were Bros. H. Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; R. Leason, S.W.; W. C. Erwin, J.W.; H. R. Evans, P.G.S., Treasurer; T. Sammons, P.M., D.C.; M. Callaghan, S.D.; R. Kynaston, J.D.; W. H. Jewitt, I.G.; T. Pierpoint, Org.; J. J. Smith, A.S.; F. Pentin, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; F. Aldler, F. Lomeria, H. Davidson, W. Clark, J. C. Merilees, A. E. Richardson, W. J. Henderson, T. Sharp, R. L. Stockton, E. Williams, A. Henderson, J. Tatlock, G. W. Barn, and others. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. T. McCracken, Sec. 292 and 1620; J. Boyle, 823; J. Casey, 1086; F. J. Pentin, W.M. of Wilbraham Lodge; the Rev.—Leslie, J.W. of the Wilbraham Lodge; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M.



823; A. C. Wylie, S.W. 292; Dr. Pitts, J.W. 1620; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; and others. Two candidates were initiated most impressively by the acting W.M. (Bro. McCarthy), and the ancient charge was very effectively delivered by Bro. H. Jackson. The election of W.M. was afterwards proceeded with, and the result of the voting for this high and most important office was unanimously in favour of Bro. Leason, S.W., who briefly thanked the brethren for the honour which they had conferred upon him. Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., was also cordially and unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Other routine business was transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the festive board, at which a pleasant evening was spent.

**BLACKPOOL.**—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).—On Tuesday week the annual festival of St. John, in connection with this lodge, was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. H. Gardner, E. G. Stead, H. Johns, E. Gregson, J. L. Smith, R. W. Braithwaite, A. Hodgson, A. Moore, W. Lister, Edmondson, A. J. Holloway, J. Todd, and A. Wade. There were also present Bros. Bidder, Manchester; Whitehead, 113; Carr, 1170; Spencer, 314; Barber, 113; Hollins, 581 and 1009; Taylor, 1061; Partington, 146; Wray, 1061; Rushton Perkins, 1061; Batchelor, 1456; Whitaker, 1061; Howell, 1140; Ormsby, 960; Leigh, 484; and Harding, P.P. S.G.D. The lodge being opened at 3 o'clock, Bro. Todd was passed to the Second Degree in an able manner by Bro. Gardner, W.M. Afterwards, Bro. S. P. Bidder, the Installing Master, took the chair, when Bro. Gardner presented Bro. Stead as W.M. elect, who was duly installed by Bro. Bidder, in his usual masterly manner, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. J. Waddington, S.W.; F. Patteson, J.W.; H. Johns, Treas.; T. B. Lane, Sec.; W. Lister, S.D.; Edmondson, J.D.; A. Hodgson, I.G.; H. Johns, M.C.; T. Watson and J. L. Smith, Stds.; and R. W. Braithwaite, Org. Bro. Johns then delivered the charge to the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Bidder concluded the ceremony, after which the brethren, numbering over thirty, adjourned to the dining room, and sat down to a splendid banquet, prepared in Bro. Holloway's usual style. Bro. Stead, W.M., proposed the toast of "The Queen," also "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was drunk with musical honours, Bro. Batchelder presiding at the piano. Bro. Stead then gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M.," and also "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Braithwaite proposed "The Hon. F. Stanley, W.D.G.P.M. West Lancashire, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers." Bro. Harding, P.P.S.G.D., responded, thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and said it was an astonishing fact that there was no Provincial Grand Officer in the Blackpool district. There were in Lancashire 13,000 paying Masons, 6000 in the east and 7000 in the west province, and he thought it was time to divide Lancashire into three provinces. He trusted they would soon have a provincial officer in their ranks. Bro. H. Gardner proposed "The Health of Bro. E. G. Stead, the newly-invested W.M.," and hoped that he would have a happy and pleasant year of office. Bro. Stead thanked the members of the lodge for electing him to fill such a high position, and promised to do all that laid in his power to further the interests of the lodge. Bro. H. Johns, in a neat speech, proposed "The Immediate Past Master," and flattered Bro. Gardner for the manner in which he had conducted the lodge for the past twelve months. Bro. Gardner responded. Bro. Stead then proposed "The Health of Bro. Bidder, the Installing Master," and thanked him for attending to install him W.M. Bro. S. P. Bidder, in responding, thanked all present, and said he had great pleasure in installing Bro. Stead in such a position, as it was a glorious position for any man to occupy, being "the band of love and the bond of fellowship." Bro. Bidder then proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers." Bro. Patterson responded. Afterwards "The Visiting Brethren," "Masonic Charities," and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," were given, after which the evening was devoted to songs and recitations.

**GREAT STANMORE.**—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Bro. G. Tidcombe, the W.M., presiding, well supported by his officers, several members, and the following visitors:—Bros. Hall, 34; Pinnizer, 186; Middleton, late of 1549; Honeywell, 889, the latter now taking the duty of Organist to the lodge, for which he is so fully competent. The lodge was opened in due form at 3.50, and after confirming the minutes of last meeting, Bro. Biggs was examined, and approved for passing. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and this brother received instruction as a Craftsman. On resuming to the First Degree, the ballot was unanimously taken for Bro. Cecil Austin, 811, as a joining member, and also in favour of Mr. Edwin Bamford and Dr. R. Campbell Puckett as initiates, both of whom were regularly enlightened into the mysteries of the Craft. The annual reading of the bye-laws by the Secretary then preceded the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Helsdon, P.M., acting as S.W., in the absence of Bro. J. Ebbs through a long illness, announced that the absent brother would be soon equal to take his position again, which he always did with such great satisfaction to all, and he was thereupon unanimously approved as W.M. elect. The election of Treasurer also passed as usual in favour of Bro. Dr. Rogers, and Bro. J. Middleton was appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee were appointed, and to meet on June 11th. Various small matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. At the banquet the customary toasts were

duly honoured; that of "The W.M.," for the last time, was appropriately given by the I.P.M., Bro. Vincent, and thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Tidcombe, speaking very highly of the progress of Masonry in the locality, and especially of this lodge in particular, which would always meet with his warmest support. Our brother took a handsome donation to the Girls' School at the festival, and is always first in the cause of charity. The musical contributions of the brethren were good, as usual, and an agreeable evening closed at 10 p.m.

**PONTYPRIDD.**—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the members of this lodge held their annual festival. The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock by P.M. Bro. Hurman. The minutes of the lodge were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was raised, and the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Jones, was conducted to the chair, and the ceremony of installation commenced. The Secretary read the ancient charges, and the newly-elected Master was duly obligated. The lodge was raised again, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, who installed Bro. J. Jones in the chair. Bro. Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, performed the duties of Installing Master with great ability. The newly-elected Worshipful Master was then proclaimed in the customary manner. He afterwards proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. George John Alexander, I.P.M.; William Merchant, S.W.; Robt. Charles Hunter, J.W.; William Lewis, Chaplain; William Williams, Treasurer; Thomas Dickson, Secretary; John Lindsay Leckie, S.D.; Thomas Rogers, J.D.; James Rees, Organist; Richard Male, Dir. of Cer.; Walter Herbert Morgan, I.G.; William Howells Key and William Henry Matthias, Stewards; and William Bairstow, Tyler. The following members of the Merlin Lodge were present:—Bros. John Jones, W.M.; Robt. C. Hunter, J.W.; Wm. Lewis, M.A., Chaplain; William Williams, Treas.; Thomas Dickson, Sec.; J. L. Leckie, S.D.; Thos. Rogers, J.D.; R. Mare, D.C.; W. H. Morgan, I.G.; W. H. Key and W. H. Matthias, Stewards. Members: H. P. Davies, Edward Rees, Morgan Price, W. H. Morgan, John Davies, Stephen Lewis, Gordon Lennox, J. J. Jenkins, H. N. Davies, Evan Rees, Evan W. Davies, R. G. Price, and W. Morris. Among the visitors present were Bros. M. Tennant, D.P. G.M.; T. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; D. R. Lewis, 110; M. P. S. Tozer, P.M.; T. J. Jones, P.M. 110; C. Wilkins, P.M. 110; J. W. Gunn, 110; W. Griffiths, 110; F. M. Whale, 960; F. W. Goodfellow, W.M. 110; T. Stockwood, jun., 1752; Edwin Price, 1752; John Hardman, 1752; John Hemming, 833, Sec. 1752; C. Videon Harding, P.P.G.O., 476; C. E. Perry, 1752; S. R. Jones, Chap. 36; J. M. Lewis (Figi); G. Bounder, 723; G. A. Noel, W.M. Bute, 960; John Jones Watson, I.P.M. 36; Titus Lewis, 1258; R. Southern, W.M. 36. The lodge room had been beautifully decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion, under the superintendence of Bros. Hunter, Dickson, Male, and Key. At five o'clock the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Morris, at the New Inn. The toasts of the evening were "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master." Bro. Tennant responded to the latter; Bro. Hurman responded to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bro. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, acknowledged the same compliment when paid to the visitors, as did also Bro. D. Hopkins, P.W.M. Bute Lodge. In the course of the evening several of the brethren sang some good songs to the accompaniment of Bro. Videon Harding, who also added to the harmony of the proceedings with one or two songs. General satisfaction was expressed at the excellent way in which the banquet was served up by Bro. Morris.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The first regular meeting of this successful lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel. The lodge was opened at five o'clock p.m., and there were present Bros. C. Sawyer, W.M.; C. T. Young, S.W.; John G. Horsey, J.W.; E. A. Head, Sec.; S. Davison, S.D.; W. Rudge, J.D.; J. G. Calway, I.G.; C. W. Noehmer, P.M.; A. W. Beichley, J. Woodbridge, G. Woolgar, F. Sargent, W. Harwood, J. Cooper, J. Hare, J. E. Woodbridge, and E. D. Dickman. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, held on Oct. 1st, 1878, a notice of motion, that a jewel be presented by the lodge to the W.M., Bro. Sawyer, on the expiration of his year of office, by Bro. Hook, P.M., was referred to by the W.M., who stated he had just received a telegram from Bro. Hook, stating his inability to attend, and deputed either Bro. Horsey or the Secretary to bring the motion forward. After some discussion, in accordance with the motion, Bro. Horsey proposed, and Bro. Young seconded the proposition, and a jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and, after replying to the usual questions, Bro. G. Woolgar was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when this brother was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when, after being approved, Mr. Wm. Pile was regularly initiated. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, the result being that Bro. John G. Horsey, J.W., was voted to the chair for the ensuing year. Bro. Hale, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Sargent Tyler. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The installation of Bro. John G. Horsey as W.M. will take place on Tuesday, July 1st, at which the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. Burrell, and his Grand Officers are expected to be present.

## INSTRUCTION.

**ST. GEORGE'S LODGE (No. 140).**—This lodge of instruction closed its session on Monday evening with a banquet at the Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich. About thirty members assisted, ably presided over by Bro. E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S., P.M. 140, 320, &c., faced by Bro. Hill, I.G. 140. Of the officers of the lodge present were Bros. Tattershall, P.M. and Secretary; Webster, D.C.; Dennant, J.W.; Brown, S.D.; Spark, J.D. There were also present Bros. Johnson, P.M. 140; Wallace, P.M. 140; Blackmur, P.M. 140; Roberts, P.M. and Secretary 79; Dussee, P.M. 79; Moorson, W.M. 1320; Edwards, W.M. 1494; Rees, I.G. 1593; Bates, J.W. 1155; and others. The banquet was served in a manner highly creditable to the proprietor, and gave general satisfaction. The Chairman in a few suitable remarks proposed the first toast, "The Queen," to which succeeded the National Anthem, followed, of course, by that of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction," and in a speech fraught with expressions of kindness and encouragement, referred to the good work it had done, and still was doing, in diffusing that sound instruction which had for many years gained for the mother lodge a notoriety for good working. He coupled with that toast the name of the Preceptor, Bro. G. Brown, who, in responding, said he could not allow the occasion to pass without a reference to the melancholy occasion which had placed him in the position of Preceptor of that old and important lodge of instruction—the awfully sudden death of the late Preceptor, Bro. Jardine. Passing in review the work of the year, Bro. Brown said that whilst on the subject of imparting instruction in Masonry, and seeing one or more brother Preceptors present, he could not help referring to a subject which had occupied his mind for some time past, viz., the differences of working in the several lodges, for there were not two whose working was identical, the consequence of which was such as to deter brethren from seeking instruction sufficiently often to prepare themselves for office, and it checked that mutual interchange of visitations to other lodges of instruction. He then referred to the fact that, about two years ago, hearing that there existed a source from whence the correct ritual of Freemasonry could be acquired, he, together with the late Bro. Jardine, joined the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at Freemasons' Hall, and that working was now adopted pure and simple in St. George's Lodge, and taught in this instruction lodge. In proof of its popularity at least one other lodge in the neighbourhood had adopted the same working, viz., the Royal Naval College Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Brown made a strong appeal to the brethren to correct and adjust themselves to the acknowledged and only correct ritual of Freemasonry. The Chairman said that there were certain ladies in Greenwich and neighbourhood which called for the most kindly consideration of the members of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, and, although a reference to the fair sex was somewhat irregular, in Masonic parlance, he thought he might allude to the kindred institutions as "Sister Lodges of Instruction." He (the Chairman) could not help agreeing to the desirableness of one recognised ritual in lodges of instruction. He would couple that toast with the name of Bro. Roberts, Preceptor of the Pythagorean Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Roberts, in responding, said he had listened to the observations on similarity in Masonic working with a considerable amount of interest, and whilst mainly agreeing with the desirableness of it, and considering it a consummation devoutly to be wished, said he must remind the brethren that it was from an Emulation-taught Preceptor that they originally derived their instruction, for it was Bro. Collington, who, at one time, stood alone in his ability to impart the Masonic knowledge which he derived from Bro. Stephen B. Wilson, and although innovations may have crept in, and become imperceptibly, as it were, acknowledged, he could not but think that the Emulation working had been subjected to material modification since Bro. Collington's time. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations. Bro. Dennant presided at the piano, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Green Dragon, 2, Maddox-street, W. There were present Bros. J. Hurdell, W.M.; C. A. Woods, S.W.; A. Ginger, J.W.; C. J. W. Davis, Treas.; E. Childs, Sec. pro tem.; T. W. Cooper, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; L. G. Langdon, I.G.; E. Farwig, P.M.; E. Baber, P.M.; R. F. Potter, P.M., and about sixty others. The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—

## FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. J. Paul, 1287.
2nd	"	" A. Ginger, J.W. 901.
3rd	"	" T. W. Cooper, S.W. 538.
4th	"	" W. Burgess, I.G. 1472.
5th	"	" D. Belfrage, W.M. 179.
6th	"	" E. Child, J.W. 538.
7th	"	" E. Farwig, W.M. 180.

## SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. L. G. Langdon, W.S. 538.
2nd	"	" J. Waugh, J.D. 1563.
3rd	"	" E. A. Baber, P.M. 452.
4th	"	" C. A. Woods, S.D. 145.
5th	"	" R. F. Potter, P.M. 749.

## THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. W. Richardson, S.D. 1348.
2nd	"	" O. Latreille, J.W. 1260.
3rd	"	" G. Davis, 167.

Ten brethren were elected members, and Bro. C. A. Woods, S.D. 145, elected honorary. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. John Hurdell (Sec. of the lodge) for presiding over the lodge for the first time at the Fifteen Sections.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Alfred Goode, W.M.; T. Press, S.W.; E. Goodale, J.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M.; S.D.; T. Tremere, J.D.; W. Payne, I.G.; P. M. Dickinson, Preceptor; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary; Past Masters Dickinson, Rogers, and Wright. Brethren: A. Goode, T. Press, E. Goodale, T. Tremere, W. Payne, Alderson, Holesworth, E. Harris, W. Weil, Oldis, and Dunn. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Alderson was a candidate for initiation. The ceremony was then rehearsed. Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M., worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. T. Press elected W.M. for ensuing week, who appointed officers in rotation. Bros. Harris and Weil, of Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, were elected joining members. Lodge was then closed.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 21st inst. There were present Bros. A. McMillan, W.M.; J. Dignam, S.W.; McDowell, J.W.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; A. R. Olley, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Secretary, and several other brethren. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Williams, candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Sublime Degree of a Mark Mason. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. McDowell seconded, that Bro. Dignam be W.M. for Wednesday, 28th inst., which was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).**—After a season's valuable and arduous work, the brethren connected with this lodge of instruction—departing from labour to go to refreshment "for this occasion only"—assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., for the purpose of holding their annual festival meeting. There was a large gathering of the brethren connected with the lodge of instruction, and the spirit which marked the whole of the festival proceedings clearly demonstrated the vitality which characterises the existence of a Masonic "college" which in its time has been the means of training several good and worthy Masons. Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., the most indefatigable and talented Preceptor of the lodge, occupied the chair on this occasion, and he was supported by brethren who have long shown a warm interest in the welfare and progress of the institution. A capital supper was served by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, and after the "decks had been cleared" the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the Preceptor. Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.M., then rose, and said he had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of their worthy Preceptor." He had heard that it was customary in other lodges for the I.P.M. to be Preceptor of the "Instruction," but he was glad it was not so in this instance, as it would be very difficult indeed to find one who would so well, faithfully, and efficiently fulfil the duties of that office as they were by Bro. Hayes. (Hear, hear.) They all knew how admirably he had done his work in the Craft and all the higher degrees with which he was connected, and he was sure that Masonry in connection with the Mariners Lodge would lose none of its lustre while he occupied the position of Preceptor. (Hear, hear.) The toast was honoured enthusiastically with Masonic honours. Bro. Hayes thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and Bro. Robinson for the too flattering terms in which he had referred to his services. He was the first Master who occupied the chair after the lodge of instruction had been formed, and he was happy to state that, with two exceptions, he had never missed a single meeting. So long as he had health and strength he trusted to be able to continue a similar regular attendance, and his earnest effort would be to fulfil the duties of his office in the best manner possible. (Hear, hear.) The Preceptor then gave "The Officers of the Lodge of Instruction," referring to the admirable services which Bro. W. Corbett had rendered in his capacity of Secretary. Bro. Corbett responded in suitable terms, and alluded to the valuable help he had received in the discharge of his duties from Bro. John Pye. Bro. Joseph Jenaway responded for the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lodge of Instruction," and the "Honorary Members" was coupled with the name of Bro. Mackenzie, who thanked the Preceptor and brethren for the promised privilege of giving a degree at next, and final, meeting of the lodge of instruction for the present season. Other toasts followed, and several excellent songs were given by Bros. Thornton, Messenger, Davies, Jenaway, and others.

### Royal Arch.

**MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).**—The regular convocation of this well-established chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst. Comps. John Mason, Z.; James C. Mason, H.; M. D. Loewenstark, J.; with the Past Principals who were present, opened the chapter. The minutes of the meeting held in January were read, unanimously confirmed and signed by the M.E.Z. Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.Z. and Treasurer, and W. Dunham, P.S. and J. elect, resigned their memberships of the chapter. Their resignations were accepted with very great and deep regret. The ballot for Joshua was unanimous in favour of Comp. Arthur John Treton, 1st A.S., the popular W.M. 1614, Covent Garden Lodge. All below the rank of Installed Principals having retired, Comp. Wm. Smeed, P.Z., &c., in his well-known correct and most impressive manner installed Comps. J. C. Mason, M.E.Z.;

M. D. Loewenstark, H. On the re-admission of the companions the officers appointed were Comps. J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.A.S. Midlx., P.Z., S.E.; B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. Clark, P.S.; S. Barney, 1st A.S.; W. H. Goodall, 2nd A.S.; C. T. Speight, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks, and the same to be entered on the chapter minute book, was unanimously voted to Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., for the admirable, painstaking, and correct manner in which he had rendered the all important ceremonies of the installation. Apologies were received from absent officers, and also from the candidates for exaltation. Business being ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, October 9th, at five o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Comps. J. H. Spencer, W. H. Willoughby, and several others. The visitors were Comps. J. Bown, P.P. G.S.N. Lancashire, M.E.Z. 148; W. A. Barrett, H.; Louis Beck, 1326; and others. The regular banquet was supplied. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Comp. John Mason, I.P.Z., had the usual ten-guinea P.Z.'s jewel presented to him, which had been voted to him from the chapter funds, he having had a most successful and prosperous year of office. Songs, recitations, and some excellent music brought this successful meeting to a happy close.

**WORCESTER.—St. Wulstan's Chapter (No. 280).**—The installation convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present the following companions:—Comps. J. C. Gregg, M.E.Z.; C. S. Faram, H.; W. Stallard, J.; J. R. Buck, S.E.; and many other companions, including three visitors, Comps. Orlando Shellard, P.Z. Palladian Chapter, 120; Henry Gurney, Palladian Chapter, 120; Henry Muggidge, P.G.S.B. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Henry Muggidge, P.G.S.B., then took the chair, and in a conclave of Installed Principals installed Comps. C. S. Faram, M.E.Z.; W. Stallard, H.; J. R. Buck, J. The conclave was closed, and the companions re-admitted, and the following were inducted into the different offices:—Comps. H. Wilson, S.E.; F. H. Lingham, P.S.; T. Pike, 1st A.S.; J. F. Roberts, 2nd A.S. The chapter was then closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to another room and partook of an excellent banquet, and spent a very pleasant evening.

**TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).**—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 3.30. In the absence of the First Principal, the Board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comp. Perry, P.Z. In consequence of the death of Ex. Comp. Prescott, H., his chair was taken by Ex. Comp. Murray, P.Z.; Ex. Comp. Bradnee was in his place as J.; Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, acted as Immediate P.Z. On the admission of the companions the chapter was opened with Comps. Hurrell, E.; Fulwood, N.; and Morgan, Pr. Sojourner. After the confirmation of the minutes, Ex. Comp. Warren arrived, and took his place as Z. A ballot was held for Bro. Knight, which being unanimously favourable, he was admitted and duly exalted by the M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Bradnee delivered the historical, Ex. Comp. Murray the symbolical, and Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins the mystical lecture. All below the rank of Principal then retired, and Dr. Hopkins, who had been invited from Bath for the purpose, duly installed Comps. Bradnee, Hurrell, and Fulwood, respectively in the three chairs of Z., H., and J., the two former under dispensation, owing to the death already mentioned. The following officers were then invested: Comps. Morgan, E.; Dodge, N.; Goss, jun., Pr. Soj. Some discussions followed on matters interesting only to the members, and the chapter was closed at 7. The companions then adjourned to the Queen's Hotel for the banquet, which was admirably served by the host, Bro. Bolt, and was in all respects satisfactory. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the companions separated at 11.

**NEWTON ABBOT.—Devon Chapter (No. 1138).**—The members of this chapter met on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was no business except the installation of Principals and investment of officers for the next year. The three chief chairs were occupied by Ex. Comps. Capt. Bewes, Z.; Philip Michelmore, H.; and Bradnee, M.E.Z. 328, as J. The chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received and adopted. Among those present were Ex. Comps. Beechey, P.Z., and Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, as a visitor. The latter was requested to perform the ceremony of installation in the absence of Ex. Comp. Rev. R. Bowden, who had been expected to do that duty, and the companions below the chairs withdrew. Owing to the removal of the Principals from Newton, it was necessary to continue the 1st and 2nd Principals in office for another year. They were, therefore, re-installed as Z. and H., and Comp. Harris as J.; Comp. Olver was invested as E.; Comp. Martin as N.; Comp. Stevens as Pr. Soj.; and Ex. Comp. Beechey as Treas. The Pr. Soj. deferred his nomination of Asst. Sojrs. On the proposition of Ex. Comp. Beechey, P.Z., seconded by Ex. Comp. Michelmore, H., a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins for his prompt and efficient services as Installing Principal, for which a suitable acknowledgment was made. Several matters of only local interest were discussed, and the chapter was closed at 9.30.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Royal Middlesex Chapter (No. 1194).**—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Companions present: Comps. Donald

M. Dewar, M.E.Z.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, H.; Harry Bateman, J.; Roebuck, Treas.; Dodd, S.E.; Soppitt, Taylor, Horsley, Laxton, Rosenthal, A. J. Altman, Brokman, Jolliffe, Brown, Owen, Col. Burdett, Grand Superintendent; H. G. Buss, Dosell, George Kenning, and others. Bros. Henry Robert Perry, Constitutional Lodge, 55; Alfred John Protheroe, Neptune Lodge, 22; and Frank Ch. de Rialp, Salisbury Lodge, 435, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by Comp. William Dodd, assisted by Comps. Brette and Bateman. Comp. Dodd then installed Comp. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette M.E.Z.; Comp. Harry Bateman H.; and Comp. Soppitt J. A valuable P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. Donald M. Dewar, on his vacating the chair of M.E.Z. The companions then retired to dinner, under the rule of Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, M.E.Z.

### Mark Masonry.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 10th inst., the W.M., Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., in the chair, supported by Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; G. Clark, M.O.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; G. Moss, J.D.; Ackland, acting I.G.; Dunkley, Org.; and R. Potter, Tyler. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for Bros. H. Chambers, H. Clamp, J. Barnes, J. H. Powell, and J. Clarkson, which proved unanimous. Bro. Clarkson was in attendance, and was duly advanced to the degree of Mark Master in the usual impressive style of the W.M., with full musical ceremony. After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. It was decided to hold an instruction meeting just before each lodge meeting, at which all Mark Masters would be welcomed.

**MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas.; J. Gardiner, P.M.; W. F. Lamonby, W.M. 229, Chaplain; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. R. Banks, as S.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.O.; J. Adair, Sec.; J. Abbott, as S.D.; F. Harrison, Visitor. Bro. T. Mason, Faithfull Lodge, No. 229. The minutes being read and confirmed, the first business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. All those present, who were qualified, withdrew in favour of Bro. P. Dodgson, S.W., who was put to the ballot, and unanimously elected. Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and in so expeditious a manner (show of hands) that the veteran had no time to interfere. The election of Tyler stood over till a brother is available for the office. A hearty and well-merited vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M., on the proposition of Bro. Gardiner, seconded by Bro. Lamonby, and after a modest reply from Bro. Banks, the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes" from Faithfull Lodge, Cockermouth. [We beg to point out that the form of election of Treasurer in this case was wrong. Clause 63 of the "Book of Constitutions" lays down that the election must be conducted by ballot.]

**COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, there being present Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M.; R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W. and Org.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and P.M.; T. Mason, as S.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. Amongst other business, the sum of two guineas was voted to the list of Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, the representative of the province at the ensuing festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was decided to close the lodge till the second Wednesday in July (election night), unless there should be any candidates for advancement.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

**MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.** Many thanks to Bro. Hughan for his kind correction re the date of Hutchinson's "Spirit of Masonry." The error on my part arose exactly as suggested in the postscript to Bro. Hughan's note. I have to refer to another old Masonic work which appears in the British Museum catalogue. This is the "Proofs of a Conspiracy," &c. In the *Masonic Magazine* for April the work is in the British Museum catalogue as "Robinson, J.: Proofs of a Conspiracy against all Religions, etc., of Europe. 3rd edition, 8vo., London, 1798." In the *Masonic Magazine* for May also, the work is described as "Robinson, J.: Proofs of a Conspiracy, etc., of Europe, etc. 5th edition, 8vo., Dublin, 1798." What I have to point out is another edition, printed at Edinburgh the year before either of the editions mentioned, which, as yet, I cannot find in the British Museum list. The edition I refer to, I may explain, I bought for an "old song," a few days ago, at a "curiosity shop." It is a perfectly clean copy, and I gather from the engraved coat of arms and name, on a label inside the cover, it belonged to one "nobly born, or a gentleman of the first fashion" in Edinburgh. The title page is as follows:—"Proofs of a Conspiracy against all the Religions and Governments of Europe, carried on in the secret meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies. Collected from good authorities by John Robison, A.M., Professor of Natural Philosophy, and Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Nam tua res agitur paries cum proximus ardet. Edinburgh: Printed for William Creech; and T. Cadell, junior, and W. Davies, London, 1797." The name of the author is Robison, not Robinson, as appears in the *Masonic Magazine* twice.

W. F. LAMONBY. J

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## Answers to Correspondents.

HILDA.—There is no actually recognised jewel for a M.M., though one is often worn, namely, the five-pointed star. There is certainly none for a Lewis. The emblem of the five-pointed star is very appropriate and graceful in itself, and no objection can really lie against it.

FRESHWATER.—In our opinion decidedly yes. But allowances are sometimes made at the formation of a new lodge. Still we confess to a strong opinion on the point.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"La Chaine d'Union," "Bulletin des Travaux du Suprême Conseil de Belgique," "Caygill's Tourist Chronicle," "Dublin Express," "Masonic Advocate," "Masonic Eclectic," "Der Triangel," "Hebrew Leader," "Proceedings Great Priory, Canada," "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Masonic Review," "Keystone," "Masonic Newspaper."

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## BIRTHS.

CROSBIE.—On the 17th inst., at 107, Chatham-street, Liverpool, the wife of Major C. Crosbie, of a daughter, stillborn.

LAMBERT.—On the 18th inst., at 11, Chesham-road, Brighton, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Lambert, C.B., Commandant Rangers, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

BUTLER—NAISH.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mary's, Reading, by the Rev. N. Garry, Vicar, the Rev. J. B. M. Butler, Rector of Mareshfield, to Janet, daughter of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Elizabeth Naish, formerly of Lenton.

## DEATHS.

BENHAM.—On the 3rd inst., at Rectory Villa, East Hoathley, Sussex, Mr. George Benham, late of Her Majesty's Customs, aged 71.

DRURY.—On the 17th inst., at Lingmoor Dean-park, Bournemouth, Mary Elizabeth Drury, wife of Mr. William V. Drury, M.D.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1879

## THE STEWARDS' LISTS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Stewards' lists for the last festival are very remarkable in their way, and deserve attentive perusal and consideration despite the wearying reiteration and often confusing accounts of long rows of figures. As often happens in this good world of ours, truth lies sometimes hidden in very common things indeed, which the careless and the unthinking pass contemptuously by. There are some unfortunate beings to whom "a daisy is a daisy and nothing more," but as we do not profess to write for such, we trust that, for all who like to think and care to learn, what we are about to say may be neither boring nor unedifying. Let us then take the Stewards' lists for the last festival and look at them thoroughly and minutely, for depend upon it under their startling figures lies much of instruction, encouragement, and even warning for us all. They are not merely figures, arithmetical tokens, but profess a Masonic language of their own, easy to be understood by the sagacious and the intelligent. Let us begin with the metropolitan returns. The whole amount as returned at the festival was in round numbers £11,700, but which sum has been increased since, and will, no doubt, be augmented (as we said last week) to £12,000 before many days have elapsed. Of this the metropolis contributes £5850. Of the metropolitan lodges the largest amount sent in is by the Creton Lodge, 1791, Bro. J. L. Cantle, Steward, namely, £238 1s. Now, this is very noteworthy, because the Creton Lodge has been consecrated, so to say, but recently, and is one of our youngest lodges, and yet here it is, to the fore of all the metropolitan lodges, with £238. No doubt the lodge has wished to show their regard for their first W.M., the Grand Treasurer, the Chairman of the festival, and who well deserves the good opinion of his brethren, but the result is highly creditable to the Creton Lodge, and we congratulate Bro. J. C. Cantle most sincerely on this, his goodly list. We wish all other young lodges had followed his bright example, but we are very sorry to note, we beg our readers to lay the remark to heart, that from No. 1700 only eight lodges have sent anything at all. This is by no means a creditable state of things, and, we fear, is attributable to one of two causes, either that the entrance fees are insufficient for the expenses, or that the lodges are already in debt to their Treasurers. As this was also the case at the Benevolent Festival, and, we fear, may be the case at the Boys' School gathering, we beg to call the attention of many worthy brethren to the subject. The next lodge to the Creton Lodge is No. 25, Bro. G. R. Shervill, Steward, which remits £175 7s., and which, curiously enough, is tied by No. 1383, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Steward, with its £175 7s. Bro. J. Cowan, Steward, No. 1572, brings up £171 13s. 6d., and which is succeeded by Chapter No. 813, Bro. J. Gabb, Steward, with £141 15s., and, most curious coincidence, this is tied again by No. 1728, Bro. T. W. B. Bush, Steward (a most creditable return, by the way), also with £141 15s. No. 1421, T. S. Taylor, succeeds with £131 5s., and this is hardly pressed by No. 27, T. J. Maidwell, with £125. We note with much pleasure No. 174, C. J. Perceval, with £115 10s., and No. 211, Alfred Withers, with £115 4s., No. 2, E. H. Letchworth, £113 9s., Nos. 179 and 1586, W. Hopekirk, £111 6s., No. 657, Edward Cox, £111, and No. 58, W. Smithett, £101 17s. The remaining returns vary from £97 2s. to £4 15s., and all seem to point to the great and vivid interest taken by the metropolitan brethren in the support and success of the Girls' School. The provincial returns are equally striking and suggestive. West Lancashire leads on this occasion with £594 17s., and is followed by West Yorkshire with £420, which again is closely pursued by Kent with £407 16s. Warwickshire

is near at hand with £380, next to which comes Cornwall, under the able leadership of Bro. W. J. Hughan, with £378, while Staffordshire presses on Cornwall with £376 3s., and Cheshire and Middlesex appear with £356 4s. and £352 10s. 6d. respectively. East Lancashire next appears on the scene with £285, to which follow, after a little interval, Gloucestershire with £260, Somersetshire with £247 16s., Devonshire with £242 1s., Sussex with £231 1s., and Durham with £227 17s. We also have to note Hertfordshire with £144 2s., Worcestershire with £141 15s., and South Wales (Eastern Division) with £105. The remaining provinces vary from Hants with its £99 15s. 6d., down to Lincolnshire with its £21. But thus equally the provincial returns testify to the great interest felt by the Craft in the progress and prosperity of that excellent Institution, our well-managed and efficient Girls' School. As a general summary London, with 119 Stewards, has collected £5850 in round numbers, the provinces, with 131 Stewards, have sent up £5826 in round numbers, leaving a very small balance in favour of London, but this may be affected on either side by the lists which have yet to be received. While the fact speaks volumes for the zeal and energy of the metropolitan brethren, it also betokens the general interest of the Craft in this work and claim of true Masonic charity. The London brethren may certainly feel proud of their cheery efforts to support the Girls' School, as, though there is a popular delusion afloat that the London brethren are a degenerate body, which is not the case, they claim, as they will have, the thanks of their brethren, when they remember what has been done by the 105 lodges and chapters represented, and one Mark Lodge. Equally, however, we must give all praise to the efforts of our good provincial Stewards, and thank them and our provincial brethren for their zealous and continuous support of the great Charities of our Order. Indeed the considerations which the magnificent returns of the festival give rise to are both gratifying and encouraging in the highest degree, because they testify better than words can speak, to the great if simple fact, that Masons' hearts are in the right place, and that with them charity is not merely a name, a word, or a profession, but a reality, a truth, a living and gracious power. Once more we congratulate the Stewards and all concerned, and not the least, Bro. Hedges, on the really noble returns to the anniversary of the Girl's School for 1879.

## Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

## THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On reading these always, to me, interesting and almost sensational statistics, I was struck with two points, about which I should like to have a few words from our good Bro. Terry.

1. Why in the general statement are dividends from stock omitted? We are told in a special paragraph that there are invested on the male account £32,870 stock, and on the female account £20,655, and that the permanent income from both accounts is £2445; and yet under male account I only find £59 10s., and under female account £33 3s. 10d.; clearly some great mistake somewhere.

2. It seems that there is a balance on the two funds and deposit accounts of £3170. Is not this too large a balance?

I ask these questions in all deference as a

YOUNG MASON.

## THE EARLIEST USE OF THE WORD "FREEMASON."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, of Scotland, it is stated that the minute of the lodge of 27th December, 1636, contains the earliest instance then discovered of the word "Freemason" being in Scotland applied to designate members of the Craft, and that the word is not again used in the minutes until January, 1725, a period of about ninety years, but that its use became common after 1729.

The Past Grand Chaplain of Scotland, the Rev. J. Thomson Grant, a well-known archeological scholar, has kindly given me the following extract, which he recently



discovered in the MS. records of the Presbytery of Jedburgh, parish of Minto. It is as follows:—"1652. James Ainslie, A.M. . . . called 11th January, and admitted and instituted (after being sustained by the General Assembly) 9th December, 1652, objection having been taken because he was a Freemason, and the neighbouring Presbytery consulted previous to entering him on trials. The Presbytery of Kelso, 24th February, 1652, shewed 'that to their judgment their is neither sinne nor scandale in that word, because in the purest tymes of this kirke Maisons having that word have been and are daylie in our sessions, and many professors haveing that word are daylie admitted to the ordinances.'"

The minute of the Lodge of Edinburgh of 1636 speaks of the Freemasons of Edinburgh, and the above extract clearly shews that the word "Freemason," although not found in Masonic records between 1636 and 1729, was yet in general use between these periods. But the extract is also important as shewing that "in the purest times of the (Scotch) Kirk," which the Presbytery minutes indicate were prior to 1652, some of its ministers had been Freemasons, and that at that date "many professors" were so. This is another evidence that non-operatives were admitted members of the Order prior to Ashmole's admission in 1646. Indeed, as the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh shew, several eminent non-operatives were admitted members of the lodge in 1634, and the immediately subsequent years; and we find one in active membership of it so early as 1600. We have no record of his admission, but it must have been prior to 1599, the date of the oldest existing minute of the lodge.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. No. 1, S.C.

# SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS A MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following extract from the minutes of the Lodge of Sincerity, now numbered 174, may, at the present time, be interesting to your numerous readers.

Yours truly,

J. NEWTON, P.M. and Sec. 174.

May 14th, 1879.

## "Quarterly Night."

"Lodge of Sincerity, No. 231, March 10th, 1812.

"At a lodge of instruction held on Sunday, March 8th, Bro. Price proposed that Robert Whitaker become a Mason in this lodge—seconded by Bro. Watkins, and carried nem. con.; and also that Mr. James Norris, taylor (sic), aged twenty-four years, be made a Mason in this lodge, and seconded by Bro. Wade, and carried nem. con.

"March 10th. \* The lodge this evening was opened in due form, and Mr. James Norris initiated in the First Degree of Masonry, and passed to that of Second Degree, or Fellow Craft.

"Proposed by Bro. Hall, and seconded by Bro. Judge, that Bro. Norris become a regular subscribing member of this lodge, and carried nem. con.

"The R.W.M. went through part of the First Lecture, and closed the lodge in its usual good harmony."

\* The lodge was then held at the Lion and Castle, Cherry Garden Stairs, Bermondsey.

## A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I desire to call your attention to a slight error you have made in last week's number of the *Freemason* under the heading of "Assistant Grand Pursuivant." Towards the end you are pleased to mention the excellent working of La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, and give me credit of being the Preceptor, which is not correct; the office I hold is that of Treasurer. From the commencement of the lodge our Preceptor was, is now, and I trust will be for some time to come, Bro. T. Alex. Adams, P.G.P.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
CHARLES J. W. DAVIS,  
P.M. Royal Union, No. 382.

## ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The work called "Original Research" to which I have drawn your attention in previous numbers, will, I beg to say, be published at a minimum price in the course of the year. It will be dedicated to the Grand Lodges of all nations, to whom copies will be presented, with right of translation, in the earnest hope that it may be the means of spreading the sacred truths therein set forth, not only among brethren, but among all orders of men.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard Hill, Guernsey, 10th May, 1879.

## A NEW NOVEL?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much amused to see an advertisement of a new novel, bearing the attractive title of "The Freemason's Daughter," by J. F. Smith, published, I believe, by the firm of Tinsley Brothers. Now, some twenty years since I took in a story, in parts, entitled "Amy Lawrence, the Freemason's Daughter," by J. F. Smith. The volume is in my possession now, and I believe that I am correct in stating that the story had previously appeared in the columns of the *London Journal*. I cannot say that the stories are identical, the titles are nearly so.

Yours truly and fraternally,

SENIOR WARDEN.

## A VISIT TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

I wish in the much read and truthful pages of the *Freemason* to record the impressions of a visitor to this remarkable Institution for the first time. Strange as it may seem to some of my readers, though an old Life Governor and Steward, I had never had the opportunity of seeing the "tout-ensemble" at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, with my own eyes. I had heard of it, and had myself spoken about it, basing my confidence, not undeserved, on its yearly reports, but this year, "health and weather permitting," I determined to seek for personal evidence, in lieu of passive authority, alike for what I believed as for what I said. So on one fine day, one of the finest of this most uncongenial year, and despite a treacherous east wind, in company with two very well dressed and angelic beings of the "softer sects," as Mr. Samuel Weller has it, I betook myself in such pleasant company to that classic common, on the borders of which rises the new, the large, and almost imposing building, entitled the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The School is not a school built qua a school, but is an adaptation of a private house, by needful alterations, to the purposes of a school. It has increased in numbers from 60 to 120, and now to 200 inmates, and the recent additions have been most skilfully made by Bro. Massa, reflecting credit alike on him and the Building Committee, under Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton.

I was specially struck with the new hall, the infirmary, and the laundry, all on the most modern and approved principles, whether of ventilation or of hygiene, and which it is not difficult to see at a glance must add materially to the comfort, wants, and efficiency of the School.

There are now, as I have already said, 200 girls, and I will venture to add 200 healthier or happier looking girls are not to be seen in England. Indeed it was impossible for any one, especially those acquainted with educational work and similar institutions, not to come to the conclusion that one of the great ends of any such establishment was fully secured in the comfortable appearance and smiling faces of the children, who, though many of them had been deprived from early years of the inestimable advantage of parental care and supervision, had yet found in the good Providence of God a happy home for themselves, and sincere friends, and motherly care, and skilful tuition in that pleasant and peaceful refuge for many a poor and otherwise destitute little girl—the Masonic Girls' School on Wandsworth Common. Indeed, I think it right to add that the School is really "sui generis" and "unique," as far as I know, and I think I know what I am writing about, amongst all similar institutions in England, nay, in Europe. There are many admirable homes where 200 girls are trained and cared for, but then they are class schools, so to say, and all on a level. Now the peculiarity of the Girls' School, like as the Boys' School, consists in this, that it is made up of different, and often of most contrasted, classes, and the difficulty, the "crux," at once confront us, how are you to give a good uniform education for these poor girls, differently brought up, and even fitting often widely different stations in life, without reducing the School to the level of a merely elementary or eleemosynary school, on the one hand, or elevating it above the needs and proper position of the children on the other?

In the Girls' School, as it seems to me, (all praise to Miss Davis and the House Committee), the happy "mean" has been found, so that the education imparted is alike practical and thorough, real and useful, needful and beneficial to all alike, fitting them thoroughly for the "rough battle of life," preparing them for the after struggle of each individual career. Without forgetting to develop latent talent or to draw out existing ability, without losing sight of the truth, that all education, to be education, is to expand, adorn, enrich, and control the mind; and that what God has implanted we are bound to seek carefully and tenderly to nourish and advance, the children are proficient, as their own neat and comely dresses show, in all housewifery, in sewing, and marking, and knitting, in all the duties of the house, and in cookery.

Some of us remember the old song—

"Had she been a daughter of mine

I'd have taught her to hem and to sew,"

and the House Committee have always very wisely encouraged this good old-fashioned work, so needful and so beneficial for girls.

I was quite struck with the carefulness and clearness with which the girls have been prepared for their "repetitions," and the admirable manner in which the German and French were pronounced, not merely the "French of Bowe," (see Chaucer), convinced me how really first rate was the instruction imparted. The calisthenics were most striking and worth seeing, being alike healthy for the girls and graceful and pleasing in themselves.

Thus, go when you may, look at what you will, listen to this, and observe that, everything seems to point to a thoroughly reliable and intelligent, and able instructress, one who knows her "metier" and likes and loves it for its opportunity of doing good to others, and there can be no question that to Miss Davis the success of the School, scholastically, if I may so say, is entirely attributable. To her untiring zeal and important labours the School owes its great vitality and prestige, and under her skilful direction the talents of the orphans are alike most carefully supervised and properly developed. All who saw the School on Monday must rejoice to think that the School is under her direction, assisted as she is by willing teachers, most of them, we believe, trained by herself, and who carry out her admirable plan of teaching and instruction, and steady, kindly interest in the personal work, and happiness, and welfare of the children.

The School is also very fortunate in having as Matron Miss Jarwood, who has, I believe, been fifty years in the Institution, was originally a pupil, and in whom the Com-

mittee and Subscribers have most properly every confidence. Her kindness and motherly care to all are ever evinced in many ways, and I was pleased to realize that where so much personal sorrow must often exist in the mind of a poor orphan, the genial consideration and the unceasing friendliness manifested for all in the School, had secured to Miss Jarwood the regard and attachment of the pupils and teachers. I have seen many girls' schools, large and small, but I never visited any which had more the appearance of a home, and less of a mere school, than our Masonic Institution for Girls.

To the House Committee the best thanks of all subscribers of the School are due for the unceasing attention to, and watchful control over, all matters affecting the routine, discipline, and character of the School. We should all feel that to their wise measures and sensible administration it is really owing that the excellent qualities of Miss Jarwood and Miss Davis have been encouraged and supported, until, alike in its domestic and scholastic character, the School may fairly challenge comparison with any existing institution. Long may it flourish, a blessing to many a poor orphan, and securing for itself the loyal admiration, attachment, and sympathy of thousands of honest-hearted Masons.

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## Obituary.

### BRO. EDWIN HUGHES, P.M. 249.

On Friday, the 16th inst., the remains of Bro. Edwin Hughes, P.M. of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, were interred at Southdown-road Cemetery, Liverpool, the funeral being attended by a large concourse of people. The deceased was a well-known solicitor in Liverpool, and during the earlier portion of his life he served under Garibaldi in the fight for national liberty in Italy, and also in the great American war, in connection with which he saw some active service. The cortege left the late residence of the deceased, Brooklands, Elm Vale, Fairfield, Liverpool, at half-past ten. Amongst those present were Mr. R. Hughes, son; Mr. William Hughes, brother; and Mr. H. W. Cooke, brother-in-law of the deceased; Dr. Commins, Mr. Councillor M'Arde, Dr. Speer, Captain Murdock, 1st L.A.V.; Bro. Dr. Sheldon, Bro. Captain Berry, Messrs. Walter Commins, John Atkinson, W. H. Pride, Martin Browne, C. Connor, A. Crilly (of the Financial Reform Association, of the council of which Bro. Hughes was a member), Henry Vaughan, M. Hynes, D. Callow, H. Neale, managing clerk to the deceased, and others. The burial service was read by the Rev. H. Postance.

### BRO. JOSEPH POORE.

Bro. Joseph Poore, P.P.G.J.W. of the Isle of Wight, Senior Past Master of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, late 176, died at his residence, in Newport, on Sunday, the 4th inst., in the 87th year of his age. Bro. Poore was initiated into Freemasonry in the Union Lodge, No. 626, held at the Blue Anchor Tavern, St. George's-square, Portsea, Hants, on the 17th April, 1814; joined Lodge No. 148 August 20th, 1816, and was enrolled a Mark Mason in Gibraltar, where our brother was engaged on the fortifications. On his return to the Isle of Wight, in 1817, joined the Vectis Lodge, No. 578, and the chapter Mark and Albany Lodge, No. 151, late 176, in 1838, from which date until his decease he continued to be a subscribing member, and during the long period of forty-one years was the most regular in attendance at the meetings of the lodge, always endeavouring to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and that of the Albany Lodge in particular, to the best of his ability. The remains of our venerable Bro. Past Master Poore were followed to his last resting place in Carisbrooke Cemetery, on the 9th, by the Rev. the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and brethren of the Albany Lodge, who at all times entertained a high estimate and fraternal regard for his straightforward, honest bearing, and integrity of purpose, and most sincerely did they sympathise with him at the time his kind heart was deeply sorrowing, on the 18th November, 1870, when he lost the dear partner of his life, with whom he had blissfully enjoyed fifty-four years of conjugal happiness, their spinster daughter dutifully attending to and comforting her aged parents with loving cheerfulness to the end of their lives. Out of a family of eight children, five daughters and one son survive, with grand and great grandchildren.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

### NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The following subscriptions have since come in:—

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
6 Bro. Sir G. Prescott, Bart. ...	21	0	0
18 " J. Mowlem Burt ...	31	10	0
172 " John Watson ...	40	17	0
402 " C. T. Jacoby ...	10	10	0
771 " W. V. Brown ...	21	0	0
829 " William Etheridge ...	10	10	0
" John Mason ...	10	10	0
444 and Rose of Devon Conclave, Exeter { W. R. Woodman, M.D. List £127 1 0 Announced in error 103 10 0	23	11	0
Various Additions to Lists ...	28	5	6
	£197	13	6
Bro. R. J. Kerr, Gloucester (omitted last week) ...	£32	10	0

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

[The following appeared in our SECOND EDITION of May 17th.]

The annual meeting of this Institution was held on the 16th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided.

Bro. Terry read the following letter:—

Malborough House,  
Pall Mall, S.W.

13th May, 1879.

Sir,—I have laid your letter of the 12th May before the Prince of Wales, and I am desired to inform you in reply that His Royal Highness approves of Wednesday, the 11th February, 1880, for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

I am Sir, your obedient servant

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

The report of the annual meeting of 1878 was taken as read.

The following is the report of the Audit Committee.

## MALE FUND.

Balance, 31st March, 1878...	£	s.	d.
	2386	16	10
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500	0	0
Do. " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Do. " Lodges, Chap- ters, and Individuals	5692	0	0
Annual Subscriptions	1130	7	6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	59	0	0
Rent of field (3 quarters)	7	0	0
Sale of portion of Field	10	10	0
Interest on cash at call	18	2	9
Cash withdrawn from call	1000	0	0
	8517	0	3
	£10,993	17	1

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	£5520	0	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0	0
Collector and commission	116	10	9
Messenger	5	0	0
Assistance in office	4	12	0
Secretary, Provincial Expenses	58	4	5
Medicine for Residents at Asylum	12	10	0
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gar- dener at Asylum	88	7	0
Pension to late Gardener at Asylum	26	0	0
Taxes, &c., at Asylum	27	9	6
Repairs and Furniture at Asylum	22	7	6
Law charges	12	10	4
Stationery, Printing, &c.	226	13	2
Advertisements	14	0	3
Postages, &c., including ex- penses of election	167	8	3
Petty expenses	11	16	2
Entertainments of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17	3
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	15	9	4
Insurance of Buildings at Croydon	3	10	5
Building Gardener's Lodge (on account)	165	0	0
Do. Greenhouse (on ac- count)	50	0	0
Surveyor's fee	10	10	0
Testimonial to Honorary Sur- geon	52	10	0
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12	6
Bankers' charges	1	1	4
Rent of field	18	6	0
Rent of office	18	0	0
Deposited at call	1000	0	0
	7982	6	2
Balance on this account	£2921	10	11

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance, 31st March, 1878...	£3299	5	6
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£300	0	0
Do. " Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Do. from Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4518	7	0
Annual Subscriptions	836	1	0
Dividends on Stock in Govern- ment Funds	33	3	10
Rent of field, three quarters	7	0	0
Sale of portion of ditto	10	10	0
Interest in cash at call	18	2	8
Cash withdrawn from call	1000	0	0
	6773	4	6
	£10,072	10	0

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	£4426	10	0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	300	0	0
Collector and commission	129	16	3
Messenger	5	0	0
Assistance in office	4	12	0
Secretary, Provincial Expenses,	58	4	5
Medicines for Residents at Asylum	12	10	0

Matron	£40	0	0
Gardener's salary	8	9	0
Taxes, &c.	27	9	5
Repairs and Furniture, Asylum	22	7	2
Law charges	12	10	4
Stationery, Printing, &c.	225	19	6
Advertisements	14	0	3
Postages, &c., including ex- penses of election	148	4	6
Petty expenses	11	15	4
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	31	17	4
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	15	9	5
Insurance of Buildings, Croydon	3	10	4
Building Gardener's Lodge (on account)	165	0	0
Do. Greenhouse do.	50	0	0
Surveyor's fee	10	10	0
Testimonial to Honorary Sur- geon	52	10	0
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12	6
Bankers' charges	1	1	10
Rent of field	18	5	11
Rent, &c., of office	18	0	0
Deposited at call	1000	0	0
	6820	9	7
Balance on this account	£3252	0	5

## SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance, 31st March, 1878	£46	15	6
Disbursements	9	0	6
Balance on this account	37	15	0

Total balance as per Auditors' report £6211 6 4

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

## MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£500	0	0
Do. " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Dividends on £32,870 Stock in Government Funds	916	13	0
	£1516	13	0

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£300	0	0
Do. " Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Dividends on £20,655 Stock in Government Funds	579	15	8
	£929	15	8

## SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	30	0	0
	£2476	8	8

Signed, JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer,  
Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

16th May, 1879.

The following is the report of the Committee of Manage-  
ment.

The Committee of Management desire to congratulate the donors and subscribers upon the continued success which has attended the Institution during the past year, resulting in a larger amount of donations and subscriptions being received than on any preceding twelve months since its foundation.

The anniversary festival was held, by command of the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the 13th of February last, and having obtained the consent of Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. for East Lancashire, to preside, a Board of Stewards 294 in number was formed, of whom eighty-one were from the Chairman's province. Their exertions were rewarded by being enabled to present the largest sum yet obtained at any of the festivals, viz., £14,386, and the Committee tender, not only to them their sincere thanks for raising such an amount, considering the great depression of trade unhappily prevailing throughout the country, but also to the Chairman for his powerful advocacy of the claims of the Institution on the day of the festival, and for the deep interest he displayed throughout his province in inducing the brethren to support his presidency.

At the last election there were 145 male and 135 female annuitants upon the fund. There are thirty-three men and forty-three widows candidates for election to-day.

Since May last twenty-two men and eight widows have died, and the Committee have resolved not only to fill up these vacancies, but to augment that number by the election of an additional ten widows, so that there will now be 145 annuitants of both sexes receiving the benefits of the Institution, the amount of whose annuities will be £10,440. There are also twelve widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, who each receive £20 per annum, so that the Institution is committed to an annual payment of £10,680 without the working expenses.

To meet this large outlay the Committee rely in the future, as they have done in the past, upon the continued liberality of the Craft, feeling convinced that that reliance will not be in vain.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the balance remaining in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., at the time of their failure, in 1878, has been paid in full by the Trustee of the estate of the late Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., thereby preventing the Institution from sustaining loss.

The Committee desire to tender their thanks to Grand Lodge for the renewed grant of £70 made in September

last, to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months.

Vacancies in the Trusteeship have occurred during the past year by the deaths of the late Grand Treasurer, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. According to the laws the former vacancy will have to be filled by the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and they recommend Lord Skelmersdale to fill the other vacancy.

The Committee have also much pleasure in reporting that the Institution at Croydon is in a thorough state of repair. They have made an addition during the past year by the erection of a lodge for the residence of a gardener, who will also discharge the duties of gatekeeper, and various other minor offices, which will tend to the comfort of the residents.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., they tender their grateful thanks for his thoughtful kindness and care in ministering to the comforts, and alleviating, as far as human aid can, the sufferings of the residents. They have much pleasure in stating that at a meeting of the Committee of Management it was unanimously resolved that, as he had given his valuable services as honorary surgeon for eighteen years, a testimonial of the value of 100 guineas should be presented to him, a compliment they considered he justly deserved.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March, 1879, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

The report was then adopted.

Bros. Bellerby and Griffiths Smith were re-elected on the Committee, and Bro. Goode was elected. The Auditors were re-elected.

Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was elected Trustee of the Widows' Fund, in accordance with the recommendation in the report.

On the election of Trustees of the Male and Sustentation Fund coming on

Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B., said he proposed Bro. William Winn, who, he believed, was so well known to all the brethren as to render his (Bro. Filer's) saying anything in his favour unnecessary; but, inasmuch as he had heard that a great mistake had arisen as to who Bro. Winn was, he might say he was a member of a very eminent shipping firm of the Port of London, trading under the style of Tomlin and Nephew. What Bro. Winn had done in Freemasonry was such as to require very little more in the shape of honour, but the brethren could confer such honour upon so worthy a brother by electing him a Trustee of the Male and Sustentation Fund. He was sure he had only to propose the name for it to meet with immediate acceptance.

Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed, and W. H. Perryman seconded, Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., as the Second Trustee, which motion was also carried.

The scrutineers of the votes for the election were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect twenty-two men and eighteen widows. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

## SUCCESSFUL:

No. of List.		Votes.
21	William Stuart	2079
23	Thomas John Coggin	1899
25	Richard Henry Marsh	1410
14	Francis Esnouf	1210
28	Harold Youngman	1167
16	George Mobbs	1076
11	John Baker	1065
20	Lawrence Lawrence	1043
19	Lyon Ben	1019
8	William B. Wade	985
26	William Emmott	977
24	James M. Salisbury	969
1	Hiram Morton	964
33	Thomas Williamson	955
6	Henry Wardale	954
2	Thomas Cushen	947
15	Thomas Foulds	933
27	John Everist	893
18	Wm. Robins Colville	889
13	John H. Wilkinson	885
22	James Elson	876
17	Samuel Lazarus	811

## UNSUCCESSFUL:

4	William Taverner Palmer	804
7	William Wood	771
30	Edward Muruss	282
10	Robert Cox Walker	230
29	Samuel Wilkinson	11
12	George Elliott	21
9	Joseph Bennett	8
5	James Wauldby	7
32	William Croft	2
31	George V. Hague	0
3	Henry Holdaway	(Dead)

## SUCCESSFUL:

26	Amelia King	1513
28	Mary Ann Bell	1313
32	Elizabeth Moss	1122
21	Amy Percival	1011
42	Mary Ullivero	979
20	Mary Ann Milnes	934
10	Mary Ann Findley	928
49	Eliza Hickmott	928
2	Anne Shearer	918
29	Caroline Elizabeth D. Gray	918
13	Ann Harfoot	916
36	Kezia Bonorandi	881
33	Elizabeth Brennan	860



No. of List.	Votes
3 Julia Thompson ...	844
25 Julia Miriam Martha Lyon ...	841
31 Catherine E. Partridge ...	820
34 Ann Walters ...	786
37 Harriet Henderson ...	780
UNSUCCESSFUL:	
22 Elizabeth T. Maynard ...	712
4 Martha Crispin ...	667
15 Catherine Peters ...	573
23 Mary Ann H. West ...	538
24 Sarah Pattison ...	509
11 Sarah Ellen Hodgson ...	490
17 Sarah Ann Allen ...	428
9 Jane Stafford ...	407
18 Elizabeth Child ...	368
1 Isabella Elliott ...	287
9 Sarah Woods ...	221
41 Ann Dumper... ..	220
17 Hannah Betsy Eade ...	149
14 Naomi Gambell ...	70
16 Elizabeth Francis ...	49
8 Elizabeth Mary Ann Child ...	49
27 Margaret Rowell ...	43
5 Ann Wakefield ...	37
35 Paillis Winter ...	27
39 Jane Maddick... ..	11
38 Mary Ann Bentley ...	9
12 Hannah George ...	4
30 Elizabeth Isherwood ...	2
43 Charlotte La Croix ...	(Withdrawn)
6 Jane Dodge Lewis ...	... (Dead)

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., in the Town Hall, Bexley-square, Salford. It was the first time the Grand Lodge had held a meeting at Salford, and, therefore, the executives of the local lodges—to whom the arrangements were entrusted—were anxious to make these arrangements as complete and as satisfactory as possible. In this a remarkable success was achieved. It was universally acknowledged by all the brethren assembled that a more numerous attendance had not been held in connection with the Grand Provincial Lodge, and that the arrangements were all that could be desired. It is worthy of record—and we state this on the best authority—that the attendance of brethren was larger than has ever taken place at a Masonic gathering in Lancashire since the present R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie) was installed in the Free Trade Hall several years ago. All the lodges in East Lancashire—numbering from eighty to ninety—were represented, without exception, some of them, and more especially those of Manchester and Salford, sending an unusually large number of brethren.

The Prov. G. Officers who supported the R.W. Prov. G. Master were Bros. George Mellor, D.P.G.M.; Edwin Ashworth, P.G.S.B.; Dr. Lees, P.P.G.S.W.; Edmund Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.; W. A. Walker, P.G.J.W.; T. Gibbons, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Dickens, P.P.G.J.W.; John Barker, P.P.G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; James Hall, P.P.G. Treas.; T. H. Ainsworth, P.G. Reg.; J. H. P. Lersche, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Chorlton, P.P.G. Reg.; Charles Heywood, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chap.; Edwin Hardon, P.G.S.D.; Edmund Heywood, P.G.J.D.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Kenyon, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Thomas Entwistle, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Duffield, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; James Tennant, A.P.G.D. of C.; E. Whittaker, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. Jones, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Halliwell, P.G. Swd. Br.; E. Diggle, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Wood, P.G. Purst.; George Pilling, A.P.G. Purst.; T. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler, and about fifty other Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The following brethren also signed the roll:—Bros. W. T. Norton, W. Sturm, C. Davis, E. T. Fletcher, E. Whittam, T. A. Martu, J. Pickford, H. Robberds, B. W. Olhams, W. Siddeley, R. Caldwell, A. Ehrenbach, J. Irlam, B. Blair, E. J. Rathworth, W. Blackledge, F. Wibberley, J. M. Graham, G. R. Brockbank, J. Newton, H. Greenwood, J. Tennant, J. Christie, J. H. Shorrocks, J. Heavy-side, A. Hopkinson, W. Hill, F. Bull, T. Nuttall, J. Beardwell, R. Robinson, J. Coop, H. Johnson, H. Hartley, G. T. Mullock, T. Nowell, T. E. Lees, T. Blenkinsop, W. Newton, T. Horsfall, T. Whittaker, C. J. Kent, T. Tyres, W. Horrocks, W. Bottomley, J. Dooley, H. Murgatroyd, J. W. Lowe, W. Willis, R. Winfield, R. Dodds, G. Green, T. Parker, H. Manwaring, N. Horrocks, O. Startup, A. Barker, H. R. G. Bayley, W. Byway, W. S. Clark, F. Higgins, R. Leech, J. Hargreaves, H. Arnold, J. Barton, T. Oliver, M. H. Larmuth, J. Cutting, W. Hulton, P. S. Oldham, J. Kershaw, N. Dumville, J. Pollard, M. Fentem, R. Hunter, C. Hargreaves, J. Taylor, J. E. Hibbert, E. Pickstone, F. Armstrong, J. G. Walker, J. W. Gilleland, T. Senior, T. R. Shaw, W. Brierley, S. Marsden, G. W. Wilson, W. Davis, J. Dewsbury, E. H. Bland, W. Clark, R. Gorton, H. J. Stephenson, P. Jackson, J. R. Fletcher, W. Hadden, J. Andrew, G. Whiteley, J. Smith, W. H. Landless, S. J. Graydoulur, W. Ramsden, E. Jones, J. Driver, G. Bevan, J. Braddock, R. O. M'Ilwrick, E. Farrar, W. Parker, W. H. Peak, G. Howe, W. Chapple, M. Thomas, jun., R. Davenport, S. Ashworth, E. Nathan, R. H. Edge, T. Peat, A. B. Wimpory, F. Hickson, H. Darbyshire, E. Daniel, J. Garside, J. Dawson, J. Smethurst, G. Nicholl, W. Pollitt, H. T. Warren, T. Harrap, J. Ireland, G. Dalgish, R. E. Mallett, W. H. Fairer, W. V. Pickup, S. Davies, J. Bridgford, T. Nash, J. Sandiford, J. Marsden, W. Eastwood, J.

Cockcroft, J. Harrison, I. Prockter, S. R. Stott, T. Oakden, W. Swift, C. H. Braddon, J. C. Whittington, G. E. Bingham, W. Cartwright, T. Harrop, G. P. Edwards, S. H. Smith, J. Glossop, J. Turner, J. W. Hulley, A. W. Sid-daw, J. J. Newton, George Kenyon, George Sykes, S. W. Ballantyne, William Hoyland, John Roberts, C. Schuster, James H. Moul, John Ellis, George A. Pack-wood, John Collinge, J. Lees Aspland, L. Speakman, C. W. Ireland, Henry Cottam, W. F. Parkinson, John M. Barlow, W. Raynard, John C. Atkins, Charles Stanley, William Bostock, B. Brown, G. Yates, E. H. Flower, James Schofield, B. Colinge, Thomas Goodier, George H. Omerod, C. W. Godley, James Potter, A. Morrison, G. W. Dron, Robert Mercer, D. Edwards, Henry Hey, Joseph Wilkinson, James Horrocks, Samuel Barratt, Henry Mann, John Rogers, Nathaniel Nicholson, William Jaffrey, G. C. Hargreaves, Arthur Briggs, J. T. Watts, Robert Holland, John Westall, Robert Watkinson, William Kiddell, Thomas Batley, Thomas Tuson, J. G. Edge, Joseph Heyworth, Wm. Carter, James Corney, Charles Eccleston, Thos. G. Alcock, Roger W. Bowring, W. Thorp, Edward J. Cummings, Edmund Sourbutts, H. Wnalley, George C. Williams, William Hollins, J. T. Barcroft, John Bladon, P. F. Brownridge, Thomas Hughes, Jesse Firth, John W. Thompson, John Halliwell, J. S. Newbold, Richard Rush-ton, James Andrew, John Worrell, T. R. Williams, Edward Williams, Samuel R. Brown, N. Meadowcroft, James Hyde, Robert F. Woodruff, Thomas Mottershead, William Brown, Samuel Hewitt, Hudson Lister, Forrester Fothergill, Henry L. Rocca, J. R. Sowter, William Cox, M. Hyams, George F. Smith, D. Gowers, Samuel Horrocks, Edmund Crossley, George W. Skelton, jun., Charles H. Woods, J. H. Greenhalgh, Joseph Clifton, Thomas W. Probert, Evan Williams, E. Simpson, Thomas Hall, J. W. Baldwin, Luke Tims, T. Southern, Thomas Groatex, John S. Whitaker, William Ollier, William Bradshaw, George J. Cottrill, Arthur Painter, Alfred B. Whittaker, Joseph Warren, Samuel Chadwick, Peter Lee, J. N. Newton, C. W. Bell, William Dumville, Charles Turner, J. V. Brown, G. Brooks, Thomas Parkinson, Mitchell Helliwell, Thos. Schofield, F. W. Lyon, Edward Bradburn, John Bolland, Joseph Hardy, John Barnes, J. W. Nichols, C. M. Booth, John Taylor, John Gallagher, J. Unsworth, W. Ashworth, John Henry Bury, James Leatham, D. A. Davis, William Brandon, T. H. Needham, William T. Schofield, Henry Metcalf, William W. Dawson, Joseph Toulson, Alexander Harvey, Joseph Leech, Arthur E. Gaskell, John Alcock, S. L. Hoyle, James Had-field, Julius Arensberg, Ishmael Davis, John Nuttall, J. H. Edmondson, Henry Coupe, Thomas Hindle, John Lloyd, Rev. J. E. Roberts, B.D., Hezekiah Fletcher, Mark Fair-weather, Joseph Sutcliffe, Alexander Cross, Peter Lawton, Allen Phillips, Jonathan Corbett, Joseph Barrow, Edward Wood Norris, Thomas Clegg, Henry McCraith, John T. Holt, Squire Holt, Samuel Horrocks, George Wilson, John Wolstenholme, P. H. Phillips, H. Broughton, J. Holder, C. H. Bintliff, Henry Heap, John Henry Roberts, R. H. Mestager, W. F. Gunson, E. G. Hayer, Heine J. Clausen, Richard Dorendoff, J. T. Sawyer, Thomas Heap, W. D. Waddell, Edwin H. Swire, Job Shipton, Thomas Conlan, D. C. Morrison, Richard Duxbury, Peter Dow, William Crombleholm, Edwin Ratcliffe, G. H. Needle, Henry Yates Rutter, William Harcastle, Harry Elliott, John Sheldrick, Alfred Bickley, H. Davis Marks, John Troup.

The lodge meeting was held at half-past twelve o'clock, and the brethren, having clothed themselves in the police parade room, which had been kindly placed at their disposal by the Town Hall and Markets Committee, at once proceeded to the large assembly room—fully furnished for the occasion. The Craft Lodge was opened by Bro. Southern, acting Worshipful Master, and the brethren of the Harmony Lodge, Islington-square, Salford, and afterwards the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, consisting of the Right Worshipful Master (Colonel Starkie), the Wardens, Deacons, Stewards, Chaplains, and other officers, entered, all of whom saluted after the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree. On the Grand Master taking the chair he was greeted with applause, and the business of the Grand Lodge commenced.

Bro. Newton, P.G.S., called over the roll of lodges, and it was found that every lodge in the province was represented, and those of Manchester and Salford very numerous.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. J. A. Birch and others.

The minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 29th November last, were submitted for confirmation. They were approved and confirmed.

The Audit Committee appointed to inquire into the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts submitted their report, from which it appeared that the receipts for the year ending in March amounted to £1009, that a grant of £50 had been made to the East Lancashire Benevolent Association, £525 to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and £32 to the fund for the relief of the aged widows of Free-masons. The total grants for the year amounted to £605, an amount which was almost unprecedented in the annals of the province; and £398 had been paid in salaries and working expenses, leaving a balance of £611s. 4d. in hand.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank complained of the enormous expense of conducting the business of the lodge. A salary of £250 per year had been paid to the Provincial Grand Secretary, £60 for stationery, and £50 for the expenses of deputations to London. He asked whether £250 was not an extravagant sum to give to the Secretary by an institution whose income only amounted to £500 a year.

The Worshipful Grand Master said a matter such as that which Bro. Brockbank had mentioned was a very proper one for criticism, inasmuch as it was the business of the lodge to fix the salary of the Secretary, but the appointment of Grand Secretary rested with him.

The report of the Committee was adopted, after some further discussion, and a Committee was appointed to inquire into the question of the Secretary's salary, with instructions that it should not exceed £200, nor be below £150 per annum.

The next business was the appointment of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed by the Provincial Grand Master:—

Bro. R. H. Hardman, P.M. Amity ... Prov. G.S.W.  
 " George Higgins, W.M. Social ... Prov. G.J.W.  
 " Rev. W. Chaytor, P.M. Red Rose }  
 of Lancaster; Bro. Rev. H. } Prov. G. Chaplains.  
 Cottam, W.M. Friendship ... }  
 " B. Taylor, P.M. Harmony ... Prov. G. Treas.  
 " J. E. Anderton, Limestone Rock, }  
 and W.M. 407 ... } Prov. G. Reg.  
 " J. Chadwick ... ... Prov. G.S.  
 " Edwin Brooks, P.M. Harmony... Prov. G.S.D.  
 " G. F. Hoffgaard, P.M. Travellers Prov. G.J.D.  
 " S. Crowther, W.M. Anchor and }  
 Hope ... ... } Prov. G.S. of W.  
 " Denis Towers, P.M. Perseverance Prov. G.D. of C.  
 " Henry Heys, P.M. Starkie ... Prov. A.G.D. of C.  
 " Robert Caldwell, P.M. Richmond Prov. G. Swd. B.  
 " H. T. Robberds, P.M. Alexandra Prov. G. Org.  
 " Julius Arensberg, P.M. De Grey }  
 and Ripon ... ... } Prov. G. Purst.  
 " Henry Ratcliffe, St. Thomas ... Prov. A.G. Purst.  
 " George A. Packwood, Zetland; }  
 Bros. S. Sykes, Harmony; J. } Prov. G. Stewards.  
 Lowe, St. John; E. Ashworth, }  
 jun., J. G. Smith, W.O. Walker }  
 " T. Mitchell, St. John ... ... Prov. G. Tyler.  
 " E. Diggle, Silent Temple ... Prov. G. Std. B.

Subsequently Bro. J. Chadwick, Manchester, was ap-pointed Prov. Grand Sec., and duly invested along with the other officers.

Votes of thanks having been passed to the Auditors and Prov. Grand Treasurer, the lodge proceeded to the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer. There were three candidates—Bros. Ellis Jones, 1174, St. David's; B. Taylor, Har-mony Lodge, Salford; and J. Hadfield, 1129, Rochdale. As this appointment rested with the lodge, all Masons below the rank of Wardens were requested to withdraw from the lodge while the voting took place. Bro. B. Tay-lor (of Eccles) was elected by a large majority, and the result was hailed with much satisfaction, seeing that so great an honour had been conferred upon the Salford district.

After the various officers had been invested, the Auditors for the ensuing year were appointed.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G. Deacon, submitted the following motion, of which he had given notice:—"That inasmuch as it appears that the amount subscribed for the purpose of the Callender memorial is not sufficient to justify the endowment of a scholarship, this Provincial Grand Lodge authorises the balance of the funds raised for such purposes (after paying for a marble bust) to be handed over to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, to be separately invested by the Institution in connection with the name of the late Bro. Callender."

From a discussion which followed, it appeared that £380 had been subscribed, of which £160 had not yet been paid. The cost of the bust was about £70, and the foundation of a scholarship would require at least £400. A suggestion was made to defer any decision upon the subject until the next annual meeting, so as to give time for raising a sufficient fund to establish a scholarship at the Manchester Free Grammar School, or some other educational institu-tion, but this suggestion was ultimately negatived, and the original resolution passed.

On the motion of Bro. Charles Heywood, P.P.G. Reg., it was resolved that the sum of £50 be contributed from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lan-cashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

A resolution of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Colonel Townley Parker, a prominent member of the Craft, was adopted, and having been signed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, it was ordered to be forwarded by the Secretary to the relatives.

This concluded the business of the lodge, and the bre-thren retired in "peace and harmony."

To the banquet at the Langworthy Gallery, Peel Park, at five o'clock, the brethren walked in procession from the Town Hall, where over 300 were present, and the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, presided. Amongst those present were the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor; P.G.J.W. Bros. Geo. Higgins, P.G.C. Henry Cottam, P.G.T. B. Taylor, P.G.S. John Chad-wick, P.G.S.D. E. Brooke, P.G.J.D. J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P.G.S.W. William Statter, P.P.G.R. T. Ainsworth, P.P.G.R. George Brett, P.P.G.R. J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G.D. of C. John Salmon, P.P.T. J. J. Hooper, P.P.T. John Barker, P.P. J. Isherwood, and others.

Messrs. Jennison, of Belle Vue, were the caterers, and the provision they made fully sustained the high reputa-tion they have obtained. There was a bountiful supply of delicacies, and "everything in season" graced the board.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said there was no body of Englishmen who wel-comed the toast with more loyalty or greater warmth than did the ancient and honourable fraternity of Free-masons. (Applause.) The toast having been duly honoured,

The Chairman next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." He said His Royal Highness was not only a Mason but an Englishman. (Hear, hear.) In the advance of art and science he took a most lively in-

terest, not only in this but in other countries. He need not remind them of the active part His Royal Highness took in the late Exhibition held in Paris, when by his praiseworthy efforts he made himself not only the most popular man in England, but the most popular man in France. (Cheers.) As to the Princess, she was beloved by all, and the English people would always cherish with pleasant memory the day when the rose of Denmark came and sat beside the rose of England. (Applause.) He hoped the Royal Family might long exist to the benefit of the nation, and he was sure that as Masons they would ever have reason to be proud of His Royal Highness as the head of the Craft. (Applause.)

The Chairman then gave "The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master." He said the noble earl was well known to many in the room, and his health would always be received in Lancashire with that warmth and enthusiasm that it ought to be. The earl came down at great inconvenience, putting aside many engagements to instal him (Colonel Starkie) in the chair he now occupied, and which the Masonic brethren had made very pleasant to him by exhibiting a true Masonic spirit. (Applause.)

Bro. W. Slater, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He was sure the toast needed no eulogy from him. Lord Skelmersdale had worked with them as a brother ought to do, and with regard to the Grand Officers, he was pleased to say they had all done their duty well and nobly, and he was glad to see such a large number present on that occasion. It spoke well for the Order, and was an honour to the Masonic fraternity of Salford. (Hear, hear.) That would be a red letter day in the history of the Royal borough, and the Masonic Order in this province would long remember with pleasure their meeting that day. (Cheers.)

The R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, in responding, said the officers who had been invited that day would, he had no doubt, do their duty, and at the end of the year their services would be acknowledged by the Grand Master of the province. He had the honour to propose a toast which he was sure would be received with enthusiasm by each and every brother present, "The Health of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie." (Loud applause.) Where was there a man more respected than their worthy G.M.? Colonel Starkie was a man whose universal benevolence, kindly disposition, sympathetic nature, and cheerful countenance commanded their good will, and if they had searched the whole province through he doubted whether they could have found his equal. (Applause.)

The toast was received with musical honours, and the brethren upstanding gave a right hearty "twenty and one."

The Chairman thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health, as the G.M. of that important province, and for the eulogiums which had been passed upon him, which he was afraid were not deserving in many cases. He was glad to see so much brotherly love and true friendship prevail amongst them, as it tended to hide the many imperfections of humanity. Having the charge of that important province he had perhaps unwittingly given office to some brother in the discharge of his duties. ("No, no.") If he had done so, he wished to take that opportunity of saying to that brother that he felt exceedingly sorry. The most perfect being was apt to make a slip sometimes, but anything he had done wrong had not been done willfully, and therefore he hoped it might be forgiven. He had been reminded that day that he used military law. (Laughter.) That might be so, but he was then on parade. He was off parade now, and he wished everybody to enjoy themselves. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He had to thank the brethren for the exertions they had made at a time of great commercial depression and distress in sending such a noble subscription this year—the largest that had ever been obtained to the Masonic Charities. In acknowledgment of that subscription the Committee of the Institution for Aged Freemasons had transmitted to him an address beautifully illuminated, and it was his intention to keep it as a memento as long as he lived. (Applause.) Changes and vicissitudes in their Masonic circle had occurred during the past year, and they had to lament the loss of brethren who had long been associated with them. His most intimate neighbour, Colonel Townley Parker, a man who worked hard and well for Masonry in his own part of the country, was gone, and they had lost one near and dear to them in their late P.G.S., Bro. Tunnah. His successor had been appointed that day, and he (the P.G.M.) should take care that the business was carried on on the old lines. It was simply the man changed. He (the P.G.M.) was the admiral of the ship, and the man who steered it should steer by his orders. (Applause.) The meeting that day had been one of the grandest he had ever had the honour of presiding over, and he thanked the brethren for having made it such a great success. (Applause.)

"The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Mellor, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed by the Chairman, who said that he had to thank them individually as brethren for the great kindness, brotherly, and Masonic feeling which they displayed, which enabled the business of a province to be conducted in such a creditable manner. During the whole time that he had been Provincial Grand Master he had never had a single disagreement with any Grand Officer. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had proved a worthy successor to Bro. Callender, and the province had a right to be justly proud of him. (Hear, hear.) He was a thorough good fellow to the back bone, and was so highly esteemed by his neighbours and those among whom he lived that he had thrice been elected mayor of the town in which he resided. He (Colonel Starkie) should always consider to the best of his ability when brethren ought to be advanced, but in a great province like that there were

so many deserving officers that it was sometimes difficult to make a choice. Therefore those who might be left out were not left out because they did not deserve the honour, but because of the peculiar exigencies of the case. Some Provincial Grand Lodges had only eight or ten lodges, whereas East Lancashire had nearly ninety, and if all the officers could be promoted as they deserved they would receive very high honours indeed. (Applause.)

Bro. Mellor, S.G.D., responded. He said it was always a pleasure to him to be surrounded by brethren at the festive board, because their interests were identical, and were one and the same in all respects. As one of the Provincial Grand Officers he could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to forward the best interests of Masonry. (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Salford Lodges," the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren of the local lodges for the excellent arrangements they had made, and for their liberality in contributing to the Masonic Charities. He hoped the lodges would always be careful as to the candidates they admitted into their fraternity. It was better that a brother should forego the prestige of saying he had carried his man than that he should introduce schism into a lodge. (Applause.) The difference between Masonry and an ordinary benefit society was that, while Masons contributed their money for charity, they had no knowledge directly where that money would go. They contributed to universal charity, knowing that their contributions would be distributed by people of honour and integrity to the most deserving, whereas the contributions of a benefit society were applied to the very object for which they were paid in. The Masons ought, therefore, to be most careful not to admit into their ranks men of sordid motives, who would seek assistance for worthless objects. He asked them to be on their guard against the hypocrite, the crawler, the perjurer, the violator of everything that was good—men who would traduce the honesty and independence of Masonry, and bring their Order into disgrace and opprobrium. (Applause.)

Bro. T. Hansbrow, Newall Lodge, Bro. Hudson Lister, Richmond, and Bro. Southern, acting W.M. Harmony Lodge, responded.

Bro. Southern said they had been highly honoured in having a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge in Salford. The Salford brethren were very anxious that the gathering should be a success; that it should be such a meeting as would win the approval, not only of the R.W.P.G.M., but of all the brethren who should attend. No doubt many of the brethren would go away fully impressed with the remarks that had been made by the R.W.P.G.M. on the necessity of keeping their lodges select. He (Bro. Southern) might say that so far as the Salford lodges were concerned, they would bear favourable comparison with most of the lodges outside the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Statham, P.P.G.T., in a lengthy speech, proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said it was a great honour to take part, however small, in such an important meeting, and before such distinguished and intelligent members of the Craft. As an old Salford Mason he felt that a great honour had been conferred upon the borough by that gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, and nowhere could be found brethren more anxious to forward the best interests of Masonry than were to be found in the Royal borough of Salford. (Applause.) It was not necessary to remind the brethren present that one of the most prominent principles of Freemasonry was charity—(hear, hear)—and if they believed the words of Shakespeare—

"Charity is twice blessed;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

The institutions of Masonry recognised this, and he felt that each brother would support the Charities to the best of his ability, and would be always ready to assist a brother in need. (Applause.)

The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. B. Taylor, P.G.T.; "The Mayor and Corporation of Salford," proposed by the Rev. Henry Cottam, P.A.G. Chaplain, responded to by Bro. E. Brookes; "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," proposed by Bro. Hoffgaard (Danish Consul), responded to by Bro. Rocca; and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons."

The proceedings then terminated.

It ought to be stated that the music, which was under the direction of Bro. Hudson Lister, W.M. 1011, was admirably rendered by Bros. Miller, Sec. 1357; N. Dumville, P.M. 152 and 332; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Lister, W.M. 1011; and H. T. Robbards, P.G. Org., and P.M. 993.

#### FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON.

The funeral of this lamented brother took place last week, when the mortal remains were deposited in the family burial place of the deceased in Jesmond Old Cemetery. The funeral cortege, which consisted of a hearse and five mourning coaches, left the residence of the deceased in Ryehill at eleven o'clock, and proceeded by way of Westmorland-terrace Grainger-street, and Northumberland-street to Jesmond. On the road it was joined by the private carriages of several gentlemen, including that of the Mayor of Newcastle (Ald. Robinson), who himself, with the Sheriff (Mr. J. G. Youll) and several members of the Corporation, was present at the funeral. At the Barras Bridge a large number of the Masonic body, of which Bro. Thompson, was also a very active member, were assembled, and from thence marched in front of the hearse to the cemetery. The office for the dead was performed by the Rev. Anchor Thompson, M.A., master of the Holy Virgin Hospital, Ryehill, assisted by the Rev. J. Smithard Hind, D.C.L.,

vicar of Cramlington, and Chaplain to St. Peter's Lodge of Freemasons, and one of the many recruits which the deceased gentleman had brought to the Order. The funeral was a most impressive one, and many a silent tear was shed over the grave of the kind-hearted and genial gentleman, while the grief of others who had more directly experienced the goodness of his heart was uncontrollable. The following brethren attended: Bros. Richard Eynon, W.M. 481, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Smith, P.M. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; Jno. Hopper, P.M. 481; Henry Sewell, I.P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Watson, S.W. 481; J. Usher, J.W. 481; J. Goss, J.D. 481; W. B. Ford, S.S. 481; G. S. Sims, Tyler, P.P.G.S.D.; Jno. Page, W.M. 406; W. S. Hughes, P.M. 406; Jno. Ridsdale, P.M. 406, and Prov. G.J.W. Northumberland; Jno. Spearman, P.M. 406; J. Jensen, P.M. 406; R. L. Armstrong, I.P.M. 406; George J. Dean, P.M. 541; E. S. Gibbon, W.M. 541; Thos. Blenkinsop, P.M. 541; Jno. Harcourt, P.M. 431, P.P.G.J.D.; Bertram P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.G. Org.; J. C. Mowbray, I.P.M. 1427, P.P.G.S. Herts; Jas. Nicholson, P.M. 1427; B. J. Thomson, P.M., and Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland; Wm. Cooper, W.M. 1342; Thos. Forster, P.M. 685; J. G. Youll, P.M. 685; J. S. Wilson, W.M. 685; Donkin, P.M.; R. B. Brown, P.M.; C. Franklin, P.M.; — Robinson, Prov. G.S.W. Durham; — Clapham, P.M.; T. B. Winter, P.M.; C. D. Davis, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., and P.P.G.S.W.; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557. About 150 to 200 brethren attended in all.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, President; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President; and Bro. W. Wilson, G. Pursuivant, occupied the three chairs in the early portion of the evening; and Bros. James Brett, J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; James Kench, Asst. G. Pursuivant, occupied the chairs for the remainder of the sitting. Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; and A. A. Pendlebury attended. There were also present Bros. Henry Garrod, 749; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; John Wright, P.G.P.; S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; W. Maple, P.M. 657; W. J. Christian, 1662; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; Walter W. Tyler, 1305; John Yeomans, 167; Edwin Marsh, 1803; Frederick Newton, 5; J. H. Mather, 143; J. Shepherd, 1349; Charles Godtschalk, P.M. 70; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M. 73; Benj. Lyons, 1227; Robert Harman, 871; Henry Hill, 83; John Aspinall, 534; John James Gavin, 781; A. J. Timothy, 87; G. L. Moore, 169; W. Meadway, 704; A. Lamargan, 917; Alfred Withers, 211; A. Middlemass, 957; John Constable, 185; Neville Greene, W.M. 1524; R. A. Chamberlain, 1122; A. Thomas, jun., 1446; G. P. Britten, 183; J. Stock, 1173; W. Stephens, 1637; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141; Henry Smith, P.M. 302; Alfred A. Drew, 890; J. Vaughan, 74; Q. S. Taylor, 1421; W. G. Turner, 1472; F. J. Holland, 1585; W. J. Foster, 19; William Butcher, 558; W. Hammond, 1326; W. West-Smith, P.M. 79; John Holden, 435; Arthur E. Taylor, 1201; Chas. Daniel, 65; J. Russell Clipperton, 66; Geo. Fredk. Swan, 1321; J. H. Southwood, 1460; G. Squirell, 206; G. D. Skeggs, 144; F. W. Koch, 820; E. J. Allen, 733; C. W. Smith, 1382; J. W. Gray, 1556; G. P. H. Lewis, 1584; Geo. G. Symons, 45; M. A. Loewenstark, 1668; E. J. B. Bumstead, 548; George W. West, 1287; C. Digby, 933; J. Mander, 1201; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

At the Board of Masters, which was previously held, the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge was settled.

The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed grants to the amount of £410, recommended at last meeting, and then considered the new list. There were twenty-three cases set down. Three of these stood over, not being complete. The remainder were relieved with £530, made up of one £100, two £50, one £40, two £30, two £25, five £20, two £15, and five £10.

Lodge was closed at nine o'clock.

#### WHAT GOOD IS FREEMASONRY?

The question is often asked—What good is Freemasonry? Among the uninitiated a favourite idea prevails that a man must be in possession of good digestion to fulfil the chief requirements of brotherhood, and that the "grip" consists to a great extent of a firm hold of a knife and fork. At a banquet given by the Yarrowburgh Lodge on Saturday, some interesting particulars were given by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex on the rapid increase of lodges during recent years. Although he explained to some extent the cause of this, he did not do so fully. He proved that no less than a thousand new lodges had been sanctioned and consecrated during the last 19 years—an average of one a week. Why this great increase? He admitted that the accession to the Grand Mastership by the Prince of Wales gave the additional impetus to the movement, but he said the increase had been going on for the last 20 years, thus proving Freemasonry to be no passing fashion, but a stern reality. This large increase of members is not confined to England. On the continent we see Emperors, Kings, and Princes at the head of the Craft in their respective countries, and although all Freemasons were excommunicated by the late Pope of Rome, the number of members increases, even in Catholic countries. What reason is there, then, for such large bodies of men—chiefly of the superior class—banding themselves together? It is on the principle "many can help one—one cannot help many." Look at the magnificent institutions which the Freemasons of England have raised for the aged and the orphan. Is it nothing that those who are overtaken by sheer misfortune should have extended to them the helping hand? Mercenary motives are at direct variance with the principles of Freemasonry, but

Charity never faileth him who is constituted aright. The Englishman's idea of good fellowship is bound up with hospitality, and who would begrudge the generous heart the opportunity of exercising it? Freemasonry is the most complete and popular institution of its kind ever organised, and its success is due to the grand principles on which it is founded, and the self-denying motives which influence its members. There are black sheep in every flock. What community is without them? What court, kingdom, religion or class is free from those who cast a dark shade on their surroundings? But would it be fair to condemn all for a few black spots?

### Rosicrucian Society.

**YORKSHIRE COLLEGE.**—The quarterly meeting of this college was held on Saturday week in the Surrey-street Masonic Hall, Sheffield. Present: Frater S. B. Ellis, VIII., R.W.C.A.; A. Scargill, VII., Suffr.; W. R. Thomas, M.D., V., Prov. Treas. Genl.; T. Blair, V., Prov. Sec. Genl.; T. B. Whytehead, V., Abb.; J. S. Cumberland, III., Secundus; J. Clark, II., Tertius; J. E. Reaney, II., C. of N.; J. T. Thompson, G. of T.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A.; Walter Rowley, C.E.; T. L. Lighton, Acolyte. The following aspirants were admitted into the M.C.: Bros. T. M. Richey (Lieut. R.A., York); L. Murphy (Captain 4th Dragoon Guards, York); E. Pearson Peterson, F.S.A. (Leeds); W. P. Husband (York); W. Watson (Leeds); J. N. Pickering (Sheffield). A congratulatory telegram was received from the Lancashire College, then in session at Wigan, and suitably responded to by wire. It had been anticipated that Fra. John Yarker would have been present, and read a paper on "The Origin, Aim, and Object of the Society of Rosy Cross," but he was prevented by illness, and his paper was read to the College by Fra. A. Scargill, and ordered to be printed for the members. It was resolved that the next meeting of the college should be held at Scarborough, on the 9th July. The Frater subsequently met at refreshment, and passed a social evening.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the St. Ethelbert Lodge of Mark Master Masons will take place at Hereford, on Thursday next, the 29th of May. W. Bro. J. C. Gregg, is the W.M. designate, and the consecration ceremony will be performed by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., G. Asst. Secretary, and other Grand Officers.

Bro. G. S. Graham will give a dramatic and musical entertainment at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., on which occasion he will be assisted by Miss Susan Howard, and the Victoria Dramatic Club. The performance will include Mr. Tom Taylor's comedy *Still Waters Run Deep*, and Mr. John Oxenford's farce *Retained for the Defence*. The performance will commence at 7.30.

The *Masonic Magazine* gives an official list of the lodges of the last century, which will doubtless be consulted with interest by many readers. Mr. Sutherland, in treating of Insanity and Freemasonry, gives some curious facts which may well puzzle the uninitiated, and a short paper on Speeches contains some excellent suggestions, which not a few speech-makers might study with advantage.—*City Press*, May 14th, 1879.

**THE BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL.**—This establishment has passed into the hands of Bros. H. J. and W. J. Roberts, who are making extensive improvements in it, and will carry on the business in a spirited manner.

**THE SHIPWRIGHTS' COMPANY.**—It is intended by the court of this company to entertain Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mr. Sheriff Bevan at a banquet to be held on or about the 6th of June.

The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which met on Thursday last, in Edinburgh, was waited upon the previous night at Holyrood Palace by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and formally presented with the keys of the city, which the noble Earl returned to the keeping of the Lord Provost. A large and distinguished party afterwards dined with the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn.

**FREEING THE THAMES BRIDGES.**—The Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the Metropolitan Board of Works to open Lambeth, Vauxhall, Chelsea, Albert, and Battersea bridges free from toll, this day (Saturday), the Queen's birthday. The Prince will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Crown Prince of Denmark. After the ceremony the Metropolitan Board of Works and the other visitors are to be invited to a luncheon at the Chelsea Vestry Hall, under the presidency of Earl Codogan.

Bro. David James has consented to preside at the anniversary dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund on Thursday, June 26th.

**THE CHELMSFORD MAGISTRATES AND THE FREEMASONS.**—The Chelmsford magistrates refused, on the 16th inst., to allow the use of the assembly rooms and other rooms, at the county Shire Hall, for July 2nd, when Lord Carnarvon, as representing the Prince of Wales, is to install Lord Tenterden as Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Essex, the refusal being attributed to the influence of a Roman Catholic magistrate. The local Freemasons appealed to the Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford, and the Court, after hearing Mr. Croome, barrister, in support of the renewed application for the use of the Shire Hall on the occasion in question, at once acceded to it.

**THE WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the City Terminus Hotel, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster, was installed as M.E.Z.; J. T. Gibson, as H.; and Dr. C. R. Cutmore, as J.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, will open the new school building of the Alexandra Orphanage, Hornsey-rise, on Tuesday, June 24th.

Bro. Sheriff Burt was one of the guests at the annual dinner of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution, held under the presidency of the Bishop of Peterborough, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday last.

Bro. Henry Marston's benefit is to take place at the Lyceum on Thursday, May 29th, Mr. Irving having kindly granted the use of the theatre, and many of the leading artistes have generously given their services.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 30, 1879.

**SATURDAY, MAY 24.**  
Lodge 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot., Forest Hill.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.  
" 1679, Henry Muggerside, Prince George, Park-rd., E.  
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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

**MONDAY, MAY 26.**  
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

**TUESDAY, MAY 27.**  
Com. St. Alban's Cathedral Masonic Restoration Fund at 4.30. F.M.H.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.  
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

**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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.**  
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 753, Prince Fdk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.  
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle.

**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.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.  
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 29.**  
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.

**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 30.**

**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 31, 1879.

**MONDAY, MAY 26.**  
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, MAY 27.**  
Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.**  
Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Liverpool.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, MAY 29.**  
Lodge 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.  
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.  
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.  
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**SATURDAY, MAY 31.**  
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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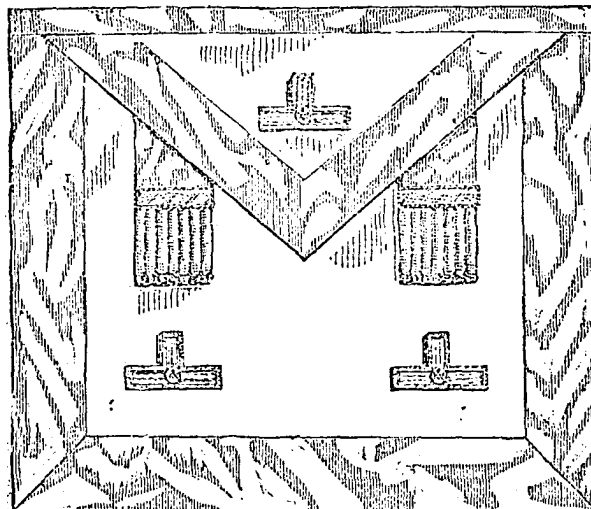
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