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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The above grand old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district, whose warrant dates back to the 1st of December, 1826, held its installation festival on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, and we were pleased to see so many of the Past Masters present, a thing more honoured in the observance than the breach of, and more especially in this lodge, which has for some time past been under a cloud, and has not been progressing so favourably as its friends, and they are many, would have been pleased to see it. However, under the new rule just inaugurated, hopes are entertained that a brighter look out is dawning, and that ere long the old glories of the lodge may be revived in all their pristine vigour and brightness, and we feel sure its friends all over the world will be pleased to hear of it, and join with us in these, our most sanguine hopes and good wishes. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. G. W. Reed, I.P.M., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, Mr. John Clements was, after approval, initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. Shoebridge was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Reed was in excellent form, and the degrees were splendidly worked by our esteemed brother. The following Past Masters of the lodge were present:—Bros. W. P. Applebee, T. Carnelly, C. F. Hills, G. Davies, F. G. Pownall, and R. Hodgkinson. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Tattershall, P.M. 140; A. W. Woodley, W.M. 700; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; C. M. Munyard, P.M. 79; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect, 700; J. Black, J.W. 706; H. Pryce, I.G. 913; C. W. King, 77; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, D.C. 700; J. Murray, 299; W. J. Heath, 766; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The whole of the preliminary business having been happily settled, Bro. T. Hutton, W.M. elect, was formally presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. F. G. Pownall, P.M. 13 and 1536, and P.G. Supt. of W. Kent, and the ceremony commenced. In due course Bro. Hutton was seated in the chair of the lodge, and saluted with the customary honours. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer (late Secretary to the lodge), J.W.; G. Davies, P.M., Treas.; O. Hutton, Sec.; T. Hosgood, S.D.; R. A. Smith, J.D.; Mattee, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The addresses to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren were then given with that feeling and eloquence so characteristic of Bro. Pownall, and the ceremony was concluded. It was then unanimously carried that a vote of thanks should be presented to Bro. Pownall, and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his work done that day as Installing Officer, and Bro. Pownall briefly returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, where Bro. Tucker had provided a substantial banquet for them. This having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Reed, P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M." He said, in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Moore, a very pleasant duty devolved upon him, and from the unanimous manner in which the brethren had, at their last meeting, elected Bro. Hutton to the chair, and the unanimity and concord that prevailed upon the present occasion, when, with the hearty good wishes of every member of the lodge, he was placed in the chair, he augured a very successful year of office both to the W.M. and to the lodge. During the last year, to put it figuratively, they had been under a "fog." The weather under which the good ship "Union Waterloo" had been sailing had been squally, to say the least of it, but now with a change in the weather, which certainly looked much more propitious, he trusted she would go on her course and make up the leeway she had lost. He asked them to drink the health cordially. Bro. Hutton, in response, said he could hardly realise that it was his health

they were drinking, and he thanked them for the warm expressions of the feeling from his heart. He could not say that his family would be proud of him, because he stood alone in the world, but he felt that he was surrounded by those whom he might call his family—his brethren of the lodge—and the many visiting brethren who had come to do honour to him and the lodge upon that occasion. He thanked them one and all for their great kindness. He then, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. P.M. Pownall, the Installing Officer." Bro. Pownall, in reply, said, why he should have been singled out from among the Past Masters of the lodge to perform the ceremony of installation that day he did not know; however, it appeared he had given the W.M. satisfaction in the duty placed in his hands, and he believed that the same feeling animated the brethren. He was happy in having given satisfaction to all of them. Considering the fact that he had been knocking about a great deal lately, and had only lately found a resting place, they must forgive him if he had not been among them so much lately as he should have desired, but now he trusted to be able to come among them more frequently. He was exceedingly pleased to see so many Past Masters, brethren, and visitors rally round Bro. Hutton on this important and eventful day in his Masonic life. He had heard, and with very great regret, that that unanimity of concord that was so essential to the welfare of a lodge had been absent during the past year from this. Their lodge was one of the oldest and most esteemed out of London; and as the mother—and he might say the grandmother—of all the surrounding lodges, it behoved them to set an example in those glorious attributes of the Order. He earnestly invited them to assist the W.M. to recover, this year, the prestige that had been so grievously clouded during the past, and make this grand old lodge of theirs one of the best, as it was one of the oldest, in the district. He called upon the officers to assist with all their heart in the work, for a great deal of the success and harmony of a lodge rested with its officers. Their W.M. was an initiate of the lodge, and he (Bro. Pownall) felt it as a good omen to see the W.M. who initiated him two years ago, present at his installation—he alluded to Bro. Applebee. He thanked them for the kind reception of his name, and concluded a lengthy address by again advocating a system of unanimity in work and brotherly love with one another for the ensuring of the progress and prosperity of the lodge. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and in putting it the W.M. regretted the absence from their gathering of some of the members of the provincial lodges, more particularly the Patison, several of whom had gone to Maidstone, to the Grand Provincial meeting held there that day, and at which one of its Past Masters would receive a well merited reward for good work done at the hands of the P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale. They had with them, however, Bro. Woodley, W.M. of the Nelson Lodge; Bro. Tattershall, one of their own old Past Masters, whose name was in the Charities of the Order a household word; Past Master Weston of the Military Lodge, a good and worthy Mason; Bros. Munyard, Black, Pryce, King, and others, and he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. Bro. Tattershall, after tendering his sincere thanks for the honour done him, said, that having gone through the chair of the lodge he felt a more than ordinary interest in its welfare and prosperity. He was pleased to see such a gathering as that now presented, and from it he trusted would spring a resolve to work together with that harmony and love that had been so eloquently advocated by Bro. Pownall. He had tried upon several occasions to make the lodge worthy of the position its age entitled it to in the Craft, and in his day was successful to a very great extent. His heart was with it now, and he hoped and trusted to see it yet take its rightful position among the lodges of the Craft. Bros. Woodley, Weston, Pryce, Black, Beaver, and Munyard, as well returned thanks for their respective lodges. "The Initiate" was then toasted and returned thanks. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Reed and Applebee responded. The next toast was that of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Brown and Syer, who responded, and then "The Masonic Press" followed, and was responded to by our representative. A word of praise was bestowed upon Bro. Tucker for his efforts for their comfort, and then Bro. Norman gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Forward-road, on Thursday evening, July 10th. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Singleton, a candidate for Masonry, who was declared elected. The ballot was also taken for Bro. Halverson, of St. John's Lodge, who was also elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Moore was then examined and found proficient; he then retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Moore was admitted and made a Master Mason. The ceremony was gone through by the W.M. in a truly Masonic manner. There were several visitors, and of W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Bros. Newton, 80; Frampton, 94; Cockburn, 661; Beattie, 1389. The lodge was then closed to the Second and then to the First Degree. All business being done the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The hundred and eleventh anniversary of this old and flourishing lodge was celebrated in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Monday evening, the 7th inst. Of late years the custom has been to hold the installation festival early in the afternoon, but the old system of meeting in the evening, after the avocations of the members have ceased for the day, on

this occasion was once more adopted. The gathering, therefore, was more of a private nature than otherwise, that is to say, almost entirely confined to members of the Craft resident in the northern seaport. The change is perhaps better, speaking in a social sense, as there is no reason for hurrying over the post-prandial proceedings, in order that visiting brethren may catch trains. Years ago, though, the members of this old lodge went to the other extreme in the hour of their assembly on the feasts of St. John, which were held in June and December. In the minutes, under date of June 24, 1805, it is recorded:—"Met precisely at eight o'clock in the morning, on lodge duty, and walked in procession to St. James's Church." The concluding minute is as follows:—"Having returned in excellent order, the day was spent in harmony and love. The thanks of this body were unanimously voted to Mr. Armitstead for his excellent discourse." Before proceeding to the business of Monday week, we should add, that the seal of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, as used under the "ancient" regime, is in existence. It is intaglio, and bears the following inscription round the edge:—"Whitehaven Lodge, Ancient York, 157." In the centre are the square and compasses, with the letter G, sun, moon, and seven stars. The lodge was opened on the 7th inst., at 7 p.m., by Bro. Edward Tyson, W.M., assisted by his officers, the attendance being very numerous. After the usual formalities, the Worshipful Master proceeded to install his successor, Bro. John Milligan, and in so finished a style as to call forth the warm commendations of the "old hands" present. In fact, this is the first time for many years past that a new W.M. of Lodge 119 has been installed by the retiring W.M., and we trust that, now the ice is broken, the much-desired regulation will be adhered to. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. E. Tyson, I.P.M.; W. H. Atkinson, S.W.; J. W. Miles, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; W. Bewlay, S.C.; W. Jackson, S.D.; J. Casson, J.D.; J. B. Mossop, D.C.; M. Golightly, I.G.; J. Cooper, Org.; J. Newman and Dr. Henley, Stewards; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The officers were invested by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M., P.G. Sec., and Bro. Tyson, I.P.M., gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, whilst that to the brethren of Lodge 119 was delivered by Bro. John Barr, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. The lodge being closed, the party adjourned to the banqueting room, where, after the discussion of an excellent supper, a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, under the presidency of the W.M. Amongst the visiting brethren was the captain of a Danish vessel, in port, a member of a lodge in Copenhagen, whose name has slipped us. This foreign brother was much gratified at the heartiness of his reception, and as highly pleased at what he witnessed during the evening.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 10th inst., and was presided over by Bro. C. A. Jellicoe, W.M., who after having opened the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, and asked questions of Bro. Frenchman as to his proficiency, passed him to the rank of Fellow Craft in a most able and accurate manner. The lecture was, by the W.M.'s command, given by the S.W. Among the visitors, who were numerous, were noticed the W.M. of the Shirley Lodge, Bro. F. H. McCalmont, P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, as well as some of the Past Masters and members of that lodge. The business of the evening having been disposed of and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and well received, especially those of "The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. C. A. Jellicoe," which was proposed by Bro. Past Master Payne in his usual able and eloquent style, and "The Sister Lodges," coupled with the name of Bro. F. H. McCalmont, Master of the Shirley Lodge. The proceedings were enlivened by several good songs, both in English and French, by Bros. P.M.'s Payne, Weston, Le Feuvre, Dyer, the W.M., Bro. Gricourt, and the Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Dupont. The W.M. gave the parting toast at eleven p.m., and the brethren shortly after separated.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. E. Cardwell, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Jowett, I.P.M.; W. Warbrick, S.W.; J. J. Crockell, J.W.; J. Atkinson, S.D.; E. Johnson (acting), J.D.; B. Greyson, I.G.; T. Bailey, S.; and R. Stanton, D. of C. There was not a large attendance. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Burrows being a candidate for raising to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., advanced to the pedestal, and having shown proficiency in the former degree was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Burrows, on being re-admitted, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who also presented the working tools, the ceremony throughout being gone through in a most efficient manner. The questions in the Third Degree were afterwards put round the lodge for the instruction of the brethren, and the lodge was closed down to the First Degree. The usual proclamations were made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from representatives of Lodges 105 (Plymouth), 1051, 1363, and 1561, and the lodge was subsequently closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. John Roger Lever, W.M., presiding. There were present Bros. Mark Vickers, S.W.; Wm. Nechall, J.W.; Tomlyn, S.D.; Ezra Cohen, I.G.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; John Church, Sec.; Daniel Donbavand, I.P.M.; J. Wilson, Steward; W.

Cunliffe, Org.; J. Sly, Tyler; Higginbottom, J. Bladon, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; S. Titmis, P.M., P.P.D. of C. E.L.; C. J. Rix, W. H. Hughes, J. G. Elderton, J. W. Edwards, J. Eckersley, Walmsley, D. Yough, Sumner, and R. R. Lissenden (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. C. O. Pike, 109 (Philippines); The Shires (Rising Sun, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., U.S.); S. H. Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; T. Sharrocks, P.M. 350; Thomas, W.M. 380; J. Broadbent, S.W. 992; and Matthew Owen, 163. The lodge was opened at 6.25 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. G. Elderton being eligible to take his Third Degree was interrogated by the W.M., and having answered the questions in a most satisfactory manner withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and afterwards in the Third, and on the re-appearance of Bro. Elderton, he was forthwith raised to the degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. and Reg., presented the working tools and gave the traditional history to the candidate. This being all the work, the lodge was lowered down to the First Degree. An announcement was made that Bro. Hilton, who was to have taken his Second Degree on that evening, was prevented by illness from attending, and Bro. Vetter, who was proposed at the last meeting as a joining member, would be unable to join on account of being engaged by Mr. Chas. Hallé for concerts on Thursdays throughout the season. All the members of the lodge who were present signed the petition in favour of the widow of a late brother, the particulars of which we have previously recorded. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8.20. The visitors and members of the lodge afterwards assembled at the social board, and a very pleasant evening's enjoyment, to which Bros. Lever, Shorrocks, Thomas, and others rendered valuable assistance with their singing, terminated at 11 o'clock.

We have very much regretted being absent from the June meeting of this lodge, which happened to fall on Whit-Thursdays, and consequently very few members were expected to put in an appearance, but as matters turned out the meeting proved a big success, the number of visitors alone being unusually large, amongst whom were Bros. E. Heywood, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. E.L.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G.R.; J. T. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; J. Duffield, P.M. 44, 64, 1170, P.P.G. Treas. E.L.; John Cavanah, P.M. 1375, P.P.G.D. of C. (Cheshire); D. Ormerod, P.M. 1609; P. Magee, W.M. 348 (London); W. Hollins, W.M. 152; E. J. Bradbury, W.M. 1357; H. D. Marks, S.W. 1798; G. Ormerod, J.W. 1011; the Sec. 1798; R. Dottie, S.D. 1161; T. Vetter, Org. 1798, 815; W. T. Chapman, P.M. 1609; F. Stanislaus, 780 and 1633; F. Emery, P.M. 1609; C. H. Stephenson, 1319 and 1633; J. Coxon, 152; E. Edmonds, 1213; L. Y. Lablach, 1609 and 1319; J. H. Ryley, 188; S. H. S. Austin, 1633; S. Hurtig, 1798; D. E. Davis, J. Meyer, 1798; A. Forrest, 1633; J. Storey, 1459; W. J. Edwards, 992; and H. Macdonald, 1633. The lodge was opened at 2.10, the W.M., Bro. John Roger Lever, occupying the chair of K.S. All the officers were present except S.W. and I.G., Bro. John Smethurst acting in the former instance, and Bro. J. Barker, P.M. 1134, in the second. Bro. Francis Hilton was balloted for and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. Bro. J. G. Elderton was next passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and lastly Bro. John Lawton was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the Worshipful Master performing the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising in so creditable a manner as to draw forth congratulations from all present. The lodge was closed about five o'clock, and most of the brethren afterwards assembled at the social board and spent a pleasant couple of hours together, separating about 7 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday morning, the 1st inst. This lodge, probably the strongest in the province, has always been noted for its recognition of claims made in the cause of charity, or for the support of Masonry in general; the decorating and furnishing fund of the hall in Hope-street being the latest to benefit materially by a handsome subscription and the gift of a fine harmonium. A strong muster was the result of the summons on this occasion, the chair being taken by Bro. David Jackson, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Brackenbury, S.W. (W.M. elect); L. Herman, J.W.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. T. May (Sec.); H. Burrows, P.M., and others. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Jackson, W.M., and Bro. May, P.M., and the installation ceremony was performed by Bro. T. Roberts, P.M., in a very creditable manner. The usual honours were paid, and the following brethren invested as officers:—Bros. D. Jackson, I.P.M.; L. Herman, S.W.; J. Seddon, J.W.; T. Clarke, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for fourth time); W. T. May, P.M., Sec.; T. Smyth, S.D.; C. Marsh, J.D.; H. Marshall, I.G.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas., M.C.; J. Chilton, Org.; G. Leitch, C. Godfrey, and S. W. H. Hulze, Stewards. Bro. W. Ball was re-elected Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the members, as a token of their respect and esteem, with hearty good wishes. The brethren then proceeded to Lime-street Station, where they were joined by lady friends, and proceeded by special train to Frodsham. Over 200 started, and were rewarded by having good weather. The valley of the Weaver looked really charming after the rain, and, after visiting the ancient parish church, all ascended the Overton Hills by various means, and there sat down to dinner, substantially laid out by Bro. Rigby, Belmont. After dinner, the time was spent partly in walking round the hills, from which a magnificent view stretched in all directions, and partly in going through a well-chosen pro-

gramme of dances, which were heartily entered into by old and young. The weather gradually improved as the day wore on, and after a most enjoyable trip all were quite willing to return at 9.20 p.m. Great credit is due to Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., and Bro. Brackenbury, W.M., who superintended the arrangements.

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 829).—The above flourishing lodge, whose locale is at the Black Horse, Sidcup, was, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., the scene of a brilliant gathering of the members of the Craft, the occasion being its installation meeting, and the W.M. to be installed one of the most popular and respected Masters of the province, Bro. Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P. G.J.W. Kent, and S.W. and W.M. elect of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. Sydney Gore, W.M., at 12 a.m. sharp, the following Past Masters being present to assist him:—Bros. T. Smith, G. B. Gates, T. Hastings, and L. Etheridge. The minutes of the last meeting having been duly read and passed, Messrs. Gregory, the host of the Black Horse, J. Seaton, and J. W. Skinner were, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Bro. Greener was passed, and Bro. J. T. Spicer was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. Bro. Spurrell was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, for the benefit of installation, and was by that brother most impressively placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted by the brethren in the degrees. Bro. Spurrell then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Moulder, S.W.; R. Hanson, J.W.; W. T. Birts, Treas. (by proxy, that brother being unable to attend); T. Smith, P.M., and P.P. G.P. Kent, Sec.; W. Hawkins, S.D.; B. H. Ilton, J.D.; —Parsons, I.G.; Coombes, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Gates, P.M., is, and has been, W.S. for many years, and still retains that important office. The ceremony was concluded by the delivery of the three charges, and on all sides we heard the highest encomiums passed upon Bro. Hastings for his excellent and eloquent working. A valuable Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Gore, the I.P.M., for his valuable services to the lodge during the past year, and that brother returned thanks. A vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Hastings, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for his fine working for the second time in succession of the installation ceremony, and this brother returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was a most enjoyable and well served one, the wines being especially selected for the occasion. Among the company present were, beside the brethren above enumerated, Bros. T. W. Knight, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.D. Kent; J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28, and P.P. G.P. Middx.; R. Shilleter, W.M. 403; G. Churchley, W.M. 615; R. Stone, S.W. 615; R. W. Hawkes, 13; T. J. Kent, 1638; J. L. Judge, 1178; G. Roper, 69; G. W. F. Loftus, 93; W. H. Rowland, 1193; A. Roper, 69; J. Hutton, 615; W. Macrow, 879; H. Spurrell, 615; H. Wilson, 814; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as were the provincial ones, most heartily. That of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes," was coupled with the names of Bros. Smith and Hastings. Bro. Smith said the Prov. G. Officers were so well known to the majority of the brethren of the lodge, that it was quite unnecessary for him to say a word in their favour. They were always at work, striving to do good in Masonry, and were in every way deserving of the distinguished honour conferred upon them. He was sorry there were so few Grand Officers present, but he attributed it to the fact that the next day Prov. Grand Lodge assembled at Maidstone, and that, no doubt, prevented many of them being present that day. He thanked them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The W.M.," and in giving it the I.P.M., Bro. Gore, bore testimony to the excellence of their new Master, who, he said, was a good Mason, not only in the lodge but out of it, and was universally beloved and respected by every one. Bro. Dr. Spurrell, after returning thanks for the toast, said he must say that when he took office in the Sydney Lodge he felt it a very great honour, and now that he was placed in the proud position of their W.M., he should endeavour to merit, and show that he was deserving of it. He should, he felt, be compelled to draw largely on their patience and support, having to follow in the footsteps of such excellent workmen as had lately been W.M.'s in the lodge; yet if they would attend to the sound of the gavel he felt that he should at least not have their censure at the expiration of his term of office. He hoped to have a good and prosperous year, and that it would pass as harmonious as that of his predecessor. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to. The toast of "The Initiates" was then given, and those brethren returned thanks. The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Hastings," who, the W.M. declared, had that day performed the important ceremony in a manner second to none he had ever seen. Bro. Hastings, in the course of his reply, thanked the W.M. for the encomiums passed upon him. He said he had never missed a meeting since he had been a member of the lodge, and as long as he lived he hoped to be with them, and do all he could for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. He looked upon Masonry as one of the luxuries of his life, not so much for the pleasure it afforded him on such occasions as the present, but because it afforded him an opportunity to enjoy the greatest of all luxuries, that of true charity. He was a Life Governor of two of the Masonic Charities, and intended to be so of the third shortly, and strongly recommended all his brethren to qualify themselves for the same position. He was at the Crystal Palace on the previous Friday with a brother of his and a friend, and there they saw the children of the Girls' School enjoying themselves. His brother asked who the children were, and he told him they were the children of deceased Freemasons, and was proud to say that he was a Life Governor of that Charity. It made his heart bound

when he saw how happy they were. He advocated the Masonic Institutions in vigorous language, and spoke earnestly of the efforts made, and assistance still needed, for the welfare of the widow, the fatherless children, and poor, distressed, and aged brethren. He concluded by thanking them for the reception they had given to the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed. Past Masters Smith and Hastings responded. "The Health of the Officers" was then given and responded to; and then the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Norman, concluded the proceedings. We were shown during the evening a handsome and valuable jewel, which was presented to Past Master Lewis Etheridge, on the 13th of June last, by the brethren initiated by him during his year of office. It is an exceedingly chaste and unique affair, and reflects credit both upon the givers and receiver, and is cherished by Bro. Etheridge as a souvenir of his happy and successful year of office.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above influential lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was well attended by both the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, no less than 113 signing the attendance book. Bro. T. D. Hayes, the W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, as well as of an emergency meeting, held the night before, at which Mr. Ratz was initiated into the Craft, and Bros. Gould and Taylor were raised to the Third Degree. Everything being prepared, Bro. W. B. Lloyd, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hayes in a few appropriate words to Bro. H. Butter, the Installing Officer, who at once proceeded with the ceremony. The time having arrived when all M.M.'s were to leave, a Board of Installed Masters, to the number of twenty-seven, was formed, and Bro. Lloyd was, with the usual ceremonies, installed in the chair of K.S. He was then duly saluted, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. James Chapman, S.W.; R. J. Cook, J.W.; H. Pryce, as proxy for A. Jessop, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; H. Mason, S.D.; R. Edmonds, J.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C. and W.S.; T. Reid, Asst. D.C.; W. Reece, Asst. W.S.; and R. Lester, Tyler. Bro. Butter then completed an exemplary and faultless work by reciting the charges splendidly, the applause of the brethren on the completion of his task being both warm and spontaneous. Bro. Lloyd then, in brief but appropriate terms, presented Bro. Hayes, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the nominal value of ten guineas, in the name of the lodge, and, in pinning it on his breast, wished him many long years of usefulness, both to the lodge and Freemasonry in general. Bro. Hayes suitably replied. A Secretary's jewel, of the same value, was presented to Bro. P.M. Denton, for his long and faithful services to the lodge as its Secretary for a period extending over seventeen years. Bro. Denton returned thanks in suitable terms. It was then proposed and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Butter, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for his able fulfilment of the office of Installing Officer that day. Bro. Butter returned thanks. Bro. P.M. Coupland was then unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Commission. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bray's hotel, the Bull, at Dartford, where a superb banquet awaited them. Among the company present, beside the brethren above mentioned, were Bros. the Rev. — Hill, G. Chaplain of England and Kent; R. W. Sprague, P.M. 91, and Grand Steward, England; Past Masters C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Hastings, P.G.P. Kent; C. E. Fermor, J. McDougall, and W. T. Vincent, of and belonging to the lodge; R. Martin, P.M. 299, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; H. Picken, W.M. 1536; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; J. R. Froud, W.M. 503; G. Churchley, W.M. 615; F. Dawson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. Scott-Mutch, P.M. 706; G. Tapp, P.M. 706; Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; J. Parkes, P.M. 811; W. Perrin, P.M. 1036; Perrin, P.M. Victoria; T. Day, P.M. 1076; H. Shaw, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; T. Hutton, S.W. and W.M. elect 13; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect 600; J. Black, J.W. 706; D. Deeves, J.W. 1536; E. H. Williams, S.W. 1056; J. Wilkins, J.W. 700; H. Syer, Sec. 13; J. C. Smith, 1744; W. Hellwell, 215; A. Fenn, 700; W. Crane, 907; T. Stacey, 1437; T. Gray, 167 (S.C.); G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, W.S. 700; E. W. Crews, 13; J. J. Chapman, 942; T. Forrester, 1275; J. Epsom, 700; W. Harris, 700; T. Steward, 147; G. Risch, 706; W. Watkins, 1536; C. Hager, 1107; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. After grace had been said by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. G.M. of England, H.R.H. Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Hill and Sprague. Bro. Hill, in response to the toast, spoke of the vast amount of work done by the Grand Master, and of the many excellent and telling speeches made by him lately at various places and on varied subjects; not only on matters connected with Freemasonry, but on the great and important questions of education, literature, agriculture, manufactures, &c., and of the great knowledge he evidently possessed of the bearings of all and every subject he handled. It ought, and did, indeed, make them proud of their Grand Master. His youngest brother, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, was W.M. of the grand old Lodge of Antiquity, to which Bro. Sir Christopher Wren, the builder of St. Paul's Cathedral, belonged, and whose monument was his own magnificent structure. It had been said that all they had to do upon such occasions was to enjoy themselves, and when they had done their dinner they had done their duty, but if those who said that knew, as they knew, how those in power in the Craft worked to carry out some of the

grandest principles and greatest works of the age, they would, as the brethren here assembled, and all other assemblies of Masons, did honour them for their noble work, and glory in having such officers to preside over them. He then spoke of Lord Carnarvon, who, amid the many and incessant claims upon his time, had yet translated some of the grand old Greek tragedies, and it might be fairly asked, "what time had he to do such work in?" Their distinguished brother told them that it was done in his spare moments; but those who knew the wonderful amount of work done by the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master for Masonry alone, would wonder at the industry displayed to get through it. He then spoke of the ability and courtesy of the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and concluded by thanking them for the toast. The next toast was that of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," and in putting it the W.M. eulogised the services of Lord Holmesdale in the cause of Freemasonry. The next toast was that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Hill, Prov. Grand Chaplain, who in the course of a lengthy and eloquent reply thanked them for coupling his name with so important a toast, more especially as he had once before addressed them. He referred to the charitable spirit as evinced by the lodges in the province in glowing terms, and hoped soon, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, to see every lodge in the province a Life Governor of one or more of the Institutions. He spoke of the work done by Bro. Eastes with feelings of regard and wonder, and eulogised the manner in which he distributed year by year the eleven purples at his command. He remembered with pleasure that he was a member of the Pattison Lodge, and of the kindness with which they had at all times received him. He went among them as a brother, and was there that evening as a brother in spirit and in fact. He spoke with pride of the honour done him by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in placing him in the position of G. Chaplain of Grand Lodge, and attributed it to the influence the province held in Masonry under the rule of Lord Holmesdale, and concluded by wishing the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge a pleasant and successful year of office. Bro. Hayes, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of the W.M. He said they all knew for what purpose the W.M. had for a time entrusted him with the gavel. It was to propose "The Health of the W.M." They had seen how energetically and well the W.M. had worked his way through the minor offices of the lodge, and from that admirable working they might draw conclusions as to the manner in which he would carry out the high duties that day entrusted to him, and sedulously do all that he could to further the real interests of the lodge. In his (Bro. Hayes) year of office he had the support of every officer and brother of the lodge, and if that support was given, and he felt sure they would give it, there was before the lodge, under the rule of Bro. Lloyd, a pleasant and successful year of office, that would not only be gratifying to the Worshipful Master but of success and prosperity to it in its endeavours to be a pattern lodge in the province. They had placed Bro. Lloyd as the head of the lodge, and they expected him to do his duty, and he, the speaker, was in a position to assure them that the confidence they had reposed in their esteemed W.M. would not be betrayed, or their expectations disappointed. He asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. The W.M., in response to the toast, thanked them very sincerely for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received at their hands. He would endeavour to serve them faithfully and honestly, and trusted his year of office would reflect no shadow upon the brightness that had hitherto lit up the chair while occupied by the excellent brethren who had preceded him. Nothing should be wanting on his part to prove himself worthy of their selection, but rather, supported by them as Bro. Hayes had so earnestly wished that he might be, he would, he hoped, leave it to his successor as pure and unsullied as he found it. "The Health of the Past Masters" followed, and, in responding, Bro. Hayes spoke with pride of the success attained by the son of one of the deceased Past Masters—Bro. A. Allinson—who, at the last examination at the Boys' School, was awarded the gold medal, by the unanimous vote of his schoolfellows, for general efficiency and good conduct. It was something for the lodge to be proud of. The father was a good Mason, and the son was a good lad, and following in his father's footsteps. The gold medal was handed round, and very much admired. Bros. Ellis-Fermor, McDougall, and Coupland as well replied. The other toasts were "The Visitors" and the Tyler's, and then the proceedings terminated. Bro. Salleyer, who had charge of the musical arrangements, was universally complimented for the excellent manner in which he carried out the important duties placed in his hands. Mr. H. Roberts, a son of Bro. J. H. Roberts, presided at the pianoforte.

MONK WEARMOUTH.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's School, on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. S. Thompson, who was duly elected. Mr. Osborne, a candidate previously elected, was introduced, and made an E.A. Mason. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wardell was examined, and having answered his questions satisfactorily, he retired to be prepared. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Wardell was admitted, and received the degree of a M.M. The ceremony was given by Bro. Gray, P.M., in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed, and remained open in the Second Degree, and allowed to remain open in the First Degree, when Mr. J. S. Thompson was admitted, and made an E.A. Mason. Bro. Gray, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., seconded, the re-election

of Bro. Shadforth, P.M., on the Charitable Committee for the province. Bro. Shadforth, in a neat speech, thanked the brethren for the further mark of their confidence. All business being over, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then retired to refreshment.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum-street, Leonard-gate, for the purpose of raising Bro. Newbold to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. Helme, the W.M., presided, supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, was subsequently opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Newbold gave proficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Newbold being readmitted, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the traditional portion of the ceremony being given by Bro. H. Longman, P.M. and Sec., who also gave the working tools; the working being gone through with great impressiveness. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and after the usual proclamations had been made, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large muster of the members and visitors. Bro. F. H. McCalmont, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, the W.M., presided. A special invitation had been sent to the Master, Past Masters, and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130, to be present, in answer to which Bros. C. Jellicoe, W.M.; Cole, S.W.; Marshall, Steward; Robertson, J.D.; Weston and Miles, P.M.'s, attended; there were likewise present Bros. Adams, P.M.; Barford, P.M.; Waters, P.M.; Payne, P.M., representing the Peace and Harmony Lodge, 359; R. L. Loveland, P.M., representing the Ryde Lodge, 698, and other brethren representing the Clausentum Lodge, 1461, and the Southampton Lodge, 394. The W.M. having opened the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, questioned Bros. Sharpe and Alden as to the progress they had made in the science, and their answers proving satisfactory, they withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when they were most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., in a manner that fully keeps up the prestige of the lodge for the excellent manner in which the various ceremonies are always worked therein. The W.M., after having thanked the W.M. and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge for responding so cordially to his invitation, closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Some excellent songs were sung between the toasts, and the brethren separated shortly after eleven, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

ACCRINGTON.—Equality Lodge (No. 1145).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Thursday, the 10th inst. The brethren present included Bros. John Henry Bury, W.M.; D. Tonks, P.M.; Benj. T. Gossling, S.W.; R. Rushton, J.W.; David Ormerod, P.M., Sec.; Edward Whittaker, acting S.D.; J. Parker, J.D.; John Law, I.G.; S. Edmondson, H. Melhuish, T. Hodgkiss, and F. A. Kelly (Freemason). There was very little business before the lodge, which may account for the very poor attendance of the brethren. The W.M. read the circular convening the meeting, after which the minutes of the last gathering were read and confirmed. The W.M. also read communications from the Grand Lodge of England and the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. The following notice of motion was then put to the lodge and carried unanimously, "That a sum not exceeding £20 be lent to the Royal Arch chapter attached to the lodge at five per cent. interest." Bro. Past Master Ormerod proposed, and Bro. Past Master Tonks seconded, that the bye-laws be altered, which proposition was agreed to. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due and solemn form.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at ten a.m., when a large number of the members and visitors assembled at so early an hour. There were present Bros. R. Wolfenden, W.M.; James Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Parkes, J.W.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Henty Hartley, S.D.; R. Climinson, J.D.; J. D. Bell, I.G.; C. J. W. Stork, S.S.; W. Huntington, J.S.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; E. Shepherd, Assistant Tyler; T. R. Lacey, W. Drinkale, W. Longmire, W.M. 1561; W. King, P. Dutton, W. Bell, J. Davies, R. D. Eves, B.A., S. S. Lees, W. S. Carr, P.J.W.; W. Sandham, J. S. Stork, E. Smalley, H. Stinyaker, Wm. Jackson, Thos. Armitstead, W. Howson, E. Simpson, P.M. 281, P.G. Purst.; P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298; W. Harrison, P.M. 995; John Case, P.M. 995; T. Ashley, W.M. 1715; J. Mossop, S.W. 1715; T. Westwood, J.W. 1715; R. Taylor, P.M. 281; J. Jowett, I.P.M. 281, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, as referring to the election, installation, and banquet. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. J. Bell, P.M., and J. Acton presented Bro. J. Ellershaw, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, and he was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M. Royal Standard Lodge, 1298, M.E.Z. elect Joppa Chapter, 188, who went through the whole of the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The lodge having been regularly closed to the First Degree, the W.M. then invested the following officers:—Bros. R. Wolfenden, I.P.M.; W. Parker, S.W.; H. Hartley, J.W.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Rev. R. D. Eves, B.A., Chap.; R. Climinson, S.D.; Jos. D. Bell,

J.D.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; Jas. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; W. Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; W. King, D.C.; A. K. Allinson, Tyler; E. Shepherd, Assistant Tyler. The Installing Master addressed each officer, explaining their responsibilities, and conducted them to their chairs. The W.M., Bro. Ellershaw, presented Bro. Wolfenden, I.P.M., "in the name of the members of the lodge," with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. The following inscription was engraved on the back:—"To Bro. R. Wolfenden, P.M., from the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353, as a token of esteem. July 2nd, 1879." Bro. Wolfenden thanked the brethren for their kindness on this and other occasions, and assured them he should ever remember them with pleasure, and hoped to hand down the jewel to his children as a heirloom. Letters were received from Bro. F. G. Dale, P.M., and a number of other brethren, who were not able to attend, "Bro. Dale through illness," all congratulating the W.M., wishing him and the lodge a prosperous year. After the usual proclamations from the chair, and a hearty response from the visitors, the lodge was closed by the W.M. with solemn prayer, the choir and brethren singing the closing hymn. The banquet was held at Mr. Thos. Rigg's, Grange Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, at 4 p.m., a distance of about sixteen miles by rail. Many of the brethren proceeded by train, others by waggette. Grange was reached at about two o'clock p.m. During the interval between the arrival and the hour named for dinner a great number of the brethren visited the fine old church at Cartmel, about three miles from Grange, and inspected the many objects of interest contained within and without that venerable pile. Returning to Grange Hotel at the appointed hour, the visitors and members, numbering sixty-six, partook of a very excellent dinner, Bro. J. Ellershaw, the W.M., presiding, and was supported on his right by Bros. P. Dickinson, P.M., the Installing Officer; Y. Dodgson, P.M. 995; J. Case, P.M. 995; Robt. Casson, W.M. 995; W. Hamison, P.M. 995; T. Ashley, W.M. 1715; J. Jowett, P.M. 281; W. Hale, P.M. 281; R. Bruce, 281; and others; on the left by Bros. C. Hartley, P.M.; J. Acton, P.M., Sec.; J. Bell, P.M., Treas.; W. Longmire, W.M. 1561; W. Wild, J.W. 1561; Rev. R. D. Eves, B.A., Chap.; and others. Bros. W. Parker, S.W., and H. Hartley, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs, and were supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. King, D.C.; W. Huntington, S.S.; P. Dutton, J.S.; J. D. Bell, J.D.; C. J. W. Stork, I.G.; R. Climinson, S.D.; Armitstead, R. Woods, and others. The table being cleared, and grace said by the Chaplain, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and the usual Masonic and other toasts, which were duly honoured with musical accompaniments. The meeting broke up about half-past eight o'clock, and the party returned home well pleased with the whole day's proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The members of this highly prosperous lodge assembled in large numbers at the Masonic Rooms, North Hill-street, Foxteth Park, on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Bro. Alfred Woolrich, S.W., the W.M. elect (and also the efficient and courteous Treasurer of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609). The business of the lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Williams, W.M., who was supported by Bros. S. Nickson, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G.S., P.M. 1609; B. B. Marson, P.M., Past P.G.S.B., P.M. 1609; S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Woolrich, S.W.; C. Arden, J.W.; E. Paull, Treas.; J. Keel, Sec.; E. George, S.D.; W. Evans, J.D.; H. P. Squire, I.G.; W. Parrington, S.; R. E. Mitton, S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. Amongst the numerous members present were Bros. J. Ashley, J. Davidson, R. Leigh, J. Howe, E. Fowler, F. Lowe, E. Harnden, W. Davies, T. Lavis, W. A. Hooper, A. J. Stark, W. W. Barry, J. Leitch, T. Bryson, J. Booth, S. P. Gore, W. J. Constantine, I.P.M. 1609; J. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; R. W. Chatham, J. Casement, J. H. Hunt, W. R. Jones, W. Roberts, J. Atkinson, Sec. 1609; T. Comello, B. Holgate, T. Williams, J. D. Foster, A. Appleton, W. Morris, P. Askew, J. Neill, D. Graham, J. Wainwright, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. W. Coxon, 1675; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; R. W. Lowry, 1393; J. M. Bennett, P.M. 1350; R. H. Exton, S.W. 1380; W. Savage, S.S. 1609; H. Wilson, 1356; W. J. Henderson, 1393; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; A. Barclay, Sec. 1182; P. Lowndes, 1609; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; D. Pender, 1570; J. R. Jones, 1675; W. R. West, P.M. 758; T. Holder, 1182; E. Griffiths, 724; J. Hill, 1609; J. Shrapnell, 1609; A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; J. Potter, 1182; R. Pigby, 758; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; J. Johnson, J.W. 1675; A. Morrisson, P.M. 1570; H. Firth, W.M. 667; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; R. Barnes, 241, D. Jackson, I.P.M. 673; T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; T. Davis, 1182; and others. After the transaction of some preliminary formal business, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M. P.G.S., who installed Bro. A. Woolrich in the position of Worshipful Master in a manner which elicited the warmest admiration and commendation of all the brethren present. The officers invested were Bros. J. W. Williams, I.P.M.; T. Nickson, P.M. D.C.; C. Arden, S.W.; J. Keel, J.W.; E. Paull, Treas. (re-elected); E. George, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; R. E. Mitton, J.D.; G. Ashley, I.G.; J. Lees, S.S.; B. Holgate, J.S.; and P. M. Larsen, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given from about a score of lodges, the brethren adjourned for dinner. During the after proceedings the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a Past Master's jewel and diamond ring were presented to Bro. Williams, I.P.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Buirage-road, the old place of meeting, the Sir Robert Peel, on Anglesea Hill, not being upon this occasion available, through some mistake or misunderstanding on the part of the proprietor, Bro. Garbett. The lodge was opened soon after two o'clock by Bro. H. G. Picken, W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting and the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, were passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. Shaw, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Picken, who, on this occasion, followed the invariable course laid down by his predecessors in the matter, and installed his successor in a most excellent and satisfactory manner; every one present bearing unqualified testimony to the care and precision with which the whole ceremony was carried out. Bro. Shaw then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. Deeves, S.W.; W. Welding, J.W.; Rev. C. A. Solbé, M.A., Chap.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; T. Holleyman, S.D.; C. Buckland, J.D.; W. Watkins, I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; J. Anderson, D.C.; and P. A. Saunders, W.S. Bro. Picken was then presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year, and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented to him, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the manner in which he had conducted and carried out that day the duties of Installing Officer. Bro. Picken having suitably replied, "Heartily good wishes" were wished by the representatives of the several lodges present, and then the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sped away to the Pier Hotel, Erith, where Bro. Wain had a superb banquet awaiting them. The following visitors and brethren were among those present:—Bros. F. G. Pownall, P.M., P.P.D.G.S. of Works Kent; W. Weston, both P.M.'s of the lodge; of the P.M.'s belonging to the lodge were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913; P. P. G. J. W. Kent; Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P. P. G. J. W. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. B. Lloyd, W.M. 913; A. Woodley, W.M. 700; J. J. Donolly, W.M. 706; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Warren, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; T. Triptree, 1326; G. Nicholls, 1567; E. Palmer, 913; F. Lyons, 913; W. Lomax, 913; G. H. Gray, 158; T. Ludford, 215; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M.," being drunk with enthusiasm by the brethren, who, as soldiers, are actuated by but one feeling in respect to the Queen, her heirs, and successors. To that of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," a warm and flattering reception was accorded, and in response to that of "The D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bros. Coupland and Pownall replied in eloquent terms, and Bro. Picken then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said he had very great pleasure in rising to propose the toast. Their Bro. Shaw, who had that day been placed in the chair of the lodge, was, as many of them knew, one of the founders of the lodge, and had been through all the minor offices, and he, (Bro. Picken) could conscientiously say that he did not believe that he had been absent from his duties once during the whole period of his connection with it. No one, he was sure, but must have seen the great and unceasing interest Bro. Shaw took in the lodge, and now that he had reaped the reward of those services, they wished him every prosperity, and had confidence that he would carry out the duties entrusted to him to the honour and reputation of the lodge. Bro. Shaw, who was enthusiastically received, in response, said he thanked them most sincerely for the kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. He could assure them that that evening was one of the proudest of his life. He should always remember with pride and anxiety the day he was placed in that chair; pride because it was an object worthy of the highest ambition of his Masonic life, and anxiety because he felt the heavy responsibilities laid upon him. It was a difficult task to carry out the duties attached to it so as to please every one, and at the same time look to the efficiency of its officers and its general welfare, but he would promise to do his best in both cases, and asked them to give him every assistance in furthering the interests of the lodge in every way, and then he should look forward to a year of harmony and brotherly love. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge," and, in putting it, the W.M. especially complimented Bro. P.M. Picken upon the splendid ceremony he had so well and ably performed that day. Bro. Picken said, he being the I.P.M., the duty of responding fell into his hands, but, being a very young Past Master, he hardly knew what to say. They had their esteemed Past Master, Bro. Pownall, the first Master of the lodge; present, and they all knew how eloquent he was; he should, therefore, leave the toast in his hands to respond to. For himself, he should stand by the W.M. as his predecessors had stood by him. Bro. Pownall then, in a lengthy and eloquent address, spoke of the rise and progress of the lodge since its consecration four years ago, when upwards of 150 brethren assembled to see the lodge launched upon its eventful career. It was a great source of pride to him to have been its first Master. It was intended to be a home for the military brethren in Woolwich, and had well fulfilled the intention of its founders, as it was continually receiving brethren from all parts of the world. He laid a great deal of the success that had attended it to Bros. W. Weston, Spinks, Picken, Shaw, Deeves, and others, and said their efforts had made it one of the first in the province. He concluded by trusting to be long spared to come among them, and to hold, as he trusted he still held, the same affectionate regard in their hearts that they had upon so many occasions evinced towards him. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and

Bros. Hutton, Woodley, and Lloyd responded. Bro. Picken then, by the permission of the W.M., rose to propose the toast of "Absent Brethren," and, in so doing, regretted the absence from among them that night of Bro. Past Master G. Spinks, who was now in Zululand, and fighting the battles of his country against a savage and merciless foe. None of them would ever forget the year that that brother was at the head of the lodge, or the magnificent manner in which he installed him (Bro. Picken) into the chair. He trusted he might be spared through the dangers of his position, which, after all, was what every British soldier loved to face for his Queen and country; and that he might be spared to return home to them, and again take his seat among the Past Masters of the lodge. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then, after Bro. Ben Norman had given the Tyler's toast, and Bro. Jolly, had responded for "The Masonic Press," the brethren separated. During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Bros. C. Buckland, H. Harding, G. Smith, W. Taylor, and R. Anderson.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The annual installation gathering of this well-conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Bro. J. H. Parker, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. Marshall, I.P.M.; Councilor W. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Councilor J. A. Forrest, P.M.; S. Haynes, P.M.; Roger Warriner, S.W.; J. Haynes, Treas.; W. Laidman, Sec.; J. McGuire, S.D.; A. J. Caddock, J.D.; W. H. Hignett, I.G.; W. Stonier, S.; R. D. Hewitson, J.S.; A. Soldat, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present on this occasion included Bros. M. Guthrie, Councilor E. Grindley, B. Ripley, R. Roberts, T. Maries, S. Butterworth, R. Thompson, C. Birchall, J. Parry, J. D. Rea, and others. The visitors who assisted at the ceremony were Bros. Dr. McGeorge, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Howorth, P.M. 667; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; F. G. Fisher, J.W. 1299; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; J. F. Callow, P.G. Treas.; T. A. Colinson, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Webster, S.W. 823; J. Korn, P.M. 1264; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; P. Macmurdrow, P.P.G.S.D.; J. P. Bryan, Organist 1086; T. Hatton, 203, and others. After the transaction of some necessary initial business, Bro. Roger Warriner was installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bros. J. H. Parker and S. Haynes in an exceedingly able manner. The officers invested were Bros. J. H. Parker, I.P.M.; J. Duncan, jun., S.W. (by proxy); W. Laidman, J.W.; J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas.; J. C. McGuire, Sec.; C. J. Caddock, S.D.; W. H. Hignett, J.D.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; T. J. Farrell, Org.; W. Stonier, I.G.; F. W. A. Soldat, S.S.; R. Ripley, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The installation ceremony having concluded, the brethren sat down to dinner, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. Wood, of Bold-street. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. H. Parker, as an acknowledgment of the services of the latter during his official connection with the lodge.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. C. Sawyer, W.M.; C. T. Young, S.W.; John G. Horsey, J.W.; E. A. Head, Sec.; S. Davison, S.D.; Wm. Rudge, J.D.; J. G. Galway, I.G.; C. W. Noehmer, P.M.; John Noke, P.M.; W. H. Hook, I.P.M.; C. Absalom, J. H. Heckford, Jas. E. Woodbridge, Jno. Woodbridge, W. Harwood, Jas. Cooper, Jas. Hare, R. G. Goodson, E. Dickman, G. Woolgar, and W. Pile. Visitors: Bros. George Bond, P.G.S.B. of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, P.M. Portsmouth, 487 and 1069; C. W. Hudson, W.M. Royal Oak, 315; Bro. Sinnock, 315; W. C. Banks, W.M. Amherst 1223; Kempster, P.M. 1420; D. J. Robinson, I.P.M. Industry, 186; Jno. Seix, P.M. 186; A. Black, P.M. 186; John Gillett, 186; Smith, 186; Chubb, 186; Thompson, 1056; A. Billyeald, 1297; Harland, 463; O. Newman, 616; W. Hamlyn, 1622; T. Bigg, 781; W. W. Heasman, Oakman, 1420; Margeton, East Surrey; and J. Ridge, Surrey Lodge of Concord. The lodge was opened at two p.m. in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the reception of the Auditors' report postponed until next meeting, a candidate for passing, Bro. Pile, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. John G. Horsey, was then presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. Noehmer, the acting D.C. After the conclusion of the first part of the ceremony, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The offices of the lodge having been declared vacant, and Bros. Robinson and Noke placed respectively in the chairs of the S.W. and J.W., all below the rank of Installed Masters then retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted, proclaimed, and greeted, Bro. John G. Horsey, as W.M., invested Bro. C. Sawyer, the Installing Master, as I.P.M., and then closed the Board. The brethren were then readmitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in each of the Three Degrees. The following brethren were then invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year, and each addressed with regard to the teaching of their emblems of office, situations, and duty, viz.: Bro. S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; W. Hale, P.M., Treasurer; C. Sawyer, I.P.M., Secretary; Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Galway, J.D.; J. H. Walker, I.G.; James E. Woodbridge, W.S.; F. Sargeant, Tyler; and Noehmer, D.C., the W.M. remarking, when investing the latter, that he was thankful to him for accepting the office of D.C., and thus giving the lodge the benefit of his valuable experience. The Installing Master

then delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren, and explained at length the working tools. Bro. Sawyer rendered the installation ceremony with great care, and in a most able and impressive manner, which called forth much praise from many of the brethren at the close of the proceedings. The W.M. then rose and said that he now had a most pleasing duty to perform, viz., that of presenting to Bro. Sawyer, I.P.M., the very handsome jewel voted to him by the brethren of the lodge for the able and beneficial manner in which he, as W.M., had conducted its affairs during the past year, and he added also that the lodge had very much to thank Bro. Sawyer for since the formation of the lodge of which he was one of the founders, and expressed a fervent hope that he might live long to wear the jewel. Bro. Sawyer, on thanking the brethren of the lodge for this token of their esteem and recognition of his services, was greeted with much acclamation. Bro. Noehmer then announced to the brethren that the handsome gauntlets then worn by the W.M. and the Wardens had just been presented by the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey, and in accordance with his motion a unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Davison, S.W., then proposed three candidates for initiation, and, after some other business, the lodge was duly closed. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was held in the spacious market room of the hotel. After grace had been sung at its conclusion, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In giving that of "The R.W. the Grand Master of the Province, Sir Walter Burrell, Bart, M.P., the V.W. the Pro G.M. of the Province, Bro. Scott, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed his regret that he had not the honour of their attendance on this occasion, having received from the Prov. Grand Secretary a letter, stating that they were prevented from attending through a prior engagement. The I.P.M. proposed "The Worshipful Master," in terms of great praise, and expressed his conviction, from his intimate knowledge of Bro. Horsey, that his would be a highly successful year, and that the brethren of the lodge would at its close find that nothing had been neglected that would tend to its advantage. The toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm. The names of Bros. C. W. Hudson, W.M. 315, and W. C. Banks, W.M. 1223, having been coupled with "The Visitors" toast, they responded briefly, and expressed on behalf of the other visitors and themselves the pleasure they had enjoyed at the kindness extended to them that day by the brethren of the Sackville Lodge. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," spoke highly of the manner in which Bro. C. Sawyer had rendered the ceremony of installation, and in that of "The Officers," to the energy one and all had displayed for the welfare of the lodge, but particularly to Bros. Davison, S.W., Head, J.W., and Rudge, S.O., who had rendered great service. During the evening many songs were sung in excellent style, among which may be particularly mentioned those of Bros. W. H. Hook, W. Hamlyn, and Chubb. Bro. A. Billyeald gave three recitations with great force and effect. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The London brethren left for East Grinstead by the 10.15 a.m. train from London Bridge Station, to which was attached a saloon carriage for their sole use by the kindness of the L. B. and S. C. Railway Company.

Royal Arch.

RYDE.—East Medina Chapter (No. 175).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, John-street, on Friday, the 4th inst. The Principals for the ensuing year were regularly and ably installed in their respective offices by Ex. Comp. E. S. Main, P.Z. 342, 90, &c. The Principals are Comps. Newman, Z.; Wilks, H.; and Palmer, J. The other officers were invested, and the charges peculiar to the ceremony of installation were well given by the Installing Principal, Ex. Comp. Newman, Z., in a feeling speech dwelt on the many good qualities of the I.P.Z., Comp. Richard Loveland Loveland, and presented him with a Past First Principal's jewel. The companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a first class dinner was served, and the loyal Masonic toasts were ably given and enthusiastically received. This chapter, which was lying dormant for many years, was resuscitated by Ex. Comp. Henry Cawte, P.Z. of 342, who has worked most energetically to place it in its present position.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Friday evening, the 27th ult., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool. There were present Comps. J. Wells, M.E.Z., P.G.D.C., P.Z., &c.; J. Lunt, P.Z., P.P. D.C., and Treas.; J. C. Lunt, P.Z.; G. E. Hamner, H.; J. Ellis, J.; G. J. Townsend, P.S.; J. Leece, A.S.; W. G. West, acting S.E.; J. J. Durant, R. Beckett, J. D. Reader, J. S. Savage, F. B. Bramham, D. Graham, and others. The visitors were Comps. B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z., &c., 203; J. Hayes, P.G.S., H. 594; E. Paul, A.S. 1356; A. Woolrich, Treas. 1356; J. C. Burrough, H. 673; W. F. May, P.Z. 673, 580, 220; C. Birch, S.N. 203; J. C. Fish, 1094; R. Farrell, 1094; J. Davison, 823; W. E. Coxon, 292; J. Croxton, 249. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the usual business having been gone through, a chapter of First Principals was formed, when Comp. John Lunt, P.Z., &c., duly installed, in a most able and impressive manner, the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. G. E. Hamner, M.E.Z.; J. Ellis, H.; and G. J. Townsend, J. The companions were then admitted, and duly elected Comps. C. Bargery, 660, and J. Croxton, 249, as joining members of the chapter, also Bro. Hugh Davidson, of Lodge No. 1393, for exaltation.

The M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. W. G. West, S.E.; J. Bramham, S.N.; Isaac Leece, P.S.; C. Bargery, A.S.; J. D. Reader, A.S.; H. Williamson being again appointed Janitor. Bro. Hugh Davidson was regularly admitted, and exalted to the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch in a most impressive manner. The remaining portion of the business being concluded, the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, when the companions adjourned to the spacious banquet-room, where ample justice was done to the good things provided by Bro. James Casey, whose catering gave general satisfaction. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and received from the company a hearty and generous response. "The Health of the Principals" received quite an ovation, and was responded to by Comps. G. E. Hamner, J. Ellis, and G. J. Townsend in very appropriate terms. The M.E.Z., in rising to propose the next toast, said it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to ask the companions to drink with him "The Health of their worthy Comp. Jno. Wells, I.P.Z." The prosperity of the chapter during his year of office was marked by more than ordinary success, and he believed it was in a great measure due to the zeal and ability with which he had always discharged the duties connected with the chapter and the Craft in general. In placing upon his breast the valuable jewel the companions had been pleased to present him with, he (the M.E.Z.) sincerely hoped that he might long be spared among them to enjoy the good opinion and wishes of the companions. The toast was enthusiastically received, and, in responding, Comp. Wells thanked the M.E.Z. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the companions for their very hearty response, as well as for the valuable jewel they had been pleased to present him with. It would be to him at any future times a pleasing duty to do all in his power to promote the welfare and harmony of the chapter, with which he had now been connected over eight years. Comp. Joseph Ellis was entrusted with the next toast, that of "Comp. Jno. Lunt, P.Z., Treas., the Installing Officer," which was duly honoured, and called forth a very feeling response from Comp. Lunt. Comp. H. W. Rowson, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z. 203, responded for "The Visitors." During the evening the companions had the pleasure of listening to some capital songs by Comp. J. D. Reader, and others. After a most pleasant and happy meeting, the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this provincial chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Island Hotel. There were present amongst others Comp. E. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Fredk. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., M.E.Z. elect; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., H. elect; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middx., &c., J. elect; Baldwin, P.Z., acting S.E.; Faulkner, acting S.N.; Ockenden, acting P.S.; and Haslett. The visitors were Comps. I. Stevens, P.Z. Macdonald, &c.; and Lambe, Prudent Brethren. The minutes of the election convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Thiellay vacated the chair in favour of Comp. J. Stevens, who most ably installed Comps. Walters, W. Hammond, and Walls as First, Second, and Third Principals. He then delivered the beautiful addresses appertaining to this degree, which are seldom given, but are most instructive in their character. Comp. Thiellay was then presented with a Past Principal's jewel, in recognition of his services, and he made a suitable response in acknowledgment of the honour. Previously to the chapter being closed, upon the motion of Comps. Walls and Hammond, Comp. James Stevens, for his services to the chapter, was unanimously elected an honorary member. The officers invested for the year were Comp. W. Hammond, H.; Walls, J.; Thiellay, I.P.Z. and Treas.; Baldwin, S.E.; Faulkner, S.N.; T. Ockenden, P.S.; Haslett, 1st Assistant. The chapter having been duly closed, the companions partook of refreshment, and shortly afterwards separated.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The members of this lodge met at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M. 139, in the chair, with Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; W. Ackland, acting M.O.; Wood, acting S.O.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Baldwin, Sec.; and Rawles, acting Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and several apologies for non-attendance were read by the Secretary. A number of candidates were down for advancement, but only one, Bro. C. J. Axford (Royal Hanover), being in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The ballot was then taken for the W.M., when Bro. McKay, S.W., was unanimously elected; for Treasurer, when Bro. H. Lovegrove was unanimously elected; and Bro. Potter was re-elected Tyler. Bros. G. Clark, M.O., and Moss, J.D., were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. The lodge was closed at 8 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. It was decided to work the Royal Ark Mariner Degree in connection with the lodge, on the motion of Bro. H. Lovegrove, J.W. The visitors were Bros. Larham, P.M. 139, P. Prov. G.S.B.; and Brown, 198, Prov. G. Steward.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasures or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind at fault. The removal of indigestion by these pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.—[Advt.]

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The meeting for installation of M.P.S. and consecration of Viceroy, &c., was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The throne was occupied by the M.P.S., Sir Knt. G. A. Green, supported by the Viceroy, Sir Knt. C. G. Adames, M.P.S. elect, and a good attendance of members. The minutes of previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. E. W. Kemp and J. Graham Niven were entrusted, admitted, installed, and proclaimed. The Recorder read a letter received from the Ill. Grand Sovereign for England and Scotland, Col. F. Burdett, regretting very much his inability to attend the installation on account of multiplicity of engagements. It was also announced that the Viceroy elect, Sir Knt. Wm. Tuck, was unable to attend on account of domestic bereavement. A resolution was unanimously carried that the Recorder write Sir Knt. Tuck a letter of condolence in the name of the officers and members. A vote of thanks was accorded Sir Knt. H. G. Richardson, upon receipt of a handsome and useful present to the conclave. P.S. J. Harrison presented Sir Knt. C. G. Adames to the Presiding Officer for the honour of enthronement. A Senate of Sovereigns was opened in form, and Sir Knt. Adames was entrusted, and admitted to the Third Grade of the Order. The Senate was closed, the Sir Knts. readmitted, and the M.P.S. invested the officers: P.S. J. Harrison, Viceroy, pro tem.; R. Osborne, Sen. Gen.; E. J. Smith, Jun. Gen.; J. W. Stroud, H.P.; J. Clay, P.S., Treasurer; A. R. Robinson, G. Herald, Rec.; G. F. Brown, Assistant Rec.; J. F. Bicalupo, Prefect; H. G. Richardson, Sub-Prefect; G. Watson, Org.; A. J. Reed, S. Bearer; G. W. Smith, Sen. Aide; J. E. Buck, Jun. Aide; T. P. Hall, Herald; G. Reading and S. C. Heath, Stewards. The conclave was closed in solemn form at eight p.m. The Sir Knights adjourned to the George Hotel, where an elegant banquet awaited them, and to which they and several Craft brethren did ample justice. The usual Red Cross toasts were duly given and cordially responded to, and, after a most enjoyable evening, the company separated at twelve.

UNITED STATES.

The Supreme Grand Council of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, held their fifth annual conclave at Worcester on the 11th June. Various amendments to the constitution were proposed. New York city was chosen as the place of meeting for next year. The date fixed was on the first Tuesday in October, 1880. The Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Sov. Grand Master, Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Deputy Grand Master, John L. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Eminent Grand Viceroy, John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass.; Ill. First Lieutenant, John B. Borden, of New Brunswick, N.J.; Ill. Second Lieutenant, George Scott, of Paterson, N.J.; Grand Treasurer General, N. G. Tuckner, of Worcester, Mass.; Grand Register General, Albert G. Goodall, of New York city; Right Rev. Prelate, George E. Boydon, of Worcester, Mass.; Grand High Chancellor, Charles D. Freeman, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Seneschell, Fred. G. Wiese, of New Jersey; Grand Prior, John W. Cook, of Louisville, Ky.; Grand Chamberlain, J. H. Miles, of Chicago, Ill.; Grand Standard Bearer, John D. Williams, of Elmira, N.Y.; Grand Marshal, Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Mass.; Grand Herald, Samuel Burns, of Lancaster, Pa.; Grand Captain of Guards, William F. Engelhardt, of Philadelphia, Pa.

On Thursday A.M., June 12, 1879, the Grand High Chapter of the Grand Cross for the United States was opened, and the following Sir Knights were elected for the ensuing year: C. F. Knapp, of Pennsylvania, Sov. Master; Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Viceroy, John Haigh, of Somerville, Mass., First Lieutenant; Samuel Burns, of Lancaster, Pa., Second Lieutenant; John L. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa., Treasurer General; Albert G. Goodall, of New York city, Registrar.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—Sphinx Chapter, Rose Croix.—On Thursday, the 17th April, being the first Thursday after Easter (or Maundy Thursday), the election of officers for the ensuing year in the above chapter, hailing under the Supreme Council for New Zealand, took place at their Grand East, at six o'clock p.m., when E. and P. Bro. J. O. Eva was unanimously elected as M.W.S., and afterwards enthroned in an impressive manner by illustrious Bro. W. Caldwell, 33° S.G.C. of the said Supreme Council. Subsequently the following officers were elected and appointed to their respective duties in the chapter: Bros. Hodgkins, R.P.P.; Finch, S.W.; Marsden, J.W.; Court, Treasurer; Graham, Secretary; Nisbet, M.C.; Robertson, C.; Smith, I.G. Comps. Roberts and Calder having been perfected in the 18th Degree, and the chapter duly closed, the brethren adjourned at eight o'clock to the City Hotel, where a banquet was held, at which they most hospitably entertained the members of the Supreme Council of New Zealand. After the cloth was removed the following toasts were duly proposed, honoured Masonically, and suitably responded to, viz, "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, the Head of the S.C. of England and Wales," "The Governor of New Zealand," "Supreme Councils throughout the World," "The Supreme Council for New Zealand," "The Sphinx Rose Croix Chapter," "Sister Chapters in New Zealand, Memphis, Cleopatra, and Zola," "Rose Croix Chapters under the English and Scottish Councils in New Zealand," "Our kind Hosts," "All Poor and Distressed Brethren." Several of

the brethren contributed towards the success and harmony of the proceedings by singing some excellent songs, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present, an evidence of the bond of union existing between the brethren of the Sphinx Rose Croix Chapter and the members of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

MASONIC FAIR.

The kind assistance of Freemasonry in the United Kingdom is invited towards a fair, which is to be held in the city of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, on the 15th September next. In the fire which devastated that city two years ago, the lodges, chapters, &c., lost all of their property, a very small portion of which was insured. In addition to this, many Masons lost everything that they possessed. About £2000 was contributed to a Masonic Relief Fund, chiefly from other parts of Canada, the United States, and Ireland, the grant from the Grand Lodge of England going into the General Relief Fund, and not to the Masonic Fund. All of this money was expended in relieving individual distress, and none of it was used in restoring Masonic property. The Craft owned a lot of land, from which the erections were of course swept away, and they have now erected a new hall. But, the previous distress, added to the stringency of the times, has made their task a very difficult one, and to relieve them this fair is projected. Many of our brethren in the United Kingdom know something of St. John, and for the sake of old colonial associations and connections would, no doubt, be glad to assist the brethren in their enterprise; many, even, who have no personal knowledge of the place, would perhaps be willing to aid, under the special circumstances which we have recounted, our spirited colonial brethren.

For many years the Masons of New Brunswick were under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and although that connection no longer exists, the same Masonic spirit and feeling animates them, the same Masonic policy governs them, that animate and govern us, and so far as we can do so, we should help them.

The scheme of the fair embraces articles of industry of all kinds, of art, and of natural products.

Contributions of articles, or of money, can be sent to Bro. George Kenning, London; Bro. William T. Wilkinson, 58, Rathmines-road, Dublin, Ireland; Bro. Alexander Hay, 45, Princes-street, Edinburgh, Scotland; or to Bro. Charles Masters (one of the members of the Fair Committee, who is at present in England), care of Messrs. Clementson Brothers, Hanley, Staffordshire. The address of the Secretary of the Fair Committee is Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly meeting of the General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday last. Present: Bros. Col. Creaton, in the chair, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. H. Perryman, Thos. Meggy, A. E. Gladwell, Richard Tyrrell, J. Rawson, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The Secretary (Bro. Binckes) read the advertisement convening the meeting, also the minutes of the last General Court and the minutes of the General Committee recommending a list of seventy-seven candidates from which to elect sixteen boys to enter the Institution on the 13th October next.

Bro. Rawson, before the minutes were confirmed, appealed to the Committee on behalf of a candidate for whom a petition had been forwarded from Hong Kong. The father belonged to the United Service Lodge. The first petition sent miscarried, and after some correspondence a second petition was forwarded to a brother at Plymouth, and through some misapprehension it was not forwarded immediately. After considerable delay it was sent to him (Bro. Rawson), but arrived too late to be submitted to the General Committee. Bro. Rawson, therefore, urged that under the circumstances the General Court should deal with the matter, accept the petition, and add the name to the list of candidates.

The Chairman said it was very unfortunate, because, though he was sure they would all like to do a kind action, it was very doubtful whether the General Court possessed the necessary power.

Bro. Woodford suggested that the real point was, that they had no report from the General Committee.

The Secretary read the rules bearing on the question; but the Chairman said that he must take higher ground, and rule that they could not deal with a motion from Bro. Rawson because they had received no notice of such motion. On this ground alone they could not deal with the question. The Chairman said that the next business before them was Bro. Meggy's notice of the following motion:—"That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes."

Bro. Meggy requested that, as this meeting was a very small one, he should be allowed to postpone his motion to the next meeting of the Quarterly General Court, as he thought that the matter was of such importance that it was desirable there should be every opportunity given for a full discussion of it. He also requested to be allowed to modify the proposed motion by substituting the word "consider" for "regulate," and adding at the end of the motion the words "and to report to the next General Court."

The request having been agreed to, the sitting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Answers to Correspondents.

We have received an interesting letter from Bro. G. Clement, of the Rite Ecco of Paris, to which we shall call attention in a leader next week.

A. S.—"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published at the office of the *Freemason*, contains the information asked for, and a complete list of lodges.

The following reports stand over:—

Martins Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hull Packet," "Masonic Newspaper," "Die Bauhütte," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance," "Essex Independent," "Cornwall Gazette," "Masonic Advocate," "Report District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Report District Grand Lodge of Bengal," "Cornish Telegraph," "Yorkshire Gazette," "Musical Eclectic," "Keystone," "Canadian Craftsman."

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BIRTHS.

BOOKER.—On the 12th inst., at Sproston Vicarage, Leicestershire, the wife of the Rev. Arthur W. Booker, of a daughter.

WATTS-RUSSELL.—On the 11th inst., at 29, Coleherne-road, S.W., the wife of Mr. E. Watts-Russell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—DUNCAN.—On the 10th inst., at All Saints', West Ham, by the Rev. — Clarkson, Wm. H. C. Jackson, of Forest Gate, to Katie, daughter of Mr. C. W. Duncan, of Holly-terrace, Leytonstone-road, Stratford.

DEATHS.

BURTON.—On the 11th inst., at Eastbourne, Mr. Edward Frederick Burton, of 37, Lincoln's-inn-fields, aged 61 years.

JOSEPH.—On the 12th inst., at Hastings, Mr. Maurice Joseph, of 61, Finchley New-road, St. John's-wood, N.W., in his 47th year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1879.

THE HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK.

We have in this now old and cherished watchword for all loyal Englishmen both a gracious memory of the past, a happy trust for the present, a confiding hope for the future. As English patriots and English Freemasons, we may always gladly realize how much we owe, nationally and Masonically, to that Royal Family of ours, under whose tolerant and genial auspices we have beheld liberty consolidated, empire extended, and equal rights preserved faithfully, both in sacredness and certainty, for all classes of our loyal people. Nothing is so marvellous to the contemplative mind to-day, as we unveil the great map of the world or study the annals of nations, as to notice how, amid dissolved empires, and even collapsed republics, the great and goodly monarchy of England has stood, like our white and stately cliffs, erect amid those convulsions and disruptions under which other States and many peoples have gone down, or fallen from liberty, from greatness, and from empire. It is, indeed, alike affecting and yet gratifying to note and to feel how everything, both of national constitution and legal prescription, seems to minister to the happiness and contentment, and safety, and protection of us all alike, and how that in all its part and principles the great and goodly machine of our limited monarchy is more conducive, in our humble opinion, than any other form of known government, to the maintenance of law, order, property, as well as social contentment and general individual liberty. We flatter ourselves that this cohesion of all classes and all conditions in our great country, resulting partly from our admirable constitutions, partly from the genius of our people, has been cemented and intensified by the beneficent rule of that illustrious House under whose protecting ægis arts and commerce alike have flourished, and the peaceful progress of Great Britain, the rights of nations, and the liberties of the world have been alike upheld, extended, preserved, and developed in a wonderful measure. As Freemasons we can recall gratefully to-day the simple but speaking fact, that three Princes of Wales in succession have been connected with our Order, and two have been Grand Masters of English Freemasonry, and that in a past generation, as in the present, the loyalty of Freemasonry has been enhanced by the kindly presence and un-failing countenance of successive members of our Royal Family. We who live in this generation can recall with pride the fact, full of meaning, reality, and importance as it is, that we have seen three Royal brothers claiming our name, wearing our insignia, and fulfilling effectively the duties of their appointed offices. But there is another feature of the constant, ceaseless discharge of their public duties by our Royal Family, to which as Freemasons and citizens of our loyal monarchy we can look with peculiar feelings of pleasure and pride. The late Prince Consort, in a remarkable speech at the Trinity House, which can still be read with profit by us all, told an appreciative and applauding audience that at the time he spoke the Royal Family were discharging the duties incumbent upon their high station, and that the Prince of Wales was in Canada, and Prince Alfred, now the Duke of Edinburgh, was at the Cape of Good Hope. Hardly a day passes over our heads but we hear and see how ready the Royal Family is to take part in all that tends to keep together the great institutions, whether social, medical, literary, artistic, or humanitarian, of our common country, and how their presence serves to give strength and encouragement to local efforts and praiseworthy undertakings. There are few benevolent undertakings for our hospitals or institutions for the relief of human suffering, the encouragement of thrift, the mitigation of the sorrows and trials of mortality, to which their ever ready patronage does not afford support and strengthen the hands of the governing bodies. The

gracious words and the kindly sympathy of the Prince and Princess of Wales, whether at the Hospital for Incurables, only the other day, or the School for the Blind, are of incalculable good and importance, and in humble homes and by grateful hearts their genial utterances and pleasant smiles will long be proudly treasured and eagerly talked about. As our Grand Master said so well on Tuesday week, "We all of us do our best to relieve those who are in pain and to alleviate the misfortunes which attend the suffering." It is most gratifying to us all, as Freemasons and as patriots, to note these unceasing labours of our Royal Family to promote the happiness, comfort, amelioration of the sick, afflicted, and suffering, and to strengthen by such zealous sympathy that attachment and devotion to that Royal House, under whose kindly and sagacious Régime our great country speeds on its way in strength and honour, alike for the happiness and stability of a contented people, as for the peace and progress, nay safety, of the world.

POSITIVISM AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

By a paragraph from the *Times*, which appeared in our last impression, it would seem as if that eminent Positivist, Professor Littré, was very anxious to make French Freemasonry "Positivist," too. Professor Littré is the well-known individual in deference to whose "Positivist" scruples the then existing ritual of French Freemasonry at his initiation was suppressed and altered, and it will be in the recollection of some of our readers that from the date of his admission, so un-Masonically, in our opinion, and with such an unworthy departure from Masonic precedent and law, that ill-omened agitation commenced in the lodges under the Grand Orient of France, fostered by a violent and unscrupulous party, which has practically reduced the Grand Orient of France to a non-Masonic body, whose jurisdiction is more than questionable, whose position is detrimental to Freemasonry, and mournful and humiliating, in our humble but honest opinion, in the highest degree. And here we have Frere Littré, as he is termed by French Freemasons, proposing to introduce into Freemasonry the most doubtful and debateable of the current philosophic-crazes of the hour. The French Freemasons are to subscribe funds, forsooth, to found and endow a Positivist University. What for? To please Frere Littré, and, to use the professor's own euphonious and antithetical expressions, "to compete both with the orthodoxy of the Church, and the eclecticism of the State." Well, we wish to ask to-day quietly and calmly in the peaceful columns of the *Freemason*, what has Freemasonry proper to do with such things at all? What has it to do with Positivism, or any other ism? How is it concerned in such abnormal schemes as these? This is just the very tendency of what Bros. Hubert, Lechaut, and others, more, perhaps, than some are aware of, complain of in France, namely, to render Freemasonry a section and a faction; this is just the unfortunate and un-Masonic position of affairs which the Grand Orient of France has taken up, and which we decline to recognize or sanction in England. You may give to "Positivism," if you like, the name of a "belief," or the appellation of a philosophy, but, after all is said and done, what can it be to English Freemasons, believing and accepting the Bible as God's Word, but positive infidelity? What is it but an attempt, (a mournful attempt according to us), to glorify humanity at the expense of all that is divine, of all that is sacred and cherished by us, of all that we are taught to accept or to receive? To make Freemasonry and Positivism convertible terms to claim for that "religion" to which from our entrance into Freemasonry we have been taught to believe that Freemasonry itself is a handmaid and a friend, the name of Positivism, is an insult to right, reason, and common honesty; an abject parody on all which as Masons and even mortals, we have been accustomed to accept as our hope and trust and consolation alike for time and for eternity. It may be that by some Jesuitical non-naturalism, some specious and subtle reasoning, we may evade the true force of

logic, and the right meaning of words, but, in plain speaking, such an attempt seems to point to an obliquity of the "moral vision," to an utter impossibility of discerning the difference between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, what even men are accustomed to consider honest and fair dealing. It is, in our view, but a "crowning," so to say, of those most intolerant proceedings, which have sought to change the old, reverent, and believing French Freemasonry, which drew its vital breath and happier impulses from the open and manly teaching of our English Grand Lodge, into a hopeless Nihilism on the one hand, or rampant Positivism on the other, and to give to our great and goodly religious cosmopolitan Order the name and the character of a childish philosophy, a political faction, of an unbelieving craze.

A PIOUS FRAUD.

We are indebted to our excellent contemporary for the following amusing tale of a "pious fraud" and some poor Masonic victims. Listen, kind friends, as Bro. J. P. McCalla so well puts it, as to how some of the Freemasons of Toledo were sold: On Wednesday, the 14th May, says the *Toledo Bee*, a gentleman of pleasing address, polished exterior, and captivating as a conversationalist, registered at the Boody House, under the name C. C. Burt, hailing from Jackson, Michigan. With him was associated a gentleman who passed by the name of Streight. This was, we venture to presume, on the modern principle of a "straight tip." But to our tale: Mr. Burt was assigned to room No. 137. It was not long until this gentleman of pleasing address ingratiated himself in the good graces of quite a number of the leading spirits of the Masonic fraternity, and to whom he produced what were deemed honest vouchers that he was empowered with due and lawful authority to confer the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis, or Ninety Degrees in Masonry! His indorsement, as his papers pretended, came from no less a personage than V. L. Herbert (*sic*), Grand Master of the United States Knights Templar, and others. The Ninety Degrees were to be imparted for the insignificant stipend of ten dollars, and all to be conferred in thirty minutes by the watch. Such a rare opportunity of obtaining so high a grade in Masonry was not ignored, or to be passed lightly by—and then, too, for the small sum of 11-19 cents a degree! This was a big consideration in these times of monetary stringency. The thing was talked up, and twenty-three of the brethren of the mystic tie—some of whom have been honoured with the highest positions in the Craft in the State (says the *Bee*)—agreed to be initiated in the Sublime Ninety Degree Rite, and accordingly paid their ten dollars each, in solemn conclave in room 137 of the Boody, where the obligation of the degree was solemnly administered! In appending their signatures to the paper, they were required to acknowledge him, the said C. C. Burt, as Grand Master for life! The money—230 dollars—was all paid, and the obligations taken, and what yet remained, and still remains, was the conferring of the degrees. The suave gentleman, with the blandest smile, fixed Monday as the day for conferring the degrees and installing the officers, as he should be compelled to return to Jackson at once, on account of sickness in his family. He left the city last Saturday, and was to return on Monday without fail. His family is probably very sick, for he has not put in an appearance yet, and the "select twenty-three" are still watching and waiting, with their degrees unconferred and their officers uninstalled. And now let us listen to the sequel, not, we fancy, unexpected altogether by our readers. Since the amiable gentleman's departure, circumstances have developed some strong suspicions that the twenty-three have been the victims of a stupendous sell. The name of the Grand Master of the United States K.T. is not V. L. Herbert. This, we believe, was told Mr. Burt, but he passed the matter over by saying that he was known as Vincent Lombard, the name of his wife. Letters have been received also from several sources—among them from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois—saying that he had played a similar game elsewhere, and warning friends against the swindle. A letter has

also been received from G. S. N. V. Herbert (? Vincent Lombard Hurlburt, M.D., Grand Master of Templars of U.S.), in which he denies that he ever endorsed Mr. Burt, or that he has had anything to do with the gentleman, denouncing him as an impostor. "Two for five or nine for a dollar," will not soon be forgotten in the Masonic circles of "The Future Great." Is not this simple story a warning both against Masonic credulity, the readiness with which plausible impostors are received among us, and that craving for ineffable but worthless degrees, which are for the most part ineffable nonsense, which is leading so many worthy men and good Masons astray?

COMMUNIQUE.

The interment of Prince Louis Napoleon on Saturday last was a most touching scene, suggestive of many afflictive yet affecting memories. It was, indeed, both startling and yet subduing in the highest degree, to realize the almost astounding fact that English soldiers were carrying the Prince Imperial to his grave, and that a descendant of Napoleon I. was mourned so deeply and truly by the entire English people, among all classes and conditions, from the highest to the lowest in the land. The presence of our Queen and the Royal Family was significant and symbolical of the intense national grief for that gallant boy, who lost his life wearing our uniform and sharing the dangers and the hardships of the English army. It seems well to remind our readers that on the gold wreath deposited on the coffin, written in the Queen's own hand, are: "Souvenir de vive affection, d'estime, et de profonds regrets de la part de Victoria Reg." The Princess of Wales wrote, "A token of affection and regard for him who lived the most spotless of lives and died a soldier's death fighting for our cause in Zululand. From Albert Edward and Alexandra, July 12, 1879." No more sad and solemn scene has been witnessed in our land, amid its storied annals and stately episodes, than that which Saturday beheld at Chislehurst, when the late Prince Imperial, the head of the Napoleonic Family, was committed to his honoured grave, amid the tears of thousands, amid the open grief of the Queen and the Royal Family, the unrestrained sorrow of loyal, and gallant, and faithful friends, and, above all, the heartfelt affection, sympathy, respect, and regrets of the entire English army, of which the gallant portion on duty at Chislehurst was a true type and representative. In the pages of the *Freemason* it is almost impossible to dwell at length on events which, however striking or sad in themselves, belong more to the region of the political or the passing than to interests purely Masonic, and we can only note this most sublime and moving episode, and record it in our truthful and tolerant columns, filled as we are with deep admiration for that soldier-death of the inheritor of a great name, and penetrated as we are with heartfelt sympathy for that gracious lady who has borne adversity and sorrow with such a noble heart, and now has witnessed the greatest blow which can ever fall here below on a mother's pride, a mother's hope, and a mother's love. May T.G.A.O.T.U. sustain her in these sad hours with the benign strength of His Divine consolations.

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.]

CAGLIOSTRO.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Bro. Yarker's letter does not, in my humble opinion, throw any more light on the question, inasmuch as he only puts forward opinions, and leaves the facts of history to take care of themselves.

There is not the slightest evidence that Swedenborg, though a "mystic," was a Mason; and as for the "Illuminés," it is very doubtful when they were introduced into Paris. The original sect, pernicious as it was, only existed four years, and whatever form it took in Paris it was also short-lived there. That Swedenborg was an Illuminé there is no evidence either. The allusions to the ritual of Cagliostro are, after all, only suppositious, and the agreement of Marconis with any supposed ritual would be, to my mind, fatal to its reality.

No one professes ever to have seen a ritual, (Ragon does

not), and if it existed, or exists, it is probably still in the Vatican Library.

As for Cagliostro's "invocations," and "crystal," and "potable gold," (query portable), let us dismiss all such nonsense, and, like reasonable men, seek after Masonic truth in history and criticism. Surely the time of "muthos" has passed away from reemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPÆDIA.

MASONIC CHARITIES v. PICNICS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your valuable paper of this day contains some severe strictures by Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec. of West Lancashire, upon the custom, now very much in vogue, of lodges holding picnics on the occasion of the installation of the W.M., and I think it very desirable that the question should be well ventilated, as there is a great deal to be said on both sides, with a view to establish some general principle by which the brethren and the lodges should be guided, and that even Grand Lodge should lay down some rule in regard to these meetings. In my humble opinion I believe there is much good done by these generally happy and social gatherings of Freemasons, their wives, daughters, and friends, and by the company they keep and the way they conduct themselves before the general public so will Freemasonry be judged by the outward world. Of course I do not advocate extravagance in the matter, but surely such wholesale condemnation of them as Bro. Alpess has indulged in is hardly right. If Freemasons are not to meet together round the social board or indulge in picnics, how are they to effect the first grand object of Freemasonry, "Brotherly Love?" If it continue "Relief" must follow and "Truth" prevail. If this is done away with the sooner the lodges are shut up the better. For although Charity is good, you will not get men or Masons to form themselves into Relief Committees. I have always understood that Masonry was not a "benefit society," and those who joined its ranks were to be free men, and not dependent, or to look forward to a participation in its Charities, except for some unforeseen misfortune or calamity; therefore, whilst not omitting to provide liberally, and to support all worthy Charities, let us do all that is right and reasonable to promote good feeling and good fellowship, and be merry and wise.

Yours fraternally,

J.W.

Liverpool, Saturday, July 12th, 1879.

CHARITY REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a great enemy to "sensation" merely as such, and when not justified by circumstances, but it is often preferable to "stagnation," especially when the latter covers a multitude of unhealthy organisms.

In your fair and temperate article on "Charity Reform" you speak of it being a "sensational subject," and you hope in the first paragraph "that it may be long before any such discussion interferes with the peaceful progress of our great Masonic Institutions;" while, in your last paragraph, you delicately but clearly intimate a "little blot" about which we may and have "need to trouble ourselves."

Curiously enough, though you say I have "not hit" this blot, I have been hitting at it for the last five years as hard as I could, and though the scope of my last letter did not admit of my specifying this blot, you will find in former communications I have particularly "hit" the "want of proper investigation of claims." But the points of reform I have named all relate immediately to the admission of candidates, and not to the Charities themselves or their management; nor have I advocated, much less proposed, the abolition of the vote or the appointment of any "strong Central Committee." I must not, therefore, have words and proposals put into my mouth that I have never uttered. This misrepresentation, though no doubt quite unintentional, is still an utter misrepresentation. One thing is quite clear, from the numerous letters and utterances in the *Freemason* and other Masonic organs, that there are serious complaints as to the mode of election to our Masonic Charities—some complain of one thing, some of another, and even you have detected a "little blot." All this dissatisfaction and unquiet point to there being "something rotten in the state of Denmark," and the sooner the disease is looked into fairly and fully the better. Be assured, dear sir and brother, you could not confer a greater boon on Masonry than to initiate this reform, and at least begin with "the little blot," which, in the eyes of Masonry, is very big—"big," not "with mercy," but with injustice and pauperism.

The recent combinations in the provinces, and now in London, indicate a condition of feeling in the Masonic mind anything but content with the present haphazard system of election.

This movement seems an effort of nature to throw off some of the morbid accretions which have lowered the Masonic constitution, but, I fear, they will prove rather symptoms of the presence of disease than remedies for its cure.

The "hard words" you assert I use are directed not against any man or body of men, but against a system which has grown up and which is eating out the vital power of true charity. I was for many years an involuntary and unconscious supporter of it myself, and many much better and far abler men than myself are now tolerating it not actively upholding it; but a "good time is coming," and I hope you will speed it on, when the "hobby," or "crochet," or "sensational" may become, like many other reforms, a public principle and an acknowledged fact.

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to find that any lodge enrolled under the banner of our noble Order should so far forget the leading principles of its profession as to lay itself open to the charges which I am glad to find Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. of Lancashire, had the courage to declare in such clear and forcible language as that which he addressed at the installation meeting of the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, as reported in the account of its meeting in your columns of Saturday last.

It is sad to true Masons to know of the existence of any lodge that requires to be brought to book by a Mason of such high authority as Bro. Alpass is. I speak from a personal knowledge of the worthy brother, and know him to be one whose chief aim is that Masonry should be all it professes to be. What is the use of a man being placed in high office if he does not endeavour to eradicate evils where he sees them exist? and if other Provincial Officers were to follow Bro. Alpass's example it would often be well for lodges under their supervision. Bro. Alpass's words should be circulated throughout the Masonic world, as, of course, they will through the medium of your valuable paper, and it is to be hoped may be the means of checking the extravagance of many lodges in the expenditure of what they consider their surplus funds, whereas a balance should not be looked upon as surplus, but be devoted to Masonic charity; then our noble Institutions would be enabled to accomplish their desired objects if every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land lent a helping hand in the matter as they ought to do.

The past two-and-a-half years I have carefully read your paper on its receipt week by week, and have felt sorry to see the way in which bodies of men, boasting of the proud and honourable names of Masons, have lavished money away in self indulgence, in the way of sumptuous banquets; and in looking for the names of that same body of men among the donors to our Charities, they are conspicuous by their absence, or may possibly just put in an appearance for a paltry five or six guineas.

Is it not time to put our house in order? and as it is never too late to effect a change for the better, let us hope that the result of the receipts of our Institutions next year will be so far in excess of the even unparalleled success of the present year, that we may feel convinced that there is no longer need for leading articles in your columns or speeches at installation banquets to remind Masons of the duties solemnly undertaken at their beautiful initiation ceremony.

It was an installation in our lodge, No. 199, to give the banquet at installation of W.M. out of the funds, but a few who saw the evils of such a course strenuously set to work to make it a thing of the past, and in 1877 a brother, now in Germany, brought the subject forward, which was duly seconded and carried, and which I warmly supported, that no more banquets or audit suppers be paid for out of the lodge funds. That, I consider, betokens a more healthy state of things, and will conduce to the future prosperity of Lodge 199, and I sincerely trust others may be led to go and do likewise. Another thing, I think, is becoming too common now—that is, the bestowal of an expensive Past Master's jewel on every Master as he leaves the chair out of the lodge funds. The honour of being elected to the chair ought to be sufficient reward to any brother.

Hoping you will pardon my long letter, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A NATIVE OF LIVERPOOL.

Dover, July 15th.

ITALIAN BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the kindly remarks made by you on our Italian edition of the Book of Constitutions, you were good enough to commend it to the notice of Italian Masons. Your observations have apparently had a satisfactory result, for I perceive the official and recognised organ of Italian Masonry, *La Rivista*, has commenced in its number of the 15th June to reproduce, *verbatim*, the translation we have published, beginning with the "ancient charges," and promises to continue to place a portion of the English Constitutions before its readers every fortnight. Encouraged by the success of this little volume, we have resolved to print a translation in French, firmly believing that an insight into the principles of English Masonry, conveyed to our foreign brethren in their own language, will tend most materially to stay the under-current of ultra-democratic sentiment now pervading continental Masonry, which in the present day threatens to seriously interfere with the "universality" of our Royal art.

I remain, fraternally yours,

A. M. BROADLEY,

W.M. and Z. of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, and R.A.C., No. 1717, at Tunis, D.D.G.M. Malta.

Tunis, North Africa, July 8th, 1879.

DEATH OF LORD OSSULSTON.—At the end of last week the Earl and Countess of Tankerville received intelligence of the death from cholera of their eldest son, Lord Ossulston, of the Rifle Brigade, who died on the 29th ult. His lordship was attacked on his return from Afghanistan to join the headquarters of his regiment at Umballa. The deceased nobleman, who was in his 29th ult., having been born 31st December, 1850, passed for a direct commission in the army in May, 1870, and joined the Coldstream Guards in November that year. He afterwards exchanged into the Rifle Brigade, and proceeded to India with the 4th battalion of the brigade.

Bro. Sheriff Burt and Mr. James Hughes were present at the dinner of the Thames Angling Society at Richmond on Wednesday last.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have received the following list of additions and corrections to the Festival of the above Institution.

Final meeting of the Board of Stewards, Monday, 14th July, 1879.

METROPOLITAN.

Lodge.		£	s.	d.
143	Bro. J. H. Matthews ...	10	10	0
1540	" W. Klengenstern ...	21	0	0
1641	" T. Griffiths ...	31	10	0
1608	" C. Brewer ...	5	5	0
1642	" Penn, should have been £210 (returned as £118 12s. 6d.)			
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PROVINCIAL. BERKS AND BUCKS.

574	" H. G. Hunt ...	21	0	0
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CHESHIRE.

1721	" J. J. Cunnah ...	10	10	0
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KENT.

1223	" Rev. R. Durnell ...	10	10	0
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WEST LANCASHIRE.

1609	" Mattison ...	10	10	0
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SUFFOLK.

	Right Hon. Lord Henniker (additional) ...	21	0	0
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F. BINCRES, Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday last, Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Stevens, Thos. Meggy, E. Letchworth, J. Terry, and J. J. Berry.

The Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, having read the advertisement convening the meeting, as also the minutes of the Quarterly Court, held on 12th April last, which were duly confirmed, read also a summary of the proceedings of Committees for the information of the Court. Bro. Meggy then rose to move the resolution of which he had given notice, viz., "That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes," in doing which he said he thought it would be unnecessary for him to do more than mention the fact that it appeared desirable that some improvement should be made in the method of scrutinising the votes taken at Masonic elections. At an election to the Boys' School he had himself collected over a hundred votes, of which only 97 were given to him. He also stated that he knew a case of a parcel of over 40 votes being found on the floor of the Scrutineers' room after an election was over, which had never been allocated to any one. He thought that the parties interested did not give sufficient attention to this matter, but they should bear in mind that the more votes an unsuccessful candidate polled, the better would be his chance at future elections. Bro. Meggy said that it was not at all his wish to call in question the probity of the Scrutineers, but he thought that they ought to settle upon some regular system to be pursued on these occasions.

Bro. Meggy's motion not being seconded, it was suggested that it should stand over for a short time, in the hope that some additional brethren, interested in the subject, would put in an appearance.

The Chairman: I move now in terms of my notice of motion, "That seven additional girls be elected at the Quarterly Court in October next, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 200 (making a total of 207 in all), seven of those now in the school having been admitted by purchase." I think the terms of that motion conveys to you all that I desire to say, unless you have any questions to ask. I have simply to say we have the room and we have the money.

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. G. Stevens, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman: There will, therefore, be eighteen girls elected in October next.

Bro. J. G. Stevens then rose, and said he had no objection to second Bro. Meggy's proposition, and he seconded it, after a little consideration, on these grounds: he had served in the scrutinies, not only of the elections to these Institutions but also when the present Secretary was elected; and he had found that the discrepancy between the votes given and the votes taken was frequently accounted for by the fact that the voting papers were often filled up incorrectly. He had found that the Scrutineers did their duties faithfully, but there were sometimes among them brethren who were new to the work, and in consequence made large mistakes. He had, himself, lifted up votes from the floor, which had actually been marked with the number of votes without the number of the candidate for whom they were given.

Bro. Woodford: I think it would be a very serious undertaking for six Governors to take upon themselves to rearrange the system of scrutineers now in vogue. It appears to me that we are not in sufficient numbers to-day to properly discuss the pros and cons of this matter. I know that there are a great number of brethren who have very great doubts on the subject, and many brethren interested in the matter are absent to-day. Therefore, without passing any opinion on the abstract merits of the question, I think we should have a fuller meeting to

discuss Bro. Meggy's motion. I therefore propose that the matter should be adjourned for consideration at the next Quarterly Court.

This was agreed to, and it was decided that the motion should stand as follows: "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed proceedings.

[We regret sincerely so scant an attendance.—K. F.M.]

CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204, MANCHESTER.

The annual picnic, organised by a Committee of the brethren of this lodge, came off on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Bucklow Hill, near Knutsford, and was "sans doute" a genuine success. A good sprinkling of the fair sex graced the proceedings, and added materially to the enjoyment of the brethren. The party numbered between sixty and seventy, and amongst them were Bro. J. Roberts, W.M., Mrs. Roberts, and Miss Burrell; Bro. G. E. Mullock, S.W., and Mrs. Mullock; Bro. W. Bagnall, J.W., and Mrs. Bagnall; Bro. R. L. Spencer, Sec., and Mrs. Spencer; Bro. T. Guest, S.D.; Bro. H. P. Robberds, P.G. Org. E. Lanc., Miss Robberds, and Mrs. Dupré; Bro. R. A. Eldershaw, I.P.M., Mrs. Eldershaw, and the Misses Watson; Bro. James Sutcliffe and Mrs. Sutcliffe; Bro. Dearden and Mrs. Dearden; Bro. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. Akstoridi and Mrs. Akstoridi; Bro. Saltaferas; Bro. Harrop and Mrs. Harrop; Bro. Lawton and Mrs. Lawton; Bro. Duckworth, I.G., and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. Cliffe and Mrs. Cliffe; Bro. Sawyer; Bro. Rev. — Cator; Bro. Stanley and Mrs. Stanley; Bro. Whittaker and Mrs. Miss Whittaker; Bro. R. R. Lissenden (*Freemason*) and Mrs. Lissenden; Mr. and Mrs. Ivanindi, Mr. and Mrs. Malammias, Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Roberts, and Mrs. F. Roberts.

The rendezvous was the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, and the time arranged for departure 1.15, at which time the ladies and gentlemen took their seats in a spacious and comfortably appointed omnibus and four. On reaching All Saints' another omnibus (in and outside of which were seated the remainder of the party) joined company, and the two proceeded to their destination, "Rostherne" was reached about 3.30, and the company alighted to look over the ancient church, the simplicity of which, added to the picturesque view that could be seen through the gates of the surrounding country, was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors.

On leaving the church it was found that "Pluvius" had decided to join the company, much to their annoyance, the consequence being that the ladies rode inside the omnibuses, whilst the gentlemen did the best they could outside, with the help of waterproofs and umbrellas, to protect themselves from the "god's" playfulness, which continued unfortunately for the remainder of the journey.

Tatton Park was reached at 4.30, and, through the courtesy of Lord Egerton, the company were permitted to walk through the lovely grounds, in which were some choice specimens of fruit, flowers, plants, and ferns, the beauty of which created an almost irresistible desire to linger and gaze upon them indefinitely, and to disregard the rain, which still came down, though somewhat slackened in force.

Once more journeying onward, the party reached Bucklow Hill at 5.30, and alighted at Bro. Cuff's hostelry, the Swan Hotel, where a well served tea, à la fourchette, was ready and waiting, to which ample justice was done by all those whose appetites had been sharpened by the fresh air.

When grace after meat had been said by Bro. Cator, Chaplain, the W.M., Bro. Roberts, rose and said that before the ladies and gentlemen left the table he should just like to express to them his gratitude for so heartily responding to the wishes of himself, and the rest of the Committee, by their presence. He was not going to detain them by a long speech, but would simply assure them all of the genuine pleasure it gave him to see so many assembled there, and his earnest hope was that they would all return home satisfied with the arrangements that had been made for their enjoyment.

As soon as the tables had been cleared and packed into a corner of the room, Miss Robberds presided at the piano-forte, and assisted at intervals by her gifted father, Bro. H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org., played a selection of dance music, to which the majority of the company danced on the light fantastic toe until "time" was called for departure.

Between the intervals of dancing Mrs. D—, who possesses a really beautiful voice, sang Gounod's "Serenade" and "Angels ever Bright and Fair," and evoked loud and prolonged applause from all present.

At 9.30 the company were en route for "Home." "All Saints" was reached at 11.45, by which time most of the party, whose homes were in the vicinity of Stretford, &c., had alighted and returned "chez eux." Some twenty or more, whose residences lay "Cheetham" way, where of course "far, far away from home," but the Cockshott Conveyance Company, who catered for the travelling accommodation, very generously had three fresh horses put to one of the omnibuses, and landed the remaining "picknickians" close to their homes.

The arrangements throughout were most satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the Committee, of whom Bros. Roberts, W.M.; Mullock, S.W.; and Spencer, Sec., were untiring in their exertions to please one and all.

THE GRANITE LODGE, No. 1328.

"The Gods give us joy," sayeth Touchstone, and our brothers of this lodge might repeat the exclamation, for on Wednesday, the 9th inst., Bro. Robert Payne, W.M., accompanied by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, and about twenty-five faithful followers, enjoyed the pleasures of a summer outing without rain. It was Queen's weather; but had the clerk of the weather arranged otherwise, nothing daunted, the hardy members of the Granite Lodge would have "braved the deadly breach," and faced that perfect Zulu of tempers, Jupiter Pluvius. However, Taplow was the Paradise of the Peri for the day; and Skindle's Hotel was to be the place whereat to "spend a happy day." Meeting at the Great Western Railway at Paddington at 10.45 a.m., a couple of saloon carriages awaited their arrival. Soon they were whizzing through boundless space, and reached the Taplow Station in good time. On arrival there, Mr. H. Hoare, the proprietor of Skindle's Hotel, had in readiness a newly-built steam launch (which cost £800) to convey the brethren up "the silvery Thames," as Pope calls it. Previously providing themselves with a well-filled nosebag and an overflowing trough, steam was got up, and away went the little craft, "ploughing the water/plains" until they reached Clevedon Woods, the grounds of which the Duke of Westminster graciously threw open for the recreation of the brethren. After visiting those magnificent regions, and witnessing some of the loveliest scenery in the world (certainly, nothing up the Rhine equals the views from Maidenhead to Marlow), the brethren returned to the launch (not lunch), and once more they found themselves upon the "bounding billows of the deep," passing through locks, and gazing upon the most exquisitely laid out lawns running down to the banks of the river—places that "gods might worship and infidels adore." One thing which marred the pleasure of the trip was the melancholy backwardness of the harvest and crops—not a bit of hay-making was going on, and everything presented the aspect of disappointment to the farmer. After touching at Marlow the brethren returned to Skindle's Hotel, where, under a spacious marquee, a sumptuous banquet was served up in a manner reflecting the highest credit on the stewardship of Mr. Hoare, the proprietor, and the Granite's pioneer of pleasure, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas. In an epicurean sense it was the sugar after the pill. The menu was excellent, and everything *tout au fait*.

After the banquet the W.M., Bro. Robert Payne, proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was responded to with much enthusiasm and loyal pleasure, while "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," was received with thorough Masonic delight.

In selecting "The Visitors" for the next toast, the W.M. referred to the fact that the Granite was justly distinguished for its hospitality to those brethren who desired to mingle in the charmed circle of its society. He wished them long life and happiness, and trusted they would continue to visit the lodge for many years to come.

Bro. Levander, in response, tendered the thanks of the visitors for the manner in which they had been entertained. They had, he said, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Bro. Holden endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, thanked the Granite for its kind reception, and assured the lodge that he had never spent a pleasanter or more charming day.

Bro. Reinold Mount, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Payne," who, he declared, had cheerfully done all he could to make the proceedings of the day a great success, and his efforts had been unquestionably realised.

Bro. Payne replying, while acknowledging the manner in which they had drunk his health, said that the credit for the successfully carried-out programme was due in the main to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas. He took the opportunity of thanking the lodge for the kindness they had shown him during his year of office, which would never be effaced from his memory. The brethren then returned to town.

PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company, which was incorporated on the 17th of April, has now closed its share list, as all the 600 shares have quickly been disposed of among the brethren residing in the locality, with a few exceptions. The schools, now rented by the Roman Catholics, will be taken possession of on the 25th of next March, and will be thoroughly decorated and adapted for the convenience of the brethren, both in the lodge and banqueting-rooms; special care will be taken that, in preparing the lodge-room for the use of several lodges, their individuality will be carefully preserved; this will, doubtless, popularise the buildings, as Masonic bodies jealously guard the prestige attaching to them after many years of careful and hard work.

The building in the Commercial-road was sold by public auction to the W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, Bro. James Willmott, who, with commendable zeal, quickly had it pulled down, and removed the debris, so as to enable the contractor, Bro. William David Lewis, to proceed with the erection of the club building, in which accommodation will be provided for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

The foundation stone will be laid by his Worship the Mayor, Alderman William David King, J.P., about the first week in August, when a meeting of the shareholders will be held. The directorate and shareholders, with their friends, will, on the occasion of laying the foundation stone, adjourn to the Assembly Rooms for dinner, which will be provided by that veteran in Masonry, Bro. P.M. Cawte.

MASONIC PICNIC.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., several of the members of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, spent a very enjoyable day at Shepperton, whither they resorted for the purpose of enjoying a boating picnic. The morning was not a very bright one, and only Bros. George Howick and J. Frost had the courage to face the elements by a journey on the road, which was accomplished with less "wetness" than was anticipated. The other brethren travelled by rail, and amongst them were Bros. W. A. Morgan, (W.M. of 1044), H. R. Jones, J. G. Carter, C. Digby and Mrs. Digby, J. J. Holland, F. W. Wardroper, F. Reed and Mrs. Reed, and Denham. Two boats were chartered, and a pleasant row, amidst delightful sunshine (for the dark clouds and rain had disappeared), was taken as far as Weybridge Ferry, where some slight "refreshment after labour" was indulged in at a quaint boating hostelry. The return journey was then made—with the tide in favour of the "craft"—and the ladies and brethren sat down to a capital banquet, which was provided in a really first-class manner by Mr. R. Stone, of the Ship Hotel, whose savoury edibles were as much appreciated as his excellent wines. At the dinner the chair was taken by Bro. Morgan, while the vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. Digby.

The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair.

The Chairman, in feeling terms, then said that the day was one which he trusted would ever be thought of as a memorable one in the annals of local Freemasonry, for they were about to do honour to Bro. J. G. Carter, the worthy Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. (Applause.) He was sure the brethren owed a debt of gratitude to their painstaking Preceptor for his untiring energy on their behalf. He (the Chairman) had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Carter with a massive gold ring—a memento from the lodge of instruction—to show the respect in which he is held. (Cheers.)

The Vice-Chairman warmly praised the Masonic tact of Bro. Carter, and felt that the brethren, in presenting the ring, were only bestowing honour where honour is due.

The other brethren also spoke as to Bro. Carter's kindness.

Bro. Frost was particularly humorous. In the course of his remarks, he said that some of them had, no doubt, heard of the parson and the irascible "whip," who used some rather hard adjectives to the four-in-hand he was driving. "Hush!" said the parson, who sat next him; "Job, in all his troubles, never complained so." "Perhaps not," replied the whip; "but then Job never drove three blind 'uns and a bolter." He (Bro. Carter) had not, perhaps, had "three blind 'uns and a bolter" to drive—(laughter)—but he had guided the coach very successfully. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Carter then suitably responded, and after some songs from Bros. Digby, J. J. Holland, and others, the brethren and ladies again took a row on the Thames, after which tea was served at the hotel. The picnic party returned to town in the evening, evidently happier and more contented by reason of the pleasant day which had been spent.—*Mid-Surrey Standard*.

THE NUTCRACKERS' CLUB.

(Query No. 1075, May 31.)

[1092.] The Nutcrackers' Club does not now exist. Its objects were social. It met in the "Cavern" under the Stock Exchange, in the room previously used as a private dining club by several J.P.'s and prominent leaders of the Conservative party in Manchester.

The *City Lantern* of December 31, 1874, contained a facetious article on the club, which was founded by our fellow-townsmen, Mr. E. O. Blackley, who invented the rules, pass-words, and ceremonies. It originated through a few gentlemen dining together once a week until they assumed the proportions of a club, and wished to lend dignity and exclusiveness to their proceedings by the introduction of rules and ceremonials.

The crest of the club was the squirrel, as the most ancient of nutcrackers, the arms a pyramid of nuts, and the motto "crackers, not crushers," indicative that

To crush was to destroy,

But to crack to enjoy,

equally illustrative of nuts or conversation. Shaksperian quotations relevant to the objects of the club were frequently used, such as: "Wilt quarrel with a man for cracking nuts, having no other reason but because thou hast hazel eyes." "There can be no kernel in this light nut." "A were as good crack a fusty nut with no kernel." The president was designated "Marshal," the vice-president "General," and the secretary "Colonel," and the number of members was limited to twenty-one of the inner degree. The objects were mastication, imbibition, joke, nut-cracking, and all other practices belonging to this eccentric order. The use of even numbers was forbidden, and only odd figures were used.

The elections for "the outer degree" were by open proposal, and the candidate had to order a dish of nuts and a bottle of wine. Entire absence from the club for a month without permission of the marshal voided all the privileges of the club. When a candidate was inducted, all the Nutcrackers, on a sign from the general, simultaneously snapped their fingers and stood for the remainder of the ceremony with the palms of their left hands on the crowns of their own heads until another signal was given, when they simultaneously cracked a nut each, and the marshal exchanged and ate a nut with the candidate, as typical of the good-fellowship which binds all Nutcrackers. He then showed and explained several of the signs to the newly-made Nutcracker. The snapping of the fingers was typical that Nutcrackers were not easily overcome by

trifles, but snapped their fingers at misfortune. The placing of the left hand on the crown of the head was intended to imply that a Nutcracker's brains were in the usual place, ready to conceive grand objects for the welfare of Nutcrackers in particular, and mankind in general. An exhortation was then pronounced, and something like the following was inculcated:—"In becoming one of us, I may inform you that there is nothing in our practices or principles that can shock the most delicate morality; in fact, they have rather a tendency to elevate and refine. We use ceremony, because it was invented by the founder of our ancient Order to keep fools at a distance. Our pleasures are innocent, and delight equally in participation or reflection; like the supper which Atticus gave to Cicero, pleasing in recollection. As a Nutcracker, the hands of Briareus will defend you, and the eyes of Argus watch over you; but it would require the energy of Demosthenes, the judgment of Quintillian, and the flowing periods of Cicero to explain in detail the aspirations of the Ancient Order of Nutcrackers. Our order is based on semi-military forms, because Nutcrackers from time immemorial have always been in the van whenever the honour of their country was assailed. The use of even numbers is especially forbidden and eschewed by all good Nutcrackers, which probably is one reason why the uninitiated world has often taken us for Oddfellows. In compliance with this uncontrovertible regulation our watchwords are seven, and comprise the noblest words in this or any other language, viz., Honour, Honesty, Good-nature, Truth, Secrecy, Silence, and Patience." Then followed a nutcrackatory explanation of these noble mottoes, accompanied by a private revelation of the mystic words crack—slap—snap, in conjunction with a peculiar entanglement of the fingers which no description can explain, and the passwords completed the ceremony.

Some of the happiest hours of my life were passed in the Nutcrackers' Club, and I am sorry that it came to an untimely end.

AN OLD MEMBER.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. REV. DR. P. H. ERNEST BRETTE.

A complimentary dinner was given to Bro. Brette at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, the 10th inst., by the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657. Bro. A. J. Altman, W.M., presided, supported by Mrs. Altman, Bro. George Kenning, S.W., and Mrs. Kenning; Bro. Dr. Smith, J.W.; Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, and Mrs. Burdett; Bro. Jolliffe and the Misses Jolliffe, Bro. Chapman and Miss Chapman, Bro. White and Miss White, Bro. Froom, Mrs. Froom, and Miss Froom, Bro. Brookman and Mrs. Brookman, Bro. DeLuca and Mrs. DeLuca, Bro. Benskin, Bro. H. C. Levander and Miss Levander, Mr. Evans and Miss Evans, Mr. W. F. Malcolm and Mrs. Malcolm, Mr. W. F. Gush, Mr. Crouch and Mrs. Crouch, and Bro. Protheroe.

The W.M. received a telegram from Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M., regretting his absence.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "Dr. Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette," "Colonel Burdett," "The Visitors," and "The Ladies;" Bro. H. C. Levander responding for the visitors and Mr. Evans for the ladies.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the skilful playing of the Misses Jolliffe and Miss White on the piano.

IN MEMORIAM.

LOUIS NAPOLEON. CHISLEHURST, JULY 12, 1879.

Oh! ending sad of hopes all bright and fair,
Oh! close of many prayers and loving pride,
A widow'd mother's grieving sadly there
For one to stand no more in duty at her side.

We mourn him truly, deeply, one and all;
The high, the low; and English soldiers crave,
With whom he nobly shared what fate might fall,
Comrades in life and death, to guard his honour'd grave.

Strange paradox of years! While memory flings
Its solemn colouring over time and fame,
Amid her soldiers, sailors, statesmen, kings,
England will ne'er forget Napoleon's name.

We sigh for such a fate, in such young years;
We mourn glad powers quenched, great gifts no more;
But yet we trust, amid our falling tears,
That brave boy in his death has reached a deathless shore.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE PHYTHIAN.

Our much respected and regretted Bro. George Phythian, P.M. of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, and Comp. J. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, departed this life on the 30th ult. He was a hard-working member in the Craft, and also a liberal subscriber to our Charities. His kindness and geniality of manner will long be missed among his brethren and companions.

The Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, is to be consecrated at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Wednesday, the 30th inst. Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, is the W.M. designate, and Bro. L. F. Littell, P.M., will be S.W. and Bro. Frank Green, P.M., J.W.

Masonic and General Tidings.

It was noticed with much regret that the attendance at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' and Boys' School was so small; five Life Governors only being present of the former and six of the latter.

A special meeting of the Lodge Cosmopolitan was held on May 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Moses Emanuel, the W.M. elect of the newly erected Lodge of St. John's, No. 618, S.C., in Hong-Kong. Bro. Emanuel having produced the charter from Grand Lodge of Scotland, creating the above lodge, and appointing him its W.M., the interesting ceremony was proceeded with by Bro. W. Pemberton, W.M. of the Lodge Cosmopolitan, assisted by Bro. W. Birt, I.P.M., and by the Bros. Dewsbury and Jansen, Past Masters of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Count. There was a large number of visiting brethren, members of lodges working under various Constitutions.

It is confidently anticipated that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held this year at Morecambe, under the banner of Lodges No. 281, 1051, 1353, and 1561. The R.W. P.G.M. is Lord Skelmersdale, and the date of the meeting will be on or about the first Wednesday in October.

In our account of the installation ceremony in connection with the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, we accidentally omitted the name of Bro. Thomas Salter as the W.M. placed in the chair for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren has thus fallen on one whose active connection with Masonry has long been marked by true brotherly zeal, and it may be interesting to many to know that the celebration of the centenary of the Merchants Lodge will occur during his year's occupancy of the W.M.'s chair.

At the last meeting of the Holmesdale Lodge of Freemasons, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, it was unanimously resolved "That the portrait of Bro. Chas. Marsh, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.D., of Somerset, in his 91st year, and sixty a Mason, be obtained at the cost of the lodge, and placed upon the wall in recognition of his services as one of the founders of the lodge, and its first acting Immediate P.M." On the day following the communication of this resolution to his son, Bro. Cromwell Marsh, of this town, the latter received a letter from the editor of the *Masonic Record*, published Allahabad, India, requesting him to send a photograph of his father in Masonic or plain costume, saying he should deem it an honour if Bro. C. Marsh would sanction it. The portrait was taken on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at D. R. Everest's studio, Tunbridge Wells. Bro. C. Marsh has been totally blind since June, 1856, soon after his return from Sydney, N.S.W., which has prevented him from following his profession as an artist and miniature painter.—*Dover Express*.

THE LATE SIR THOS. MYDDELTON BIDULPH.—A massive brass tablet, to the memory of General and Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Thos. M. Bidulph, K.C.B., Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse, has just been placed in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor. This well merited tribute has been subscribed for by the officers of the 1st Life Guards, in which regiment the late general served for twenty-six years. It is mounted on black Belgian marble, and measures 6ft. 10 in. by 3ft. 4 in. The design has had the approval of Her Majesty, and the entire work has been entrusted to Messrs. Matthews and Sons, of 377, Oxford-street, London. Thus, appropriately, is the illustrious officer's memory perpetuated as "a character of unimpeachable honour and sterling friendship never to be forgotten in the regiment which he loved, and which warmly responded to his affection."

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON.—The following have satisfied the Examiners in Arts at the recent public examination of the College:—Licentiate in Arts—J. W. Bloxam, M.A., Cambridge; M. A. Cuff, Trinity College, Dublin; F. Droege, Ph.D., University of Berlin; A. Hill, B.A., Cambridge; T. Isherwood. Associates in Arts—F. Clark, Trinity College, London; W. Clark, University of London; J. W. Inger, University of London; R. C. D. Nugent; J. Damer Priest, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. L. Schaefer (hons.); G. Temple. Matriculation in Honours—A. Tabernacle, Trinity College, London. Among the examiners were A. G. Begbie, M.A., Queen's College, Oxford; C. W. Dew, M.A., Jesus College, Cambridge; A. B. Hopkins, M.A., University of London; J. Owen, M.A., University College, Oxford; J. Pratt, M.A., St. John's College, Oxford.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday next. The P.G. Lodge will be opened at six o'clock, and a banquet will take place at seven.

THE ATLINGWORTH LODGE No. 1821.—A new lodge under the above name was consecrated at Brighton on Thursday, the 17th inst. Bro. Joseph Sabine, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, was installed the first W.M. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Basden, wife of Mr. W. H. Basden (secretary of the House Property and Investment Company), and daughter of Bro. W. S. Gove, C.C. The deceased lady was only 72 years of age.

The installation meeting of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, takes place at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, this day (Saturday). Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., is to be the W.M.

A new lodge, to be named the St. Andrew's Lodge, will be consecrated at Shoburyrness on Tuesday next, by P.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, Prov. C. Master of Suffolk. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., will this evening read a paper before the United Law Students' Society on "The Authorship of the Plays attributed to Shakespeare."

Bro. P. L. Simmonds, P.M., of Cheapside, has been honoured by the King of Italy with the decoration of the Order of the Crown of Italy, for his services at the Paris Exhibition last year. Bro. Simmonds had previously received the Order of the Legion of Honour of France, and a very handsome letter of thanks from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as President of the British Commission, with a copy of his portrait.

The decoration committee of Great Grimsby have entrusted Messrs. Piggett Brothers, 59, Bishopsgate-street Without, with the decoration of that town upon the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales on the 22nd inst.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, July 25, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H. Camberwell.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

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, JULY 21.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 22.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's W.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.

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.
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 Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Chap. 177, Domestic, 177, Fleet-st.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

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, JULY 25.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddleton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, July 26, 1879.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 22.

Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Marchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

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, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the week ending Saturday, July 26, 1879.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
" 1030, Egerton, George Hot., Heaton Norris.
Chap. 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
K.T. Precep. Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., West Gorton.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., Chorlton-on-Medlock.

THURSDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge 348, St. John, Bull's Head, Bradshawgate.
" 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.
K.T. Precep. Plains of Mamre, Bull Hot., Burnley.

FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Chap. 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Precep. Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hot., Bury.

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