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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE (No. 30).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Aspinall, W.M.; Jagielski, S.W.; Jackson, J.W.; Wm. Paas, Sec.; Lancaster, S.D.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; Beeling, D.C.; Runtz, I.G.; Beckett, Tyler; Past Masters, Bros. Ebner, I.P.M.; Diosy, Cummings; members, Bros. Hayday, sen., Forster, Hughes, Dulan, Hayday, jun., Croucher, Barnes, Tongue, Bryant, Niedzielski, Foster, Robertson; and visitors, Bros. Sargent, Morgan, Till, and Thane. Bros. Dr. Herbert Tibbets and A. Jamieson were elected joining members. Mr. Day was unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation at the next lodge. Bro. Apsey was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 17th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. A. Blakeman, through illness, the lodge was opened by Bro. Kingston, P.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Moor, I.P.M.; C. E. Packer, S.W.; S. Godden, J.W.; T. Kingston, P.M.; Treas.; R. P. Tate, S.D.; A. J. Bolton, J.D.; W. Knell, I.G.; E. Sedgwick, D.C.; C. Brothers, W.S.; W. J. H. Jones and C. Walker, Past Masters; J. K. Ward, J. S. Brown, T. Smith, T. Richardson, W. Devine, J. Collinson, D. J. Ross, G. T. Cox, T. F. Lee, G. Maxwell, W. W. Coates, J. G. Thompson, W. Bradford, W. Hill, C. H. Pike, A. C. Moore, J. Guignard, J. Irvine, W. Jones, R. T. Rosenberg, J. Pottle, F. France, and H. Brocklehurst. Visitors: Bros. S. R. Lambie, 27; W. Smith, 1319; J. Carnaby, P.M. 1382; T. W. C. Jones, 259; John Reid, 145; John Bingham, P.M. 55 and 1599; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; T. W. S. Tomkins (Royal Leopold); James C. Hayes, 619; J. Kennard, P.M.; T. B. Dodson, 860; M. J. Withers, Sec. 414; E. H. Hill, 700; A. E. Gladwell, 172; H. J. Alexander, W.M. 1425; W. Pierpoint, 813; E. Stanton Jones, 1319; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; W. H. G. Rudlerforth, W.M. 1668; W. H. Marston, P.M. 1599, S.W. 55; J. W. Bellamy, 1567; R. C. Smith, 1567; W. Ferguson, S.W. 1101; T. Ormiston, 1507; W. Lang, P.M. 435; A. H. Wilson, 733; W. Ledington, 1875; H. J. Newton, 1704; E. Ccombe, 1185; T. Gates, Treas. 1599; S. Crawford, 192; W. G. Dickin, J.W. 860; W. Lake, P.M. 131 (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. H. Brocklehurst to the Second Degree and to raise Bro. Pottle to the Third Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. S. Godden, was then presented by Bro. P. M. Jones for the benefit of installation, and the chair having been now occupied by P. M. Moore, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, that brother proceeded in the most impressive and able manner to perform the prescribed ceremony, and inducted Bro. Godden in the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. P. Tate, S.W.; J. S. Brown, J.W.; T. Kingston, P.M., Treas.; J. Weaver (named as), Secretary (Bro. Collinson being invested with the collar on his behalf); A. J. Bolton, S.D.; C. E. Packer, J.W.; T. Richardson, I.G.; J. Collinson, D.C.; D. J. Ross, Steward; J. Weaver, Organist; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws, after which a vote of thanks to Bro. Moore, the Installing Master, was proposed by Bro. P. M. Kingston, seconded by Bro. P. M. Walker, and carried with acclamation. The brethren then adjourned to a choice banquet, served in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and honoured, Bro. P. M. Moore rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He thought that the next few minutes could not be better occupied than in drinking to the good health of the W.M., Bro. Godden. It had fallen to his (Bro. Moore's) lot to do many things in

Freemasonry in duplicate, but that he had to perform that night gave him greater pleasure than was usual. However, he assumed the office he was then undertaking with some sorrow, as he could but regret the absence of their Immediate Past Master. It was not usual for him, nor did he think it well, to eulogise a man until he had proved his ability; so far, Bro. Godden had carried out the work of the respective offices he had filled creditably, but, he thought, it was impossible to say how he would discharge the duties of W.M., although he had very little doubt but that they would be done in the same admirable manner as had those of the past. In fact, he had every confidence as to the discharge of his duties as to merit, not only the approbation of the brethren, but, what he considered of far more importance, the approbation of a good conscience. Bro. Godden, in reply, said he had to thank the brethren most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Ever since he had joined Freemasonry he had desired to attain the position he then occupied. It had always been his wish to attain the highest position in any society. He trusted that during his term of office he might perform the duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He felt he could materially depend on the officers he had appointed that night, and rely on the assistance of the brethren to look over any slip he might make during the coming twelve months. He now proposed a toast which, he said, it was at all times a pleasure to introduce, as it was a source of gratification for them to see visitors at their various meetings. Bro. Lake was called upon to respond. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment they had just paid the guests. He considered it a great pleasure to respond to the toast on behalf of the visiting brethren. He had thoroughly enjoyed both the working of the lodge and the hospitality of the festive board. Whatever Masons lack, he thought they could never be accused of forgetting hospitality. Whoever might pay a visit to the Whittington lodge could not but go away favourably impressed. He considered a great compliment was due to the officers of the lodge. He felt that the Whittington Lodge would long be remembered by him for their excellent working and hospitality. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Bro. Stanton Jones followed, and then Bro. Rudderforth was called upon. He felt certain that the brethren had selected the right man as Master. He was one well qualified to discharge the duties of the high office, as he would bring to bear those abilities which had won for him so prominent a position in private life. Bro. Marston was the next upon. From what he knew of the ability of the W.M., and what he had witnessed that night, he felt assured that Bro. Godden would prove himself a good ruler of the lodge. He trusted there would be ample opportunity afforded the W.M. of displaying his knowledge of the ceremonies. Bro. Alexander also replied, desiring to bear witness to the ability with which the ceremony of installation had been performed. The next toast, the W.M. said, was in honour of brethren who it would be impossible to do without. It was at all times heartily responded to, and justly so, it being "The Health of the Past Masters." There was a time, the W.M. said, when he used to think that the P.M.'s were brethren who had only to rest on their laurels, but he had recently found that they had some work to do, and that of an important nature. He felt sure that the Past Masters would one and all render him any assistance he might need. Bro. Jones was the first to respond. He had on many occasions been called upon to respond to various toasts in the Whittington Lodge, having for the past twenty years been frequently called upon to acknowledge one or another. He looked around and found good men in the various positions of the lodge, and felt no doubt but that its prestige would be maintained by the W.M., and those who followed him. Bro. Walker felt it a privilege to be allowed to say a few words in reply to the toast. He was thankful that the brethren had so kindly received the remarks of the W.M., and thankful that the lodge appeared so prosperous—it having so many visiting brethren was one sign of this. He sincerely trusted that the Master would complete his year of office in peace and harmony. "The Health of the Treasurer of the lodge," "The Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund," and "The Secretary," was next given, the W.M. referring to each in suitable terms. Bro. Kingston thanked the W.M. for the genial manner in which he had proposed the toast. So long as the officers of Treasurer and Secretary were entrusted to such brethren as held them at the present time, he felt assured the duties would be properly discharged. "Bro. Pike, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund," followed. He announced that the current year showed a larger balance than any previous year had exhibited. So long as the brethren showed confidence in him he should endeavour to show he was worthy. "The Wardens and other Officers" were then toasted by the W.M. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast, knowing as he did that the lodge possessed two good Wardens and other efficient officers. The S.W. first replied. The evening had been a most pleasing one to him in many respects. He was glad to see the W.M. in the chair, a position he well merited. Bro. Brown, the J.W., thanked the brethren. They could well imagine his feelings on the present occasion. As he considered that no brother should be placed into office unless he was capable of performing the duties appertaining thereto, he hoped he might prove himself efficient in what would be required of him. Though he had very great respect for seniority he should never study it unless it were accompanied by competency. "The Health of the Auditors" followed, responded to by Bro. Irvine. The W.M. then said that he felt a very grave charge could be laid against him, inasmuch as he had omitted to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." He felt he could hardly take the whole of the blame, as he had asked one of his Past Masters to give a list of the toasts for his guidance. However, he hoped now to do something towards the rec-

tification of his error. He could but compliment Bro. Moore on the ability he had displayed. Bro. Moore, in reply, said that two surprises had come upon him that night; the first, when a vote of thanks was awarded him in the lodge, and now that a special toast was proposed in his honour. No man could have his health proposed and received in such a manner as he had just had without feeling greatly the compliment that was paid him. He thought that if a man only put his heart into his work, he could not fail to perform his duty creditably. He considered that really, as regarded the work he had performed that night, he had but little to be proud of, all the credit being due to those who had instructed him. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Lay Members," and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren, Bro. P. McCarthy was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There being two ceremonies to be worked before the important business of the day commenced, the lodge was opened at two o'clock punctually by the W.M., Bro. Francis Brian, and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, the yearly election of officers of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge took place, and Bro. Holliday, P.M., was re-elected President; Bro. Mason, Vice-President; Bros. E. West, P.M.; F. Brian, W.M.; and T. Day, P.M., Trustees; and Bros. Job, Miles, and Weekes, Committee. The next business proceeded with was the initiation, after approval, of Mr. Herman Taplay and Captain T. J. Spencer, which being happily effected, Bro. Pitt was passed to the Second Degree, both Degrees being well worked by the W.M. At this time the lodge presented a very animated appearance, the efficiency displayed by the W.M. during his year of office in the lodge raising expectation to a high pitch as to the manner in which he would carry out the arduous duties of Installing Officer. Among the company present, besides those already named, were Past Masters Bros. Gaskell, Knot, Brayshaw, Dorton, Treas. (pro tem.); H. Taplay, J.W.; Jas. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.; W. Dorton, J.D.; W. Nevins, I.G.; B. Norman, Tyler; W. Turner, W.M. 1472; T. Biddle, W.M. 193; J. Stevens, P.M. 554 and 933; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472; W. Vance, S.W. 1472; E. Benjamin, S.D. 1766; H. Balls, 77; P. Ferguson, A. Taylor, 122; A. Calver, 933; S. T. Fiske, 212; W. J. Bassett, 212; H. W. Taylor, 212; Gerrard King, 1259; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The ceremony of installation then proceeded, and Bro. McCarthy was, with the usual ceremonies, seated in the chair of K.S., and duly saluted. He then proceeded to instal his officers as follows: Bros. H. Taplay, S.W.; J. T. K. Job, J.W.; Dorton, P.M., Treas.; James Mitchell, Hon. Sec.; W. Dorton, S.D.; W. Nevins, J.D.; A. R. Mason, I.G.; R. Brown, D.C.; W. Harris, W.S.; W. Watkins, J.W.S.; Mat. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Brian then finished a clever and almost word-perfect ceremony by reciting the three addresses splendidly, and at its conclusion was warmly congratulated and applauded by the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which having been discussed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In giving them the W.M. intimated that the speeches would be very short, because they wished to devote as much time as possible to harmony and good fellowship. He then said that, as one of their initiates would soon be compelled to go, he should step a little out of the beaten track, and propose "The Health of the two Brethren who had that day been enrolled among their numbers." He then briefly put the toast, to which the initiates suitably replied. Bro. Brian then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said that the toast was one he felt sure would be well received by every one present. The unanimous manner in which he was elected to the office showed that he had their esteem and respect, and was worthy of their suffrages. From what he had seen of their W.M., and the careful, yet at the same time earnest and energetic manner in which he had carried out every duty entrusted to him, he felt sure that he would do honour to their choice, and to the high position he had that day been placed in. Under his rule he looked forward to the same good working which had distinguished the Masters of the Capper Lodge for so many years, and a year of continued and, if possible, increased prosperity to the lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. McCarthy, in responding, said he felt that the excellent singing and reciting they had heard, and which was in store for them, would be much more acceptable to them than a long speech from him. All he should do, therefore, would be to simply thank them for their many kindnesses to him during the time he had occupied the various offices of the lodge, but above all for the honour done him in placing him at the head of the lodge as its ruler and governor for the ensuing twelve months, and he could assure them that everything he could do in the future would have but one object, viz., the winning of a continuance of that kindness, and confidence, and the welfare of the lodge. He then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters" in glowing terms. There were present that day no less than seven or eight of the Past Masters, all of whom had done well for the lodge, and it was a grand muster for a lodge of only fourteen years' standing. He then proceeded to present a handsome Past Master's jewel of the nominal value of ten guineas to Past Master Brian, and after paying a well deserved compliment to that brother for his earnest work for the good of the lodge, pinned the glittering jewel upon his breast amid rounds of applause, and concluded by saying: Bro. Brian, I have great pleasure in the name of the lodge

in presenting you with this jewel of your office, and may you be spared for many years to wear upon your breast this token of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren, and of the good work done by you for the honour and prosperity of your mother lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Brian thanked them in the first place for their handsome present, which he should prize as long as he lived, and in the next for the toast of "The Past Masters." The first was only another instance of the many acts of kindness he had always received from the brethren, and he felt proud to think that he was considered worthy of such a testimonial. He had thought that his duties would have been over that night, but that jewel showed him that so long as he was a Past Master of the Capper Lodge his duties were only commencing, and they might rest assured that whatever his work might have been in the past he would, if possible, work even harder than ever for the success and prosperity of the Capper Lodge. To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. Turner, Manning, Vance, Jolly, and others responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, to which Bro. Taplay responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the evening.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of receiving the report of a Committee, appointed at the last lodge, to make enquiries for a suitable location for its future meetings, a removal being necessary, owing to intended alterations at the present lodge house. There were present Bros. N. Green, W.M.; W. H. Brand, S.W.; J. Biastel, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; Chapman, P.M.; Lee, P.M., Sec.; Digman, S.D.; Lorkin, J.D.; Payne, I.G.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The report of the Committee was read, recommending that application be made to the M.W.G.M. for permission to remove to the Moorgate-street Restaurant, E.C. A resolution in accordance with this recommendation was moved by Bro. Brand, S.W., seconded by Bro. Brasted, J.W., and, after some observations by several brethren who had visited the house named, the resolution was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The fourth annual installation meeting of this successful lodge was held in Bro. Linscott's handsome hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting Hill, on Thursday week, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. Stephens, P.M.; Edward M. Lander, S.W., W.M. elect; Saml. Smout, sen., J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Past G.C. Middx., Chap.; G. Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. Smout, jun., J.D.; J. Woodmason, Steward; F. C. Frye, I.G.; R. Schofield, Tyler; C. Rowlands, J. Etherington, J. Nish, H. Foskett, H. Taylor, E. Rogers, M. Rubinstein, James Bartle, G. A. Williams, John French, W. Buckland, W. Hatton, J. H. Wood, W. Burgess, Thomas Heath, E. F. Tanner, J. H. May, R. C. Green, R. King, W. F. French, J. E. Peacock, M.D., H. Hart, John H. Rutherglen, T. S. Newland, C. Gowland, W. T. Hock, E. J. Cave, E. C. Woodward. The visitors included the following brethren:—Bros. H. C. Levander, P.M. 1415, Prov. Grand Secretary Middx.; F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Sec. R.M. Institution for Boys; James Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M. Benev. Institution (honorary member of the lodge); W. Coombes, Past G.S.B. Middx.; George W. Dixon, P.M. 209, 865, Past G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; John O. Carter, Past G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; Lewis Bryett, W.M. 1828, Past G. Supt. of Wks. Berks and Bucks; Charles Veal, Past G.S.D. Surrey; C. Davey, W.M. 30; M. Spiegel, W.M. 188; J. H. Pearson, W.M. 1567; John Driscoll, P.M. 30; W. Boucher, P.M. 558; T. Brown, P.M. 780; L. H. Isaacs, P.M. 795; J. S. Badkin, P.M. 1365; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1732; W. R. Lister, S.W. 145; G. Davis, S.W. 167; W. Gabb, J.W. 813; S. Dowling, S.D. 167; E. Arrowsmith, J.D. 733; G. Bennett, H. Manchester, P. Marson, W. C. Williams, S. T. Williams, John Peasley, S. J. Humfress, Thomas Fisher, W. Morgan, jun., A. Kent, H. Stevens, J. T. Bolding, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*). After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the chief business of the evening was proceeded with, namely, the installation of Bro. E. M. Lander as W.M. for the ensuing year, which was ably accomplished in the presence of a full Board of Installed Masters by Bro. Samuel Henry Parkhouse, the I.P.M., who, in due course, impressively delivered the addresses to the various officers. After the customary salutations Bro. Lander appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. S. Smout, sen., S.W.; Rev. C. Darby Reade (unavoidably absent), J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; George Penn, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; S. Smout, jun., S.D.; F. Frye, J.D.; J. Bartle, I.G.; F. Delevante, Org.; S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M., D. of C.; J. Woodmason, A.D. of C.; W. Buckland and Wood, Stewards; and Schofield, Tyler, each appointment being received with acclamations by the brethren assembled. The W.M. then presented Bro. Parkhouse with a handsome eighteen carat gold jewel, richly enamelled with the arms of Lord Carnarvon, bearing at the back the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, in recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master during the year 1879." In investing Bro. Parkhouse with the jewel, the W.M. said: Brethren, we all know the good working of our late W.M., Bro. Parkhouse, and I have great pleasure in now placing on his breast this Past Master's jewel. Every member of the lodge esteems him, I may even say loves him, for his services during the past year have been such as to call for

the highest compliments. Never was there a better Mason at heart. I could go on speaking of his abilities, but will now merely add that his conduct is such that we may copy both in lodge and out of lodge. I sincerely trust that he may live for many years and attend the lodge, and wear the jewel I now have the pleasure of placing upon his breast. Bro. Parkhouse, who, on rising to respond, was loudly cheered, said: I have to thank you, W. Sir and brethren, for the compliment you have paid me. I do not feel that I deserve all that has been said by the W.M., though I cannot but express how highly I appreciate the jewel you have presented to me. After a notice of motion that the lodge should purchase a harmonium, and "Hearty good wishes" had been received from the large number of visitors present, the lodge was solemnly closed. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a choice banquet. This was served by Bro. J. Linscott in a manner deserving the highest commendation. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, grace was offered by the Rev. P. M. Holden, Chaplain of the lodge. The W.M. then gave the first toast, always so loyally received, that of "The Queen and the Craft," following with that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which toast the W.M. said he was sure would be most heartily received, as the brethren were so fully aware of the deep interest his Royal Highness always took in all things appertaining to Freemasonry. This toast, which was heartily received, was followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales," well rendered by Bro. A. Kent. In proposing the next toast, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.," the W.M. observed that it was always received with extra interest, his lordship having given special permission for the use of his name and arms, and he (the W.M.) need not say how greatly pleased he would be at the presence of his lordship at their meetings. This toast was drunk with hearty cheering. Bro. Facey then gave a very clever performance on the euphonium. The toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was next proposed by the W.M., coupled with the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, who, in reply, said he considered it a high honour to have his name associated with such a toast, and expressed his very great pleasure in replying on behalf of his lordship, of whom too much could not be said in praise, and who was at all times deserving of the best support of the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Parkhouse, gave the next toast, "The Health of the W.M.," which he did with the greatest sincerity and from the bottom of his heart. A truer-hearted, more genuine man never existed. He had well supported the lodge from its consecration, as also the Masonic Charities. He called upon the brethren to drink with the heartiest enthusiasm the health of the fourth W.M. This toast was warmly cheered, and received a very hearty fire. After a very cleverly rendered solo on the concertina by Mr. Rutherford, the W.M. returned thanks for the very hearty manner in which his name had been received. He would use, he said, his utmost endeavours to fill the chair to the best of his ability, but to equal his predecessor would be a matter of impossibility. He could only emulate, and if he succeeded in filling the chair as well as Bro. Parkhouse he (the W.M.) would be perfectly satisfied. Should he want any assistance he was sure he could at all times depend upon Bro. Parkhouse. In proposing the next toast, that of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. observed that he had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Parkhouse for many years, but the longer he knew him the more he respected him. He had now a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Parkhouse, in the name of the officers and brethren of the lodge, with an illuminated address on vellum, handsomely framed, with the following inscription: "Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. Saml. Henry Parkhouse, by the brethren of the above lodge, as a mark of regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices, but more especially during the year in which he presided as W.M." Here follow the signatures of the W.M., his two Wardens, and the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Parkhouse, who on rising was vociferously cheered, tendered to the brethren his most sincere and hearty thanks. The presentation of the address, of which he had had no knowledge, had taken him completely by surprise. He had certainly looked forward to the jewel, which he should highly prize. It was with a great deal of nervousness that he accepted the office of W.M., but he had always endeavoured to do his duties to the best of his ability. He felt deeply indebted for the very great attention that had always been paid him. Upon the younger brethren he would strongly urge a continued attention to the sound of the Master's gavel. Bro. Parkhouse, in conclusion, again thanked the officers and brethren, and said that he felt quite overpowered by the kind present made him. The W.M. then gave "The Initiate," previous to whose reply, Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden favoured the brethren, in his well-known style, with "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The initiate, Bro. Rubinstein, replied in neat terms. He should aspire to the chair, which he very aptly remarked was now "so near and yet so far." The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the W.M. There were a great many visitors present, the more the better, to them all he bade a hearty welcome. He coupled with this toast the names of Bros. Levander and Bryett. Previous to their reply a brother, whose name we did not catch, favoured the company with "Tom Bowling," which he sang very effectively. Bro. Levander said, having been called upon, he would, in a very few words, thank the W.M. and brethren for the very kind and hearty welcome accorded to the visitors that evening. He had been invited on several occasions to attend this lodge, but had been unable to do so. He thanked Bro. Penn for his kind

invite, and congratulated the lodge on the progress it had made, and for the zeal they have exhibited by the way in which they supported the Charities. Bro. Bryett, in returning thanks, hoped that the lodge of which he was the Worshipful Master (Shepherd's Bush, No. 1828) would prove a worthy child, and emulate the success of its parent, the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Isaacs, who was loudly called for, also responded, saying what pleasure it gave him to again find himself a guest of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He considered Bro. Parkhouse's rendering of the installation ceremony that evening nearly perfect, and looking at the fact that it was the first time he had performed that ceremony he is deserving of infinite praise. As a novice he had performed the ceremony remarkably well, and he had wound up his year of office in a commendable manner. He concluded by congratulating the lodge upon being one of the leading lodges in London. The W.M. then gave "The Masonic Charities." During his year of office he would uphold and maintain the Masonic Charities as his predecessors had done. He would remind the brethren that the I.P.M. was a Steward for the forthcoming festival in February of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but as Bro. Terry was present, and would reply to this toast, he need say no more. Bro. James Terry made a very energetic appeal on behalf of his Institution, in the course of which he complimented the lodge upon the liberality that they had already exhibited towards the Charities, they having since the consecration, in Nov. 1876, subscribed upwards of £1000. He heartily wished such munificence would cause other and older lodges to emulate. He trusted that the brethren would support Bro. Parkhouse's list, and send him to the festival with a larger amount even than that taken up by Bro. George Penn, P.M., to the Boys' Festival in June last, namely, £550. Bro. Binckes could not allow this opportunity to pass without saying a few words in gratitude for services already rendered, when, through the instrumentality of Bro. Penn, the very large sum of £550 was collected for the Boys' School. He expressed his grateful thanks, on behalf of the Institution with which he is so closely connected, for the liberality of the lodge, and reminded the brethren of the honour paid the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge by the Board of Stewards in electing Bro. George Penn as their President. Several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

CRUSADERS' LODGE (No. 1677).—The first meeting of this lodge, after the installation, was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. T. Goode, W.M., presided, and the other officers present were Bros. Hunter, I.P.M.; J. W. Simmonds, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Maples, Treas., Defriez, Sec.; Millward, S.D.; Calderwood, J.D.; Gay, D.C.; Rushton, Org.; Pigot, I.G. The only visitors present were Bros. H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177, and 1158 (*Freemason*); A. Thiemans, P.M. No. 144; and Leymeyer, W.M. Urban. The minutes of the installation meeting of the lodge were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Thomas Mount Keiler Gilbert was examined and entrusted, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, he was in a most impressive manner raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and Bros. Budden and Lennard were passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot then took place for Mr. Augustus Thomas Buckingham, which proving to be unanimous, he was introduced, and most impressively initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Several of his friends who came to witness the ceremony congratulated him upon his admission to the noble Order. Some other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, and a very excellent and substantial repast was served up in first-rate style, the viands being good and the attendance excellent, leaving really nothing to be desired, as Bro. Butt, the worthy host, personally superintended all the arrangements. After the withdrawal of the cloth, grace having been said, the W.M. gave the first and loyal toast, which was that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most heartily responded to, followed by the National Anthem, Bro. Lehmeyer presiding at the pianoforte. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," a toast which was most enthusiastically responded to. The other formal toasts having been given, Bro. Hunter, Immediate Past Master, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and despatched on the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties in the chair. The W.M. said he had been suffering from illness, which prevented him from going through the business in the way he could wish, but he trusted to be better able to discharge them in the future, and he sincerely thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The next toast was that of "Their Brother Initiate, Bro. Buckingham," and he said, in giving his health, he believed that he would prove a good and worthy Mason, and this toast was most enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Buckingham thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by admitting him a member of their ancient Order, and could assure them that he would do all in his power to prove himself a good Mason. "The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed by the Senior Warden, who congratulated the lodge in having amongst them, as visitors, some of the most well-known members of the Craft. Bro. H. Thompson, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the lodge on having so efficient a Master, for having witnessed two of the ceremonies he had performed that evening he, as a somewhat old Mason, could say with confidence that the lodge had really good reason to be proud of their Master, and of his having that night added another link to the great fraternal chain of Freemasonry. He thanked them

for the kind hospitality they had shown him, and although that was his first he trusted it would not be his last visit to the Crusaders' Lodge, as that evening had been to him one of unalloyed pleasure. Bros. Thiemans and Lehmeier also returned thanks. In the course of the evening Bro. Lehmeier delighted the members with some choice solos on the pianoforte, and particularly so Thalberg's "Home, sweet home," with variations. Some other toasts were given, songs sung, and a very happy meeting was brought to a close.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The first meeting of the members of the above lodge since the installation in July last took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and we were exceedingly pleased to see gathered around the new W.M., Bro. Thos. Hutton, a numerous and influential gathering of the Masons of the district. This grand old lodge, whose history is well worthy the attention of the Masonic student, has had its ups and downs, its original warrant, or charter, having been carried into many lands, and passed through many hands. It has during the last year been rather unsettled, but the interest taken in its prosperity, and the veneration in which it is held as the mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district, was fully evinced upon this occasion, and we have every confidence that it has a grand future in store for it under its present and coming Masters. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. Past Masters G. Davies, Sec.; J. P. Moore, I.P.M.; and R. Hodgkinson; N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer, J.W.; O. Hutton, Sec.; D. T. Hosgood, S.D.; B. R. T. Smith, J.D.; J. Matthey, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 700; H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; D. Deeves, S.W. 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; J. H. Roberts, J.D. 700; A. R. Britton, 829; J. J. Gould, 1685; J. R. James, 382 (American); J. A. Elder, S.D. 1472; R. J. Anderson, 1536; J. Murray, 299; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bro. Clements and the raising of Bro. Shoebridge, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M. in rare form. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, and in response to his health, which was briefly proposed by Bro. Davis, P.M., Bro. Hutton said that he hoped, with the aid of the brethren, and the unanimity which at the present time prevailed in the lodge, to be worthy of their praise at the end of his term of office. In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Davis said that during the vacation he had had some half-a-dozen applications made to him by distressed Masons, who had been sent to him by the brethren of the lodge. Now the relieving of strange brethren was not in his province, and he asked the brethren in future to send them to the W.M., or do the same as he always did—that was, after trial and full conviction that the applicant was a worthy object—relieve him themselves. He was sorry to say that there were a great many applicants who were not genuine Masons, but simply impostors who roamed the country, and made a living by their imposture. He thanked the brethren for the toast of "The Past Masters." In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there were not so many present as he could have wished, but they were always welcome at the Union Waterloo Lodge. He then read several letters from officers and brethren of the district, regretting their inability to attend, and concluded by trusting to see as many visiting brethren present as could possibly come whenever the lodge met. Bros. Kennedy, Roberts, James, and Jolly responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. N. Brown responded in a stirring speech, and after a few remarks from Bro. Syer, the Tyler's toast concluded the meeting.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., supported by Bros. Elwen, P.M.; Crookes, P.M.; Turnbull, P.M.; Douglass, P.M. (*Freemason*); and a good number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Watson, W.M. 97; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Clay, P.M. 97; Gray, P.M. 949; Frampton, W.M. 94; and Henderson, P.M. 94. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Amos Broughton and Mr. John Burkhardt, both candidates for Masonry, and they were declared duly elected. The candidates were regularly admitted, and made E.A. Masons. The W.M. then announced the time had arrived to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was taken, when Bro. Hawdon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. Godfordson was re-elected Treasurer, for the twenty-first time, a good, old, tried Mason; Bro. Thompson was re-elected Tyler; Bros. Craven, Waller, and Rackley were re-elected Auditors. The sum of ten pounds was voted from the funds to the sister of a deceased brother, as a token of the high esteem the brethren have of the memory of him. No other business being done, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, in due and solemn prayer.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Thursday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Watson, supported by Bros. Lord, P.M.; Clay, P.M.; Curry, P.M.; Twizell, P.M.; and a large number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Crookes, P.M. 80, P.G.S.; Newton, W.M. 80; Frampton, W.M. 94; Eggleston, W.M. 949; Maddison, P.M. 1389; Gray, P.M. 949; Cumberland, P.M. 1611; Beattie, W.M. 1389; and Douglass, P.M. 80 (*Freemason*). The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was regularly raised to the Third Degree, when Bro.

Wake was re-admitted and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then regularly closed to the First Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Tonkinson was unanimously elected. Bro. Twizell was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thompson Tyler. Bro. Clay, P.M., proposed that the sum of two guineas be voted from the lodge funds towards the local relief fund. Seconded by Bro. Beattie, W.M. All business being done, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. There were present Bros. John Roberts, W.M.; G. Mullock, S.W.; Wm. Bagwall, J.W.; R. Eldershaw, I.P.M.; R. Spencer, Sec.; Thos. Guest, S.D.; J. Sutcliffe, J.D.; John Hind, Treas.; Thos. Sawyer, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; R. Timperley, P.M.; J. Batty, P.M.; Henry Paulden, John Harrop, Samuel Lawton, P. D. Apostolie, the Rev. J. Cater, Alfred Humphreys, P.M.; J. Coliffe, E. Orrell, B. Taylor. Visitor: R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at six o'clock with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then resumed his reading of extracts taken from the old minutes and records of the lodge, some of which were very quaint and amusing. This being the meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the usual proceedings were gone through, when the S.W., Bro. G. Mullock, was unanimously elected, and afterwards returned thanks to the brethren. Bro. John Hind was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Sly Tyler. A Committee, consisting of the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Sec., was appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for the St. John's Festival, to be held on the 10th December. Bro. G. Mullock announced that the result of the annual soiree and picnic, which had taken place this year in connection with the lodge, had resulted in a balance on the right side of £2 1s., which sum, the W.M. suggested, should be handed over to the Treasurer for the benefit of the lodge. We may here remark that this example of good management and profitable result in both instances would be well worth following on the part of many other lodges, where, in consequence of want of organisation and energy, it too often happens that a balance on the wrong side is effected, and the lodge funds suffer accordingly. A Committee was next appointed to take an inventory of the lodge property. This concluding the business of the evening, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitor, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the pleasure of the evening being greatly enhanced by the excellent glee singing of Bros. Shorrocks, Stanley, and Lever.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. E. Cardwell, the W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren, especially of visitors. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, in order that Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., might give his lecture on "The O.B.'s of Craft Masonry—their similarity and their differences." Bro. Moore, who frequently gives lectures in his own neighbourhood, has the rare gift of making any subject he takes in hand highly interesting to his audiences, but being an enthusiast in Masonry, as well as an authority on many points, his lectures on Masonic lore are rendered doubly interesting. The lecture in question was no exception to the rule, but was given in our worthy brother's happiest style, the language terse and instructive; the illustrations apposite and to the point. Several questions were put to Bro. Moore on his concluding, and these having been answered, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Bro. Kelland, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hatch, P.M. and Hon. Sec. Bro. Moore, in responding, announced his intention of giving further lectures on Masonry, which was greeted with applause. The W.M. then resumed in the First Degree, and the usual proclamations were made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. Cotter, W.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; J. H. Arden, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; C. Fothergill, Sec.; J. Warden, S.D.; G. Crute, J.D.; J. Tickle, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; Hugh Williams, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. W.L.; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; W. Fish, W. Murray, C. Wadsworth, H. Ravenscroft, R. Edwards, W. C. Webb, J. W. Gaul, H. P. Gray, J. Davies, W. Faulds, W. Davies, J. Donaldson, W. P. Fender, F. S. Smith, A. Soldat, W. Garner, E. Hartnell, J. Cutchen, G. W. Dillon, and W. W. Webster. Visitors: Bros. E. Griffiths, 724; J. Jones, 724; J. A. Partington, 724; A. Hitteroth, 1313; J. Brotherton, 241; R. Ripley, 1547; R. Bethal, 1094; K. Kirkles, 1547; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; R. Foote, J.W. 1505; and W. Hughes, 241. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was afterwards taken for three candidates, which was unanimously in favour of their admission. The chair was then taken by Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. and Treas., who opened the lodge in the Second Degree and passed Bros. Faulds, Jones, and Partington to the rank of Fellow Craft. Bro. Alex. Cotter, W.M., then resumed the chair, and Bro. H. P. Gray, candidate for raising, having been

examined, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gray raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this impressive ceremony the lodge was resumed to the Second and then to the First Degree, and the other business having been concluded the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated at an early hour.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—St. Peter and Paul's Lodge (No. 1410).—On Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., the installation of the W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Swan Hotel. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., performed the impressive and interesting ceremony in his customary manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M., Bro. T. Taylor, invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. R. Wilmer, I.P.M.; A. Coates, S.W.; the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, J.W.; the Rev. C. M. Ottley, Chaplain; E. Carr, Treas.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., Sec.; Bros. L. Cooper, S.D.; B. Wilford, J.D.; J. Line, D.C.; J. Odell, I.G.; A. Egan, Org.; E. J. Saunders and A. Bailey, Stewards; W. Stanton, Tyler. The Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. R. Wilmer, I.P.M. The members then adjourned to the banquetting room, where Host Cannon had provided an excellent banquet, which would, doubtless, have given greater satisfaction had that part of the catering which considerably enhances the pleasure and promotes the success of a repast been more judiciously attended to, namely, the waiting. We feel sure that such a defect as this will be remedied on future occasions. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. Taylor, W.M., who was supported on his right by V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and on the left by Bro. Binckes, P.G.S.; and the vice-chairs by Bros. A. J. Coates, S.W., and the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, J.W. There were upwards of thirty persons present, including members from the Watling-street Lodge, Stony Stratford; the Scientific Lodge, Wolverton; the St. Barnabas Lodge, Linslade; and the Eleanor Cross Lodge. The repast ended, the Chairman gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were accompanied with musical honours, the former with "God save the Queen," and the latter by "God bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which the Chairman coupled with the names of V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg and Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., and the former very suitably responded. "The Provincial Grand Master, the D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the names of Bros. Hales and Reeve, who individually acknowledged the toast. The V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg proposed the next toast, and one which he considered the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of St. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Bro. T. Taylor," and in doing so he passed a high compliment upon his ability as a Mason and his efficiency to discharge the duties appertaining to the Order. Bro. Taylor very appropriately responded, and then gave "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. R. Wilmer, who suitably replied. "The Masonic Charities" was connected with the name of Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., the energetic and assiduous Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School, who made an eloquent speech on behalf of the Charitable Institutions in connection with the Order, and concluded his remarks by earnestly appealing to his brother Masons to give a more careful attention to the welfare of the Masonic Institutions and a more unanimous support. "The Visiting Brethren" was next given by the Chairman, who coupled with it the names of Bro. the Rev. Sams and Bros. Reeve, Revell, Valentine, Elmes, Aveline, Eady, and others. The toast of "The Officers" was replied to by Bros. Coates and Cooper. This was followed by the Tyler's toast. Bros. Wilford, Odell, Valentine, J. R. Wilmer, and J. C. Coates contributed to the harmony of the evening, and "God save the Queen" terminated a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.—*Weekly Standard*.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. The lodge was opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Court, W.M.; assisted by Bros. W. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. Norfolk, Treasurer, acting J.W.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. M. D'Orsey, Asst. Chap.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Ashley, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., D.C. (*Freemason*); Richnell, W.S., Treasurer elect; Clarke, A.W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Laxton, P.M. 1238, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Dodd, P.M. 1194, &c.; Stebbing, 26; Snell, 357; Rookman, 1657. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., and Kennedy, P.M., having been appointed to the respective offices of S.W. and I.G. by the Installing Officer, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. W. Taylor was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. Wigginton. Upon the admission of the brethren below the chair, the ceremony was proceeded with, the delivery of the addresses by the Installing Master being marked by great elocutionary ability. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. for the year ensuing were: Bros. Ashley, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; H. Court, I.P.M. (by deputy); Richnell, Treas. and S.D.; Wigginton, Sec.; the Rev. M. D'Orsey, Chap.; Clarke, J.D.; Ramsey, I.G. (by deputy); Kennedy, D.C.; and Harrison, Tyler. The other minor offices were not filled. A Committee, consisting of the

W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, were appointed to consider a modification of several of the bye-laws and other important matters in connection with the lodge. Previously to the lodge being closed, a donation was unanimously voted to the Laughton Church Tower Restoration Fund, and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to Bro. Tomlinson upon his retirement from the position of Treasurer. The banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Baylis, having been discussed, the W.M. gave, in brief but pertinent terms, the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The R.W.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." These pledges having been most warmly received, Bros. Charles Horsley and W. Wigginton responded at length upon behalf of the latter. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the acting I.P.M., Bro. Horsley, congratulated the lodge upon possessing a W.M. who, as an initiate, had been connected with it from its commencement. He had filled nearly all the minor offices most efficiently, and had endeared himself to all those who had been brought into contact with him. The speaker having touched upon other matters in connection with the W.M.'s career in the lodge, concluded by wishing him a most prosperous and happy year of office. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. modestly replied. "The Health of the Installing Master" followed, and, it having been warmly received, Bro. Wigginton, P.M., tersely responded. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. H. Saunders in a neat speech. "The Visitors" came next in order, and drew from Bros. Laxton, Dodd, and Rookman exhaustive and complimentary replies. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Ashley, Tomlinson, and D'Orsey. Those brethren having replied, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable and successful.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The first meeting of the above lodge since the installation of the W.M., Bro. H. Shaw, took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was honoured by the presence of Bros. Col. A. H. King, R.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Kent; J. L. Thomas, P.M. 142, and P.A.G.D.C. (England); and a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; D. W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, I.G. 913 (the three latter brethren are also honorary members of the United Military Lodge); A. Brookson, P.M. 1424; Eugene Sweny, S.W. 706; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; T. Hosgood, S.D. 13; G. Beaver, S.D. 700; J. Elder, S.D. 1472; O. Hutton, Sec. 13; W. Webber, 700; S. Evans, 316; W. Cobb, 700; W. Reece, 913; W. Watts, 913; E. Palmer, 913; H. Grice, 13; W. Lennox, 144; G. Tappenden, 700; D. C. Capon, 913; C. T. Lemessurier, 359; S. Newton, 387; J. Waham, 873; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and honorary member of the United Military lodge. Among the officers present beside the W.M. were Bros. H. Picken, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; D. Deeves, S.W.; H. Welding, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; C. Buckland, J.D.; and W. A. Watkins, I.G. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bro. P. Mills, A.S.C., of No. 903, which proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Augustus Carter King, Lieut., son of Bro. Col. King; Sergt. C. T. Rolfe, R.A., and Sergeant-Major W. Halahan, R.A., and the ballot proving unanimous, the candidates were duly initiated into Masonry. Bros. Hutchinson, Hunt, and Waldron were then raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the work was done by the W.M. in excellent style, considering this being his first night in the chair. Bro. King then retired, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then sat down to a pretty little supper, well served by Bro. Tucker, who was thanked by the W.M. for the care taken by him for the comfort of the brethren. On the cloth being cleared the gallant brethren and visitors drank to "The Queen and the Craft" right loyally. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," was enthusiastically toasted, as were "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and rest of the Grand Officers." This being a provincial lodge, under Lord Holmesdale, G.M. for the Province of Kent, "The Health of His Lordship, and the D.G.M., Bro. Eastes," who are deservedly popular in this part of the province, was responded to most heartily. In responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers of England," Bro. Thomas expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening. He felt sure that they did not want to hear a word from him as to the excellences and qualification of the Grand Officers who were honoured by holding office under their exalted G.M. the Prince of Wales; but he would say, and he felt sure they would all agree with him, that the offices could not have been placed in the hands of better men. He had come among them that evening at the invitation of the W.M., and was completely taken by surprise at the excellent manner in which the work had been carried out. It was not only a credit to the lodge but an example to Masonry at large. Why, the very initiates stood to order like old Masons, and he could only tell them that it would be a great gratification to him to be enabled to report to Grand Lodge the excellent way this lodge carried out the principles and work of Freemasonry. He felt sure that Lord Skelmersdale would have been pleased to have been with them that evening. His lordship was not only a hard working Mason, but was filling one of the most important offices in the realm, that of Grand Chamberlain, and nothing gave him greater satisfaction than to find that a lodge was doing good work, and in a Mason-like manner. It was not his habit to compliment any lodge merely for the sake of compliment, but what he had said upon this occasion came from the bottom of his heart. As

an old Woolwich Nason, for he was made a R.A. Mason within a stone's throw of this lodge, he was never more gratified and pleased than to be among his Masonic friends at Woolwich. After the W.M. had regretted the unavoidable absence of Bro. Col. King, whose love for Masonry was only equalled by his arduous work for its prosperity, Bro. Picken proposed "The Health of Bro. Shaw" in suitable terms; and, in response, Bro. Shaw, after expressing the pleasure it gave him to see such a grand assembly around him, said he knew his shortcomings as well as any one, and they must take into consideration the nervousness natural to a first night. However, he would promise to do better before the end of the year. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and the brethren present briefly responded. "The Visitors" were toasted, and Bros. Hutton, Brookson, Warren and several others responded. Bro. Picken responded for "The Past Masters," and Bro. Deeves for "The Officers." Bro. Jolly responded to a flattering notice of "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded a memorable and enjoyable evening.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. William Longmire, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., and supported by his several officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Baxter, and proved unanimous. Mr. Baxter was afterwards admitted to the lodge, and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by the J.W. Some financial business was then discussed, and the usual proclamations followed, the lodge being closed with the usual formalities.

STONY STRATFORD.—Watling-street Lodge (No. 1639).—The installation banquet of the above lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The ceremony of installing Bro. G. B. Valentine, W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short, P.G.C. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Elmes, P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Bates, S.W.; J. W. Bull, J.W.; the Rev. W. F. Short, Chap.; W. H. Robinson, Treas.; J. Reeve, Sec.; R. Marlow, S.D.; H. J. W. Cox, J.D.; G. Gilkes, D.C.; L. Ewbank, I.G.; C. L. Lovett, Steward; and J. Bonser, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business an adjournment was made to the banquetting room, where Bro. Revill had prepared a sumptuous spread, which gave great satisfaction to the guests. The toasts "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were given by the W.M., accompanied by appropriate remarks. He next gave "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the Present and Past Grand Officers of England," coupling with it the names of Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short and Bro. Cox, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of Berks and Bucks," was the next toast, with which the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. W. H. Robinson and J. Elmes, who responded, and Bro. J. Reeve and C. Aveline also replied. Bro. the Rev. W. F. Short then proposed what he considered the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M.," of whom he spoke in eulogistic terms as an enthusiastic brother Mason. He also remarked upon the prosperous condition of the lodge, which was now in its fourth year of existence, and, in comparison with other lodges of a similar age, considered its position equal to any in England. The toast was very suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who then gave "The Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. J. R. Wilmer, J. Goodwin, and Slater, of Buckingham, who severally responded. The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities;" "The Chaplain, the Treasurer, and Secretary;" "The Officers of the Watling-street Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast. Bro. Robinson then proposed "The Caterer," to which Bro. Revill very suitably replied. Bros. Marlow, Goodwin, Bonser, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, which was brought to a close by the National Anthem. —*Weekly Standard*.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge assembled in good strength at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, W.M.; Forge, acting S.W.; Featherstone, acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, I.P.M.; T. Ockenden, S.W., 1512, Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J.D. (*Freemason*); F. Honeywell, P.G.O. Middlesex, Organist; Richer, D.C. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. R. Gem, P.P.G.C. of Cumberland and Westmoreland; Inglis, P.M. Carnarvon; Jessett, W.M. 1512; Beauchamp, 1512, Marvin, Progress. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Hammond, who then proceeded to raise Bro. Gerhold to the degree of a M.M., the ceremony being well performed. It having been reported that Bro. Scott, I.G., had recently died, it was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bros. Hurst, S.D., and Andrews, that a letter of condolence should be forwarded by the Secretary to the family of their deceased brother. Previously to the lodge being closed, an application for relief was read from the widow of a deceased brother, one of the founders of the Wolsey and W.M. elect at the time of his demise. Upon the motion of the I.P.M. a petition upon her behalf was ordered to

be prepared and signed by the officers of the lodge and forwarded to the Board of Benevolence. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. arose, and said that he intended to be the best chairman that they had ever had, inasmuch as he did not intend to inflict upon them any long speeches. This announcement having been received with applause, the W.M. proceeded to give the customary Royal and Craft toasts. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D., in appropriate terms. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. the Rev. R. Gem and Marvin. The former stated that he had visited many lodges in the North, but none of them came up to the standard of working excellence as manifested by those in the South. It had been his good fortune to visit two in the province of Middlesex, namely the Hemming and the Wolsey, and he had been highly gratified with the manner in which the whole proceedings of those lodges had been conducted. In conclusion, he begged to thank the W.M. for the hearty manner he had proposed the health of the visitors. Bro. Marvin, the first initiate of the Wolsey, but who had had to resign in consequence of the distance of the lodge from town, having also said a few words in response, the W.M. gave "The Officers." In giving this toast he said he felt sorry that from urgent private reasons so many of his officers were unable to be present that evening. It was the opening night of the Masonic season in connection with 1656, and it was to be regretted that only three of the principal officers were able to attend. In conclusion, he said he did not wish to complain, because their absence had been accounted for, but he hoped that on the next occasion he should see the full complement of officers. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Ockenden. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Honeywell, Piller, and others entertained the brethren.

Royal Arch.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held at the chapter rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday evening, the 17th inst. The M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, was supported by Ex. Comps. D. W. Finney, P.Z., as H.; Jas. Jackson, J.; P. J. Edleston, P.Z., P.S.; and Comps. Charlton, Starkie, Galloway, C. Skinner, Hannah, Hindley, Domville, and others. The chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the companions were admitted. Bro. Charlton, who was balloted for and approved at the last convocation, was now present, and having been introduced was exalted in due form, according to ancient custom, by the M.E.Z., who also delivered the Mystic Lecture. Much interest was manifested in the ceremony. There being no further business the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1061).—The regular meeting of this chapter of R.A. Masons was held in the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, on the 17th inst. There were present Ex. Comps. W. Hall, M.E.Z.; H. Longman, H.; and W. Duff, J.; Comps. Ellershaw, Scribe E.; Kelland, P.S.; R. Stanton, A.S.; F. G. Dale, A.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor. The muster roll of members having been read, and the minutes of last chapter read and confirmed, Comp. Col. the Right Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, M.P., Witherslack Hall (Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War) was unanimously elected a joining member of the chapter.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 4th inst. at the Freemasons' Tavern, and there were present Bro. Geo. Newman, W.M.; V.W. Bros. C. Horsley, P.M., G.J.O., acting I.P.M.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., P.G.C., S.W.; Bros. Wm. Stephens, J.W.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, M.O.; V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., G. Reg., Treas.; Bros. H. Santer, Reg.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Lambe, S.D.; H. F. Frost, J.D.; G. Harrison, Tyler; P. L. Simmonds, P.M.; and G. Sandell. The visitors were V.W. Bros. A. de Cordova, Dist. G. Overseer Jamaica; Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bro. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; and Bro. George Penn. The lodge was opened in due form, the brethren, accompanied by the organ, chanting the opening hymn, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The musical portion of the ceremony was most effectively executed by Bro. Worrell, with his widely known and appreciated abilities as P.G. Organist, which musical feature is now established permanently in the St. Mark's Lodge, harmonising so thoroughly with the excellent working of the Degree as therein rendered. In the St. Mark's Lodge, whether there are candidates or not, the whole of the ceremony is rehearsed in both elocutionary and musical form at each meeting, so that, as has been the case some time past, should a distinguished brother visitor, hailing from the Antipodes, honour again the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, he may not regret the trouble when visiting the lodge. A telegram and letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Shepherd, S.O.; H. A. Dubois, I.P.M.; Thos. Cohn, and other members. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form with the Mark Masters' hymn, and adjourned. The brethren, presided by the W.M., dined at the Freemasons' Tavern.

CROYDON.—Croydon Lodge (No. 198).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, Nov.

14th, at Harewood House, 105, High-street, Croydon, in the spacious room erected by Bro. Rhodes, P.G. Organist. There were present Bros. J. K. Pitt, W.M.; Nicholls, S.W.; W. B. Brown, J.W.; Griffiths, M.O.; Byron H. Ridge, S.O.; Haynes, Sec.; S. W. Lambert, Treas.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the musical portions of this advanced Degree of Masonry were exquisitely rendered by Bro. Rhodes. The chief business of the evening was the election of a W.M., and the suffrages of the brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. Nicholls. Bro. Lambert was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant as Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the new bye-laws of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge were received and considered. The regular meetings of the Croydon lodge of M.M.M. are on the second Fridays in March, July, and November. Any M.M.M. residing in the neighbourhood will be fraternally welcomed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

This lodge was held at Wigan on the 5th inst., and duly reported in our issue of the 15th inst. From want of space we were obliged to omit the list of brethren present, but now supply the deficiency:—Bros. W. Balmer, W.M. 123; Joseph Metcalf, S.W. 123; R. Croston, W.M. 20; H. Thomas, W.M. 171; H. Tattersall, Bolton; Robt. Ismay, Bolton; T. Abbott Peters, Chaplain, 143; F. E. Johnson, Steward, 158; J. H. Murray, J.D. 158; W. J. Henderson, 65; Thos. Lamb, 158; Robt. Harwood, 158; Joseph Sly, P.G. Tyler; George Millor, S.G.O.; Wm. Roberts, 14 and 24; H. S. Alpass, 65, P.P.G.M.M.O.; Arthur Middleton, W.M. St. Andrew's; W. T. Kenyon, St. John's; W. M. Mulligan, Rose and Thistle, Wigan; James Shaw, P.G.J.W.; Joseph Harrison, M.A., P.G. Asst. Chap.; H. J. Jackson, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; G. E. Hamner, P.G.S.D.; Jno. Davison, P.G.J.D.; S. Porritt, P.G.S. of W.; R. W. Waterson, P.G.D. of C.; T. Probert, P.G.A.D. of C.; Joseph Wood (*Freemason*), P.G.S.B.; George Campbell, P.G. Org.; Joseph L. Thorpe, P.G.P.; Joseph W. Kenyon, P.P.G.M.O.; Alfred Hopkinson, P.S. 123; Edward Heywood, P.P.G.J.W.; Thos. Hindle, 159, P.P.G.J.O.; W. B. Roys; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Dep. Prov. G.M.; T. Morris, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; James Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B.; N. Horrocks, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Arensburg, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Maiden, P.M. 136, P.P.G.M.O.; W. H. Alcock, P.P.G.S.; E. Mulligan, P.M. 246, P.G.M.O.; James Newton, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Middleton, P.G.S. W. 34; Jno. Halliwell, P.P.G.M.O.; Robt. Whittaker, P.P.G.D. of C.; Jos. C. Lunt, P.M. 161, P.P.S.O.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, P.M., 161, P.P.G. Chap.; J. R. Goppel, P.M. 65, P.G.S.O.; T. Clarke, P.M. 65; P.P.G.M.O.; Alfred Hopkinson, 123, P.S.; T. Probert, 123, A.D.C.; R. W. Waterson, P.M. 189, P.G.D.C.; A. Milne, P.M. 142, P.P.G.S.D.; S. P. Blair, P.P.G.J.W.; A. A. Bagshaw, M.A., M.W. 156, P.P.G. Chap.; Jno. Davison, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Barlow, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hayes, P.M. 65; W. Corbett, 65; W. Leigh, S.W. 189; J. Bollard, W.M. 189; J. Cockshott, P.M. 143; W. Barlow, P.M. 136; R. Reader, Sec. 65; R. H. Evans, W.M. 65; J. Brown, J.O. 158; J. Wolstenholme, St. John's; P. M. Hunter, 158; W. Gregson, St. John's; Jno. Phillips, Rose and Thistle; R. Hay, J.D. 142; O. Startup, W.M. 142; Walter Nelson, S.W. 142; Hugh Williams, W.M. 11, P.G.J.D., Cheshire; J. Huartson, P.M. 36; James Shaw, P.M. 123; J. Duffield, P.G.J.W.; Edward Diggle, P.G.J.O.; Jno. Clayton, W.M. 141; W. Roberts, 14 and 24; J. Harwood, P.G.J.D.; Edward Hartley, 14 and 56, P.G.S.W. W.Y.; W. Dean, I.G. 158; A. Beattie, P.M. 143; J. J. Greaves, P.M. 143; John Reid, W.M. elect, 36; Robt. Rushton, W.M. 159; and B. H. Gosling, 159.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Kench, Assistant Grand Pursuivant, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, E. P. Albert, W. H. Perryman, Henry Garrod, J. M. Case, Charles Frederick Hogard, Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, Edward C. Davies, W. H. Lucia, Charles Atkins, W. T. Christian, G. P. Britten, Geo. Waterman, James Cooper, Thos. Hutton, John Bustard, A. Buckle, S. Kelly, H. Speedy, John Constable, Hen. Hill, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J. H. Leggott, D. M. Dewar, W. F. Smithson, S. Pounceby, James E. Watts, Julius Brietman, Geo. Thistle Thumes, W. R. Marsh, G. J. Cutlin, Wm. Stephens, Neville Greene, James Stevens, James Taylor, Henry W. Green, T. J. Robins, R. P. Spice, H. W. Lindus, C. Buckhurst, J. Westley, Gibson, Fredk. Dunn, R. H. Gibbons, jun., Jas. Gavin, L. W. Harvey, C. H. Jolly, J. Kemp, Coleman, Charles Daniel, Robt. Harman, Geo. G. Symons, Charles Dairy, T. F. Knight Smith, N. R. Harper, W. Tuff, J. H. Matthews, S. L. Green, Wm. Hope, H. Fajja, Ebenr. Skelt, Thomas Edmonston, C. J. Edwards, J. J. Cantle, E. Farwig, C. E. Topper, Edwin Boa, W. C. Giggis, G. L. Moore, T. Holmes, C. W. Ashdown, Geo. Allen, Lewis Alexander, J. F. Harrington, N. B. Headon, F. W. Koch, G. F. Crowe, H. Sadler, G.T., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters first met, and had read to them the agenda paper of the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. There were general expressions of regret when the draft report of the Board of General Purposes announced that Bro. John Hervey had resigned his office of Grand Secretary, on account of continued ill health. Bro. Stevens' notice of motion on uniformity of ritual, which the Craft have already been informed it was

his intention to bring forward, was also read, as well as Bro. Clabon's notice of motion with regard to the surplus of the Fund or Benevolence.

The Lodge of Benevolence was then opened, and the brethren first confirmed the recommendations made to the Grand Master at last meeting, amounting to £250. The new list was then proceeded with. There were 37 cases on this list, and of these five were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total amount of £1035, composed of the following amounts:—Two £75 (£150); seven £50 (£350); five £40 (£200); three £30 (£90); one £25 (£25); six £20 (£120); two £15 (£30); and seven £10 (£70).

The Lodge was then closed, after sitting four hours and a quarter.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND COLONIAL BOARD.

The members of these Boards dined together on Tuesday evening last (after the monthly meeting of the former Board) at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Monckton, President B.G.P., presided, assisted by Bro. Rucker, President C.B., in the vice-chair. They were supported by Bros. Levander, Vice-President B.G.P., and Griffiths Smith, Vice-President C.B., and the following members:—Bros. Fenn, P.G.D.; Grey, P.G.D.; Long, P.G.D.; Burt, Asst. G.D.C.; Buss, Asst. G. Secretary; Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4; Adlard, P.M. 7; Frank Richardson, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; Beaumont, G.S. 26; Matthews, W.M. 143; Pitt Lewis, W.M. 165; H. Payne, W.M. 235; Frank Green, P.M. 1567; Letchworth, P.M. 1579; and Cave, Q.C., W.M. 1610.

After dinner, which was served in Bro. Best's best style, and could not have been surpassed by any caterer in London, Bro. Monckton proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was responded to with the usual honours.

Bro. Rucker then proposed "The Grand Master," which was received in the same manner.

Bro. Fenn proposed "The Health of Bro. Monckton and Bro. Rucker, the Presidents of the two Boards," which was severally responded to by those brethren.

Bro. Monckton then gave "The Health of Bro. Levander and Bro. Griffiths Smith, the Vice-Presidents," which was also respectively responded to; then "The Health of Bros. Levander, Gould, and Frank Richardson," who had the management of the dinner, was given by Bro. Monckton, and responded to by the latter.

"Better Health to Bro. Hervey" was given by Bro. Fenn, and was responded to in a most feeling manner by Bro. Buss.

Bro. McIntyre, Grand Reg., was expected to be present, but was unavoidably detained at the last moment, as was also Bros. Erasmus Wilson and Gould, from ill-health; and letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Kensington, Senior Grand Warden; Major-General Calthorpe, Junior Grand Warden; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C., and other influential members of the Boards. Altogether the dinner was a great success, and will, no doubt, be repeated in future years.

CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELDREDA CHAPTER, No. 809.

This new chapter, to be attached to the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, was consecrated at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

The ceremony of consecration was most ably performed by M.E. Comp. J. Deighton, P.G.S.B. England, Grand Superintendent Cambs, as M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comps. C. W. Morris, P.Z. 109, as H.; and F. C. Wace, P.Z. 859, as J. The duties of acting Director of Ceremonies were efficiently rendered by Comp. G. W. Page, J. 107.

The new Principals were then installed by the Grand Superintendent Cambs in the following order:—

M.E. Comps. Edward Hoggis, P.Z. 88, as M.E.Z.; Alfred Fredk. Donagan, Z. 88, as H.; and Comp. George Carrick, 327, as J. The chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Half-an-hour later the companions re-assembled at the holding of the first regular convocation of the chapter. The newly-installed Principals presided, and thirteen candidates were duly exalted to this Sublime Degree. A number of others, who were not in attendance, were also balloted for and approved. The arduous duties falling to the lot of the P. Soj. were most ably and correctly performed by Comp. Youngman, whilst the well-known skill of the M.E.Z. as a thorough worker is a guarantee that nothing would be wanting on his part to complete the ceremony.

The following officers were then elected and invested:—Comps. W. Bray, Scribe E.; A. Bothamley, N.; J. S. Youngman, P. Soj.; Thos. Squire and Jas. Hodgins, Asst. Sojs.; C. R. Ellis, Org.; and J. N. Holmes, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating and Installing Officer (Comp. Deighton), and to those companions who had so efficiently assisted him. A Committee having been appointed to draw up a code of bye-laws, and "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from several visiting companions, the chapter was formally closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Tidman (the host of the Rose), and a pleasant evening was spent in a truly fraternal and harmonious manner, hearty wishes being expressed for the future prosperity of the Etheldreda Chapter.

We may observe that the chapter is called after Saint Etheldreda, the founder and first abbess of Ely Cathedral, within which diocese Wisbech is situated.

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MASONIC AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., the Theatre Royal, Rochdale, was the scene of one of the most successful and interesting amateur dramatic performances ever witnessed in the town. The whole of the characters were sustained by amateurs, even the ladies being daughters of a resident brother. The piece de resistance was Charles Dance, Esq.'s, comedy of *The Wonderful Woman*, the scenes of which are laid in Paris, and the period immediately anterior to the French Revolution. The wonderful woman is the wealthy widow, "Madame Hortense Bertrand," who finds that even a golden key will not open the portals of rank and station. Learning that invitation cards for a Royal fête are only issued to those of the fair sex who can boast of the title of either a duchess, marchioness, countess, or baroness, to obtain the "sine qua non" she makes a proposal of marriage to a ruined nobleman, the Marquis de Frontignac, who is so deeply involved in debt as to become (by the French law of the period) adjudged servant to one of his creditors, "Crepin" (a cobbler). Without reading it, the marquis signs a contract of marriage, one of the conditions of which is that immediately after the ceremony the pair shall separate, his debts be paid, and an annuity of 30,000 livres settled on him. When the marquis discovers the snare into which he has been unwillingly entrapped, he refuses to accept any portion of his wife's wealth, and returns to poverty and servitude with the cobbler, whose shop is opposite to the chief entrance of the chateau of the newly-made marchioness. Here the marquis erects a sign (the Marquis de Frontignac, Cobbler). At this the marchioness's pride is deeply wounded, but he is obdurate to all appeals and terms. She intimates her intention to lay her case before the King, but she is informed by the "Viscount de Millefleurs" that his Majesty has already been made aware of the facts by "Rodolph" (her rejected suitor), and orders have been issued that she must not be admitted at Court, unless accompanied by her husband. She perceiving how futile are all her attempts at securing Court recognition, surrenders to the marquis, and soon discovers that she has considerably under-estimated his claims to honour, and the usual happy reconciliation closes the story. There are few comedies which depend more upon the good acting of the company for their success, and when we record that the performance was received with the greatest enthusiasm by a large and critical audience, some idea may be formed of the great pains and perseverance which must have been incurred by the ladies and brethren, individually and severally. The dresses too were of the most recherché description. First and foremost amongst the characters for special mention was "Crepin the Cobbler," by Bro. J. Dearden, I.G. 54, who created roars of merriment by his really excellent acting and hearty expression of the part; in fact, his general demeanour would have done credit to the professional stage. "The Marquis de Frontignac" is a very ambitious attempt for a novice, but Bro. E. T. Fletcher, W.M. 1129, was quite equal to the occasion, and his gentlemanly ease and dignified bearing, combined with his occasional but appropriate force of declamation, soon established him in the good graces of the brilliant assemblage in front. "The Viscount de Millefleurs," Bro. P. Lee, I.P.M. 1129, was played very fairly, but, unfortunately, his voice in many parts was lost to the audience through its weakness. "Rodolph," Bro. W. Wild, M.M. 363, was a pretty little part, very fairly rendered. Bro. C. Wren, J.W. 367, was "The Tailor;" Bro. W. Davis, P.M. 54, was "The Servant," and, although minor parts, contributed much to the general success. Of the ladies we cannot speak too highly; in fact, the general admiration of the house knew no bounds when it was remembered that they also were non-professionals. The part of "Hortense," the wealthy widow, was played with great care the manner in which it was rendered was both spirited and dignified. Of the part of "Cecile" we cannot speak too highly, suffice it to say it was as near perfection as possible; in fact, both ladies' parts would have done credit to many professionals. At the fall of the curtain there was an unanimous recall. The second part of the programme was the farce of *Lend me Five Shillings*, by J. M. Morton, Esq.; and here again, as "Mr. Golightly," Bro. J. Dearden gave another proof of his general aptitude to the comedy stage. "Captain Phobbs," Bro. B. Hill, S.D. 363; "Captain Spruce," Bro. C. Wren, J.W. 367; "Morland," Bro. J. Gibson, Sec. 816; "Sam," Bro. T. Hill, J.G. 363, were all more or less well acted. The same ladies played their parts in the farce equally as well as in the comedy. The attendance was in every sense most encouraging, the theatre being filled to repletion, in pit and circle alike, the latter portion presenting a most brilliant appearance. The proceeds, which we understand are upwards of £40, will be handed to the Masonic Charities.

Mayfair announces that Mr. Wallis Mackay, whose clever sketches in that journal its readers will remember, has again joined the staff, and in future *Mayfair* will be illustrated by him.

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To Correspondents.

P.G.M.—A Second Edition is already in the Press.
Y. Z.—Most certainly not.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Sporting Life," "Sportsman," "The Paper Consumers' Circular," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Broad Arrow," "Woman's Works and Worth," "Sunny Times," "Die Baithutte," "Cheltenham Examiner," "Leicester Daily News," "Masonic Herald," "Voice of Masonry," "Hebrew Leader," "Key-stone," "Graham's Temperance Guide," "Night and Day."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BURRELL.—On the 15th inst., at Thetford, Norfolk, the wife of C. Burrell, jun., of a son.

SETON.—On the 14th inst., at Lowton Grange the wife of A. D. Seton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

PONDER—GARDNER.—On the 17th inst., at the parish church of Walton-on-Thames, John Edwin Ponder, of Broadwater House, Brixton, to Constance, daughter of W. W. Gardner, of Walton-on-Thames.

DEATHS.

ARNOLD.—On the 18th inst., at Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, Samuel son of the late E. Arnold, of Beccles.

HUGHES.—On the 16th inst., at 4, Rutland-street, Brompton, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of George Hughes, aged 51.

PAGE.—On the 13th inst., after a short illness, Bro. E. J. Page, P.M. of the Grand Stewards, Globe, and Kensington Lodges, and Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1879.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

Our correspondent "P.M." contributes his curious figures as regards the Boys' School and its provincial supporters. It appears that there are no less than 16,049 votes for the Boys' School in the provinces; of these West Yorkshire claims 2445, East Lancashire 1894, Kent 1644, Warwickshire 983, and Hants 705. We note that the Province of Monmouthshire has only 76 votes, Cambridgeshire 27, Herefordshire 23—which surely is not, and cannot be right. We trust that the publication of these figures will stir up those provinces as well as Nottinghamshire, which has only 98 votes to come "to the fore" in 1880 for the Boys' School. Our correspondent has properly called attention to the splendid position of West Yorkshire, which is, indeed, a fact to remember and be proud of. West Yorkshire has had, however, this advantage, that it inaugurated the movement about 1860, that it has been at work ever since, quietly and unostentatiously, and that it has the peculiar privilege of possessing an admirable Charity Committee—warm-hearted, zealous brethren; and has been presided over by sagacious and large-hearted rulers, while it has been aided by most efficient officers. But, looking back to-day, we are pleased to think and to remember how great endings often come from small beginnings here, and that of those kindly and genial brethren who once set to work in good earnest for the great Charities of our Order in the good old Province of West Yorkshire, if many have, alas, passed away, if some have left us, many yet survive to realize pleasantly what Masonic union, liberality, and perseverance can do in a good cause, nay, in the best of causes—Masonic Charity. We thank our Bro. Past Master for his most valuable statistics, and trust that he may contrive to favour the *Freemason* with figures which speak to us all more forcibly than eloquent speeches or glibly uttered words.

MASONRY REDIVIVA.

At length in our "great metropolis" Freemasonry is assuming its "normal form," and sending out its "summonses," and putting on its ornate appearance. Our lodges are reassembling after our "long vacation," and idlers and workers, bees and drones; the supporters, like Bro. Ste-

vens, of unity of ritual, and the adepts of the "knife and fork" Degree, are equally obeying the pleasant but stern appeal of indefatigable Secretaries and watchful W.M.'s. The Masonic season for 1880 has now fairly begun for London, and a few considerations seem to "crop up" inevitably, which press upon our own mind, and which we deem it well to submit to the notice and consideration of our readers and co-labourers in our metropolitan lodges. The position of Freemasonry in London is both abnormal and special. Owing to the fact of the late hours in London, and also that the great majority of our Order are devoted to professional pursuits of one kind or another, all our London lodges, without any exception, we believe, to use a familiar expression, are "dinner lodges," that is to say, the "refreshment" which follows "labour" is a bona fide dinner, the usual and necessary dinner of each day when the business occupations of the day are ended. In the provinces, as a general rule, the lodges are what we term, "supper lodges," that is to say, the time of dining being earlier among men of business in our large towns, the lodge when it passes from work to sociality does not go to dinner, as in London, but to supper. Hence the two systems are entirely distinct and different. In the provinces, the subscriptions being low, nothing is appropriated to the expenses of the "social circle," whereas in London, the subscriptions being high (comparatively speaking), provision is made for the dinners as laid down by the bye-laws. We do not here profess or seek to profess any opinion whatever on the relative merits or value of either system. Both have their advocates, for both much may be advanced, but we think it fair to say this much, that we doubt if the provincial system is workable in London. It is pleasant to realize, notwithstanding the "drain" upon their resources, how much the metropolitan lodges and brethren have done for the Charities, and it is well for us to bear in mind to-day, amid the enlarged and happy flow of provincial support to our metropolitan Institutions, that the time was not very far distant, when they were mainly supported by the London lodges and brethren. We are then anxious to impress upon our good brethren of the metropolis, at the commencement of another Masonic season, two points—economy and self-denial. Many of the lodges are largely indebted (often unavoidably so we know) to their Treasurers. Let them curtail their expenses in 1880. Each lodge, in our opinion, should have votes, more or less, for all our Charities, and it would be a worthy and Masonic exercise of self-denial if in any case when the lodge or brethren are deficient in their support of the Charities, that a dinner should be suppressed in the coming season, and the proceeds, or a portion, should be devoted to charity. At the same time we say this, we are not insensible to the fact that we are treating a very difficult subject, and treading on very dangerous ground, in the opinion of some, whether friendly or hostile to us, and we, therefore, beg to conclude our remarks with the assurance, (which we trust is hardly needed), that in all we venture to suggest or propose, we are only actuated by sincere regard to the London Lodges and brethren, and warm interest in the principles and progress of Freemasonry. We cannot conclude this article without drawing attention to the notice of Bro. Carter, in Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, reported in last *Freemason*, to set apart 10 per cent. of the entire receipts for the lodge Charity Fund. This is, undoubtedly, a step in the right direction, and so tallies with the remarks we have made above, and so commends itself to our minds, that we think it well to direct special attention to it. We trust that this healthy proposal will be adopted by the members of that old and distinguished lodge.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We see that a motion will be made to-day, (Saturday), by our excellent and esteemed Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, to purchase Lyncombe House and grounds, adjoining the Girls' School, for the sum of £6500. We are very glad to hear of this proposal, as it will tend, if it be carried, greatly to the advantage of the Girls' School in many ways. For one thing

must be borne in mind. The Girls' School has a permanent and "local habitation and name" than which it would be difficult to find a more convenient or healthy one, and all propositions are therefore to be supported "de bene esse," as the lawyers put it, which tend to protect the Girls' School from building speculations, and render it master of its position, and free and open on all sides. We feel sure that the subscribers will heartily thank Bro. Colonel Creaton, considering especially the financial position of the Schools, for thus taking the initiative, seasonably and reasonably, to extend the area of the School grounds, and to increase thereby the striking advantages, alike from its position and arrangements, of a great Institution, one of which the entire Order may feel justly proud.

RESIGNATION OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

It is with the sincerest regret we have to announce the imminent retirement from office of our worthy and Worshipful Bro. John Hervey, for many years past Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in this regret we feel assured that every one of our readers, and, indeed, every one of the Masonic brotherhood in England and its Colonies and Dependencies, will join most heartily. What intensifies this regret is the knowledge that Bro. Hervey's resignation has been induced by his failing health, which, for the last few months, has prevented him from giving that scrupulously conscientious attention to the important functions of that high office. It is no exaggeration on our part to say that Bro. Hervey, during the term of his official career, has endeared himself to every English Mason by his marked kindness and courtesy to all who have had occasion to transact any business, even of the slightest import; while it will be extremely difficult to find one to replace him who shall possess a larger or more varied experience, and a deeper knowledge of the *arcana* of Masonic law and custom, Bro. Hervey, in fact, may have had some equals in the world of Masonry, but unquestionably he has had no superior. That he will carry with him into his comparative retirement the respect and affectionate regard of all his fellow Masons goes without saying, and equally so that every one will unite most cordially with us in hoping that he may yet be spared for many years, not only to the more immediate circle of his relatives and friends, but also that more extended circle of Masonic friends and acquaintances who have known and admired him as one of our brightest lights, and in knowing and admiring him as such have also loved and respected him so dearly.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to the statistics sent by me, and published in your issues of the 8th and 15th inst., your article on "Facts and Figures" shows that you have so singularly misapprehended the scope and purpose of the tables that I fear my first letter could not have been sufficiently explicit, and must, therefore, beg a few lines to further explain, for the benefit of any who may have made a similar mistake.

You complain that my figures to the end of 1878 (not 1879, as you print it) "hardly cover the whole ground." Certainly they would not if your idea that 940 lodges subscribed to make up 8435 votes for the Girls' School was what I had intended to convey. But the number of lodges given are the total number of lodges in each province, as taken from this year's Calendar, and without any reference to the fact of their subscribing or not to the Charities. The votes comprise the whole of the life votes possessed by individual members, lodges, chapters, or other Masonic societies in each province, as taken from this year's official lists. The votes per lodge mean, therefore, the proportion which the life votes of the whole province bear to the number of lodges in the province; and I really cannot see, with all deference to your opinion, how this can fairly be called "a deceptive way of putting the average." As I stated in my first letter, annual subscribers are omitted, because they vary so much from year to year as to be wholly unreliable for the purposes of this return.

No doubt the figures will be altered next year, and every year, I trust; but as this year's lists will not be published until next spring how can that invalidate the completeness of the present returns?

With regard to errors, I have done my best to ensure accuracy, but "humanum est errare." I shall be quite ready to acknowledge any serious discrepancy if pointed out, but will those who wish to verify the tables please bear in mind what I have stated above as to the mode in which they are made up?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

"A GRUMBLE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The experience of the writer of a letter headed as above, and which appeared in your last week's issue, is far from being an isolated one. In many respects it is similar to what I have passed through myself, and I found that it needs no little determination and research to satisfy the novice on the practical application of the principles Masonry instils.

But what a rich field of delightful surprise is in store for him who essays the task!

With regard to the Charitable Institutions of the Order, there is sadly too little known of them in the provinces, their aims, their working, and their achievements.

Let me advise "I.P.M. 877," and other brethren who need such information, and feel this doubt and uncertainty in all pertaining to the "Charities," to make the effort, and take a Stewardship at any or all of the festivals held in their aid during the forthcoming year, and not only so, but visit all three Institutions, when I promise them they will more than satisfy their most sanguine ideas of Masonic benevolence.

In furtherance of my own enlightenment, I visited all three establishments early in the present year, and made myself acquainted with all the facts relating to each; their origin, their progress, and their present position. As a result, I acted as Steward at each of the festivals this year and qualified as Life Governor of all the Charities. I felt constrained to something more—being deeply conscious of the dearth of information current among the brethren in all relating to this subject—I circulated my experiences in the form of a little pamphlet among the lodges of this neighbourhood, and the result has been apparent in many satisfactory shapes, one of which will be noticeable in the next publication of "Lists of Subscribers" on reference to the Province of Worcestershire.

If "I.P.M. 877" will write me, or any other brother similarly exercised in mind, or who may wish to take a Stewardship for 1880, and desires information to work upon, I will with pleasure send him my little book, so far as the few remaining copies I have will go, as well as give him any aid or advice in my power.

Parlon my intrusion on your space, but the subject, I know, will plead sufficiently.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE TAYLOR,

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By your favour I beg to be allowed to continue my lament. I still invoke the sacred name of Charity as the keynote of my dirge. I knew next to nothing concerning the Masonic Institutions until my installation; I knew very little afterwards, and am not profoundly wise on the subject even now. It happened that my lodge had certain votes—how many this record sayeth not, because the recorder does not happen to know. Here, Mr. Editor, let me cry *peccavi*. I ought, perhaps, to have worried the brethren into giving me information, but it would appear to be a somewhat ungracious return for the honour of being elected W.M. to make one's self generally unpleasant. A portion of the installation ceremony should consist in instructing the new W.M. in these all-important concerns, which appear to occupy quite a subordinate position in the estimation of Freemasons. I was called upon once or twice to vote; on the first occasion our deservedly respected Tyler came round with voting papers, and a list of applicants. I was requested to sign blank votes, and upon demurring was told it was the custom to send them in this manner to Bro. Someone for the use of his province, and that when we required votes here, they were returned in a lump sum, with interest. This was the kind of explanation with which I had to rest satisfied; it seemed rather an eccentric method to me—my voting was simply farcical under the circumstances; but it did not become me to raise an idle quibble, or impertinently break through long precedent, and the votes were accordingly given. Since my former letter was written incidents have transpired tending further to enlighten me as to the imperfections of this part of our charitable schemes; and I stand utterly amazed that so rotten and unjust a system should so long have been tolerated among Masons. I find that all the injustice, all the impurities, all the iniquities which have for so long disgraced elections and charitable distributions among the profane are still practised in Freemasonry. Interest—not merit; might—not right, is the order of the day. The voting is a miserable farce; canvassing is allowed; pressure is brought to bear; faggot votes are bought, begged, or borrowed; bribery in various ways is practised; favouritism is here seen in its worst form. A list of candidates is printed, their circumstances made public, and their misery is freely exposed, but to no purpose—the appeal of distress is spurned in favour of that of interest. I have not the slightest hesitation in affirming, from recent personal observations in this respect, that under the present regime these institutions are not worthy of support; the system of election is so monstrously unjust and vicious, that it will entail a lasting disgrace upon the Craft if it is longer tolerated. Let it be distinctly understood, I base these vituperations exclusively upon the method of election; for reasons given, I am unable to penetrate deeper; but I have not forgotten an old adage, *Ex pede levandum*. Why should not Freemasonry rise above all this? Why should we not insist upon a termination of this dreadful system of injustice? I appeal to my brethren; I appeal to the superior powers of Grand Lodge. Let us be just and equitable. Let us remove this stain. "Brotherly love, relief, and truth" appear really to mean—enmity, injustice, and falsehood; and the term

"brother," as used among Masons, is only an empty name. Funds are in hand, schools (I suppose) are built, but the system of election to benefits is so abominably corrupt and vicious, that our benevolent efforts are greatly frustrated. We talk a great deal about honour, morality, virtue, *et hoc genus omne*; we congratulate ourselves that we are not as other men are; and yet, alas, even our charitable actions will not bear the light of day. I know well the difficulty of coping with vested interests, but fear that obstacle much less than listless indifference on the part of Masons; being every Mason's business, no Mason will perform it. It behoves, however, every Freemason to bestir himself in the matter, and to insist that our house shall forthwith be set in order; which done, a glorious future awaits the Craft. Some weeks ago, I was conversing on this subject with our esteemed Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath, he concurred with my views, and stated that most Masons were dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs, and that a crusade need only be initiated, pointing out a remedy, to effect a change. I regret our time did not allow a discussion of the subject, because he seemed to regard the execution of reform as almost impossible; but I believe the difficulty is not so insuperable as may be supposed; a remedy might surely be found.

I would suggest that canvassing be prohibited, and that it should invalidate an election if carried on. It should be required that each candidate be nominated by a brother or lodge possessing a vote or votes; and further recommended as worthy by the lodge to which the distressed brother belongs or belonged; the circumstances of the case should be rigorously investigated and vouched for by (say) six Masters or Past Masters of lodges with which the candidate is unconnected. A short *précis* should be given of these facts, as is at present done, and a declaration signed by the investigators sent to the Provincial Grand Lodge, which shall enquire further by Sub-Committee into the matter, and, if the case is fairly stated, shall endorse the report, or otherwise amend it if necessary. These applications should be scheduled in alphabetical order, and sent to each voter, allowing him a week or two for deliberation. To each voting paper should be appended the following declaration (or some such), to be signed in the presence of the Master of a lodge:—

And I solemnly declare upon my honour as a man, and my fidelity as a Mason, that I have not been influenced in this my vote by canvassing; by local or personal bias, prejudice, or consideration whatever; or by any unworthy motive; but I give this vote after having duly considered the list of applications, and weighed each claim, conscientiously believing the circumstances of the case, as represented, to be most worthy of sympathy and assistance.

It might also be questioned whether cumulative voting should not be discontinued; the necessity for its existence would depart with the disappearance of corrupt voting.

Thus each brother desirous of exercising benevolence would feel that whatever he might contribute to our Masonic Institutions would reach those for whom it was intended; this much, certainly, cannot truthfully be said at the present time.

I will endeavour to finish my observations in my next letter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

I.P.M. 877.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have carefully read the letters by Bros. Frances and Stevens on the question of "Uniformity of Work," and whilst feeling anxious to take part in the consideration of so important a subject, it is in many respects so beset with difficulties, from the esoteric character of the question, that to do justice to the matter in the pages of a journal is simply impossible, so I must forbear from doing my humble part in any way, for to explain would require me to say more than is desirable in print. That a *uniformity in essentials* is not only desirable but should be attainable, as much in this country as in the United States, and many of our Colonies and Dependencies, I firmly believe. That more will be attained is unlikely, but it will be time enough to talk about the minor differences existing between the various London workings when the provinces are in harmony generally with the chief lodges of instruction in London, so far as essentials are concerned.

In many provincial lodges at the present time the members of the chief London lodges of instruction would be like "fish out of water," and vice versa.

As to the "landmarks," who knows for certain what they are, and especially when some of the generally accepted landmarks, as theories, differ so much practically as to be scarcely recognisable? For the provinces, at least, I advocate the appointment of Provincial Grand Lecturers—say the Prov. Grand Registrars—whose duty it shall be to visit each lodge in their provinces once a year, the travelling expenses to be paid out of the general funds, and who shall seek to promote that uniformity in essentials which is so desirable.

W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The present discussion of this question gives me a fitting opportunity for bringing to the notice of the authorities, through the medium of your highly-valued journal, two points upon which, I venture to think, some action is imperative, if one of the main principles of Masonry as a cosmopolitan society is not to be practically ceded. I refer to the welcome which every brother, come he from whence he may, is entitled to demand from a lodge he may desire to attend when away from home. There are two points upon which, as I before said, an au-

thoritative ruling should be given affecting this principle, viz:—

1. Have English lodges any right to refuse admission to a lodge to a strange brother who, although perfectly willing and able to impart what he received at his initiation, passing, and raising, cannot or (on principle) will not answer certain preliminary *catch questions*, which it is customary, I understand, in England to administer to the applicant for admission?

I have it on the best authority that I have rightly stated what is, or has been, actually done. Indeed, on one occasion, the esteemed Grand Tyler of the G.L. of Scotland—who, I suppose, knows more of the working of Masonry than the bulk of London Masons—was actually refused admittance into a London lodge because he declined to submit himself to a catechism for which there is no warrant, until the officers of the lodge thought better of it. I contend that no stranger should be treated in this way, and the sooner the custom is authoritatively forbidden the better.

2. I am also given to understand that the E.A.S. in England differs materially from that imparted in Scotland. I know not whether the same anomaly exists with the other Degrees, or under other Constitutions, but I venture to think that, whatever the opinion of the Craft may be as to uniformity in the inner working of a lodge, none will deny that in this particular it is essential that uniformity should be aimed at. This could easily be accomplished, I imagine, by consultation between the Grand Lodges of the world.

I only heard of this latter want of uniformity accidentally a few days ago, and I know not how many other stumbling-blocks may lie in my path when I return to London and seek to work my way into a lodge there.

Yours fraternally,

M.M. 392, S.C.

Edinburgh, 17th Nov.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have great pleasure in informing the Craft, through the medium of your wide-spread paper, that a warrant has been issued by the Supreme Grand Master for the establishment of a lodge of instruction in the Swedenborgian Rite, to be called the "Pythagorean Lodge and Temple for the Instruction of Enlightened, Sublime, and Perfect Freemasons." The extreme length of the ritual of the Three Degrees (I.V°, V°, and VI°), of the Swedenborgian Rite renders an attentive study of it of the greatest importance to all who desire proficiency in the rite. It is of course needless to add that this lodge of instruction has no power to confer the Three Degrees of which the rite consists, but the fact that a lodge of instruction has been thought necessary at all is good evidence of the increasing interest felt in the important ceremonial of the Three Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite—a rite which is loyally attached to Ancient Craft Masonry as established at the Union in 1813, and is friendly with all other systems of Masonry recognising the cardinal principles of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul.

Brethren who have taken the Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite, and others (Master Masons) interested in the same, will always receive fraternal and cordial explanation on applying to, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,

Supreme Grand Secretary, Swedenborgian Rite,

Flint-villas, Hounslow,

17th November, 1879.

AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Grand Lodges just now are exercised over the quarrel between Scotland and Quebec. Will you kindly insert the deliverance of our Past Grand Master Johnson on this subject. We, in Kentucky, are agreed that there are two sides to this question, and while we are far from justifying the course of the Scotch brethren in forming a Provincial Grand Lodge in Quebec, which seems a sort of defiance of public opinion in the premises, yet the course pursued at Quebec was oppressive, and it seemed necessary for the Edinburgh people to protect her protégé. I am entirely in accord with Bro. Johnson in the following:—

"Henderson, Ky., September 15th, 1879."

"To the M.W. Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Kentucky:—

"The undersigned, your accredited representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, being desirous of strengthening the tie of amity that has ever existed between that venerable organisation and our own, since our establishment as a Grand Lodge, begs leave to lay before you the difficulty that has arisen between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and that of Quebec.

"When the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, in 1854 (one of our veteran Kentucky Masons, still living, having borne an honoured part therein), it was agreed that the Scotch and English lodges, working then, might, in their own option, retain their connection with their mother countries. Several Scotch lodges did so, and have continued so until this day.

"Any one who has seen the tie which binds a subject of the British Government to his native land, will see the reason of this. At least two lodges near Montreal never united with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, knowing this, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in 1855, recognised the Grand Lodge of Canada, and began the long career of brotherly offices which have subsisted to this day, and may they be perpetuated.

"A few years since the lodges in what was formerly Canada East separated from the Grand Lodge of Canada and formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This movement was also recognised by our Grand Lodge and the new sister welcomed to the family, but with the proviso that the same fraternal privilege be accorded the Scotch lodges as before.

"Recently, I regret to learn, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has undertaken to change this, and declares the lodges thus established clandestine. As a necessity of the case, the mother Grand Lodge stands by her offspring, forms them into a Provincial Grand Lodge, and appoints a Provincial Grand Master. Likewise (we learn this with regret), she proposes to strengthen the existing lodges by forming new ones.

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois, hastily and unkindly, I think, comes out under the hand of a most intelligent Grand Master, and declares non-intercourse. She pronounces in effect that for this act the old Grand Lodge of Scotland, large in membership, bright in literature, earnest in good works, and controlling five hundred lodges, dispersed through every civilised country, is a clandestine, irregular organisation, to be treated as the Coloured Lodges, or the Pseudo-Hamburg Lodges, and as all the spawn of irregular Masonry that infest our mountain districts.

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which I have the honour to represent near your Grand Lodge, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, over which I had the distinguished honour to preside for twelve months, I protest against this hasty and unkind action, and ask that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with such other American Grand Lodges as may consent to it, offer our mediation between these two contending bodies—the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of Quebec—that the difficulty may be settled upon principles of peace and harmony, and at the same time that we interpose, in kindly respect, between the Grand Lodges of Minnesota and Dakota and the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Indian Territory, where the most serious aggressions, tending to non-intercourse, are reported. All of which is submitted with the desire to strengthen the fraternal ties all over the globe and prevent the breaking of even one link.

"Fraternally,

"CAMPBELL H. JOHNSON,

"Past Grand Master,

"And Representative of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Scotland near the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky."

At the sessions of our Grand Lodge, closed on the 24th inst., the following proposition of my own was unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will cordially unite with other Grand Lodges, home and foreign, in an effort to restore amicable relations between the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Indian Territory, Missouri and Dakota, Scotland and Quebec; and that we recommend to the contending parties the *law of exclusive jurisdiction*, so long established among American Grand Lodges and with such harmonious results. This Grand Lodge peremptorily declares that she will never submit to have her own territory invaded by other Masonic powers, and she cannot justify the course of any who lose sight of the Golden Rule."

I send you a copy of my report on foreign correspondence made last week to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; also the address of our Grand Master, the Hon. Thomas S. Pettit, from which you will make your own gleanings.

Our Grand Lodge Officers for 1879-80 are these:—

Bro. Hon. Jacob Rice...	...	G.M.
" W. La Rue Thomas ...	...	D.G.M.
" W. H. Miffert ...	...	S.G.W.
" G. D. Buckner ...	...	J.G.W.
" John H. Leathers ...	...	G. Treas.
" Hiram Bassett ...	...	G. Sec.
" H. B. Grant ...	...	A.G. Sec.

Yours fraternally,

ROB MORRIS.

La Grange, Kentucky, 30th Oct.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me confirm Bro. "H. L.'s" letter as to the improved appearance and convenient arrangement of the *Freemason*, and to call special attention to the extremely interesting contents of this year's "Cosmopolitan Calendar."

I am, yours fraternally,

A P.M. IN THE COUNTRY.

AN OLDER FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter respecting W. Bro. Stephen Austin, Hertford Lodge, No. 403 (November the 8th), having completed his fiftieth year in Freemasonry, and to the one of P.M. No. 1 (November the 15th), stating that W. Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud had been initiated on the 15th May, 1824, I have to call your attention to "an older Freemason" than either of them, he being the oldest Freemason in West York, and probably the oldest in England. If he be not so, I shall be glad to hear from any of your numerous correspondents of an older example.

Bro. John Greenwood, of Lodges 308 and 408, was initiated on the 4th January, 1822, in Lodge Prince George, 308. Was exalted in R.A. Chapter Affability, 308, in April, 1823, was W.M. in 1824, Z. in 1826. He is now Tyler for six lodges, three chapters, two preceptories, and Rose Croix, also Equerry of Provincial Grand Preceptory of West Yorks. He will be seventy-nine years old on the 1st January, 1880, and considering his age, is remarkably active, and in full possession, of all his faculties. He is a perfect marvel of Masonic lore and

intelligence, and is a striking example of his favourite song "We shall never like again."

I scarcely need to say that he is held in the greatest respect, esteem, and veneration by all the brethren of the province.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. AND P.Z.

Halifax, 17th Nov., 1879.

P.S. He has been a continuous subscriber from his initiation.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Hill's Hall, Trowbridge, which had been handsomely and tastefully adapted for the occasion by the receiving lodge, the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge.

The P.G.M., Lord Methuen, was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from being present. In his absence the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Gabriel Goldney, M.P., presided over the meeting, and was supported by Bro. Lord Harry Thynne, P.G.W. Eng. and P.G. Supt. (R.A.) Wilts, acting as D.P.G.M., and a large number of officers and brethren of the province, amongst whom were Bros. John Toomer, P.S.G.W.; General Doherty, P.J.G.W.; Rev. H. F. Crockett, P.G.C.; F. Goldney, P.G.T.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.; William Nott, P.G.R.; Walter H. Long, P.S.G.D.; Robert Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D.C.; T. P. Fletcher, Colonel Randle Ford, E. T. Payne, P.G.D. Eng. and P.P.G.W.; J. L. Whitley, P.P.J.G.D.; T. P. Saunders, P.P.J.G.D.; A. R. Browne, W.M. 632; R. de M. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Tucker, W.M. 586; T. H. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W.; and amongst the visitors were Capt. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Monmouth; W. Pickford, P.G. Tr. Mon.; — Gratte, P.S.G.W. Mon.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Oxon; R. N. Howard, P.G. Sec. Dorset; A. Parry, P.P.G. S.B. Dorset; R. M. Worlock, P.G. Sec. Bristol, and others.

P.G. Lodge having been opened, the acting P.G.M., after having expressed his regret at the absence of Lord Methuen, requested the P.G. Sec., Bro. Henry C. Tombs, to call the roll of the lodges in the province, when they were found to be duly represented.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge were confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, were afterwards read and passed.

The P.G. Sec. read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, held immediately before the P.G. Lodge meeting, from which it appeared that two grants were recommended, one to the widow of a rev. brother of Lodge 626, and the other to a very old member of the Lodge 632, who, by reason of the commercial depression, had failed in his business as a manufacturer, and been reduced to great distress. These grants and the minutes generally were confirmed.

The P.G. Registrar, Bro. W. Nott, P.P.J.G.W., read his annual report. From this it appears that the number of members of lodges in the province was steadily increasing, standing now at 455, which was an increase of 81, or nearly 22 per cent., in three years. The report called attention to the pleasing fact that the general working expenses, including rent, Tylers, refreshments, &c., were reduced from 17s. 9d. to 15s. per member. The average amount contributed to charity was at the rate of 6s. 6d. per member, ranging from nothing in one lodge to 13s. 8d. in another, though it was to be remembered that some of the young lodges had not cleared off their original expenses, and had not, therefore, the ability to devote so large a portion of their funds to charitable purposes as the older lodges. The Registrar's report also called attention to the large amount of arrears outstanding in one or two of the lodges, in one case as much as half-a-year's actual receipts, and to show that there was no necessity for this, he instanced two of the lodges where there had not been for years past a single penny of arrear when their accounts were closed. The report also brought before the P.G.L. a great laxity on the part of a few of the lodge Secretaries in sending in the necessary returns.

Bro. Tombs, P.G. Sec., in proposing the adoption of the report, said he was very sorry to find that his mother lodge was one of the greatest offenders as regards the Registrar's concluding remarks, and trusted that means would be taken to effect an improvement, as unless the returns were delivered in good time it was impossible for the Provincial Grand Officers properly to fulfil their duty.

The acting P.G.M., in putting the motion to the meeting, said that the Registrar had very delicately refrained from indicating the lodges complained of, but that should the same fault exist next year, they must not expect a similar consideration, for P.G.L. would have to follow the example of the House of Commons, and name the offenders.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Nott, who is also Secretary to the P.G. Charity Organisation Committee, then read the usual annual report of the proceedings of that Committee, showing that the province had been successful in carrying two candidates for the Girls' School, one at the April and another at the October election, although at the latter election the province had also aided and secured the election of a boy candidate, whose last chance it was. This was a case supported by the provinces of Monmouthshire and Bristol, with both of which provinces Wiltshire is working in the most friendly union. To attain these results the votes of the province had been considerably pledged in advance, but the Committee felt that the brethren of the province would enable it to redeem its pledge by sending in every possible vote, more especially when it was considered that the children in question through the engagements thus made were enjoying the benefits of the School some time before they otherwise could have done so.

The report stated that the Committee had received from the provinces during the year 1176 votes for the various Institutions, shewing a steady increase year by year, and it mentioned the gratifying fact that the average number of votes per lodge possessed by the Wiltshire lodges was only exceeded in eight of the forty-three provinces of England and Wales.

The report was adopted.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas., brought before the lodge a subject which had appeared on the agenda paper, in relation to the establishment of a local Benevolent Fund for the province. He referred to the large sums taken up for the various charities from time to time by different brethren from this province (as evidenced in the fact they had just heard in the report read by Bro. Nott, that the Wiltshire votes for the year numbered 1176), to the large buildings and great revenues of the Schools, and the large number of scholars educated there. He did not propose to take any decided steps at present and without full consideration, but he thought the time had come when we ought to consider what funds might be likely to be available for local purposes, whether if a distinct fund were established there would be brethren who would like to subscribe to it, whether legacies might not be bequeathed to it, and whether that fund might not be applied in somewhat a different manner to that in which the funds of the existing great Masonic Charities are applied. He instanced, in addition to grants such as those that day made in aid of present distress, the payment of fees at local schools, the granting scholarships, and other ways which would ensure good results at a much less cost than the present large expense of the great Masonic Schools, an expense by many considered to be somewhat excessive. He thought that after meeting such local claims they would still be able to aid the funds of the existing Charities. He proposed the appointment of a committee, consisting of the P.G. Treas., Registrar, and Secretary, and of one brother from each lodge to be elected by the members thereof, such committee to consider the whole subject and report thereon to the next meeting of P.G. Lodge.

Bro. Nott, P.G. Reg., seconded the proposition, remarking that as it was merely for the appointment of a committee to consider the question he did not purpose going fully into the subject. He might mention, however, that he had studied the working of local educational benevolent institutions in other provinces, and in every case that had come under his notice he had found that these institutions were very successful, and he saw no reason to doubt that some such institution as that alluded to would succeed in Wiltshire.

Bro. Tombs, P.G. Sec., drew attention to the fact that no less a sum than £1050 was required to purchase a perpetual presentation to one of the Schools. Now this ought in interest alone to produce between £40 and £50 without touching the capital, and it seemed to him that it was a matter for consideration whether if a province had any large sum to dispose of it might not be employed more advantageously.

Bro. Lord Harry Thynne called attention to the danger of doing anything that would break up the strong associations they had with the existing Charities. They had, no doubt, power to devote their funds as they liked, and to educate children elsewhere if they liked, but he was afraid that if such a fund as that alluded to were established it might have the effect of alienating the sympathies of the brethren from the existing Schools and Benevolent Institution and of prejudicially affecting them. Wiltshire had been most successful in its support of, and connection with, these Charities, and also at the elections, and our position in that respect he did not want to see weakened.

Bro. Walter Long supported the appointment of the Committee. It did not affect their position. The Committee was merely to consider and report to the next Prov. G. Lodge, and it would be for that Prov. G. Lodge then to act as it might think fit.

The acting P.G.M., Bro. Goldney, in putting the proposition to the meeting, said that, no doubt, the administration of the existing Charities was a subject of great interest. Was the present mode of spending their funds the best one? Undoubtedly, the expenses of the Masonic Schools were comparatively higher than those of others of which he had some knowledge, and named Christ's Hospital and the Sons of the Clergy Schools, but he thought that if unnecessarily high this fault could be remedied. He was strongly in favour of getting the feeling of the whole province on the subject of its charitable funds and how they should be applied.

The proposition (with a slight amendment proposed by Lord H. F. Thynne, and assented to) was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The acting P.G.M. then stated that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, and that was to invest with the Charity jewels, voted by the province, two brethren, who had each served the office of Steward to two of the Masonic Charities—namely, Bros. William Nott, P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg., and Samuel Gauntlett, P.P.C.S. of Wks. In investing Bro. Nott, he mentioned how much the province generally was indebted to him for his work on behalf of the Charities, both as Secretary to the Charity Organisation Committee and also in his two Stewardships, in discharge of which he had taken up a larger aggregate sum than any other Steward had ever done for the province. In investing Bro. Gauntlett, he congratulated both him on the way in which he had always stuck to Masonry and the province on his services.

Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The acting P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. F. H. Goldney, 626 ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Walter H. Long, 632 ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Alex. Headley, 626 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, 626 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Treas.

William Nott, 663 (re-appointed) Prov. G. Reg.
 Henry C. Tombs, 355 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
 Henry J. Birch, 1295 ... Prov. G.S.D.
 Samuel Gauntlett, 632 ... Prov. G.J.D.
 Alfred Browne, 632 ... Prov. G. S. of W.
 John Chandler, 355 (re-appointed) Prov. G.D.C.
 Chas. Gauntlett, 632 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
 Wm. Adye, 1271 ... Prov. G.S.B.
 W. H. Brinkworth, 626 ... Prov. G. Org.
 H. E. Bishop, 632 ... Prov. G.P.
 John Savory (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Before closing the lodge, the acting P.G.M. again alluded to the absence of the P.G.M., Lord Methuen, such absence being enforced by his medical attendant, and said that his lordship very much regretted it, more especially after the demonstration of their feeling towards him at Swindon last year. His lordship wished to say how much—had he been able—he should have liked to come amongst the brethren that day and again thank them for their kind presentation on that occasion. In making the appointment of officers his lordship had thoroughly gone into the various qualifications. In appointing Bro. F. H. Goldney to the Senior Warden's chair, he had desired to some extent to acknowledge the obligation the province was under to that brother for his laborious undertaking in writing that history of Freemasonry in Wiltshire which he believed was now in the press, and he hoped would soon be in the hands of the brethren. His lordship thought that such services as this ought to be acknowledged, and he, the acting P.G.M., as Bro. F. H. Goldney's father, had great pleasure in carrying out his lordship's wishes.

After a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 632 for their reception that day, the P.G.L. was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together in another part of the same building, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Goldney.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

To the toast of "The Grand Master, &c.," Lord H. Thynne, P.G.W. England, P.G.R.A. Supt. Wilts, responded, saying that although his engagements were so varied that he might almost say he was "Jack of all trades and Master of none," yet one of the things he was most proud of was that of being a brother Mason, and there was one thing that he should never forget he owed to his connection with Wiltshire, and that was his position in Grand Lodge.

Lord H. Thynne then went on to propose "The Health of the V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Goldney," whom he had had the pleasure of knowing in lodge and in private life for very many years, and in either capacity he had always found that all those who knew him were proud of his acquaintance. Feeling that he was one of those to whom every honour that Masonic custom could give was due, he called upon them to drink his health. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Goldney, D.P.G.M., in returning thanks, said he felt that he had not performed the duties of his office as regards visiting the various lodges in such a way as he could have wished, owing to his public engagements, but he hoped to see the private lodges oftener in future. Masonry had many privileges, one very prominent one being its claim to universal brotherhood in its setting down steps to enable us to ascend towards the perfection of high sentiment and good feeling, virtues which ought to enter more than they did into our social life. Lord H. F. Thynne in Provincial Grand Lodge that morning had alluded to the Masonic Institutions in a way as to which there might be a slight difference of opinion, but he believed we all met in lodge in the fullness of that charity which our Great Saviour preached, that feeling in which Masonry existed, and which Masonry enabled them to express. Masonry was a source of much gratification in the interest it promoted between the members of various provinces, but it had its origin in graver things. King Solomon was the greatest monarch in those days, and his principal greatness lay in the fact that he was able to break away from the bonds of priestly knowledge, and set up a secular knowledge under the name of wisdom. That wisdom was believed to have been the foundation of Masonry, and that knowledge ought to be found in our lodges. But had Masonry done all it ought to have done in carrying out the higher wisdom in which it was founded was a question worthy of consideration. Now education had been brought home to every one by the State, it became to his mind a subject of serious moment, and one deserving the best attention of Masons, whether from the large funds at their disposal they might not do more to foster a higher education, and advance the cause of science to a greater extent than they had done, and thus endeavour to walk in the ways of the great originator of our Order. Funds were often wasted by distribution in small sums, without producing any great result, whereas, added together, they might perhaps enable us to give a helping hand to enable some one individual—perhaps in a very humble position, but who only wanted help—to rise to a foremost place in the higher branches of knowledge. Some of our greatest men, some of those who had done most for England's greatness, had begun life in very lowly circumstances; they had struggled, they had persevered through difficulties, and had at last attained to prominence and eminence alike, creditable to their nation and to themselves. Might we not have the power of helping such as these in their early struggles? Now if a boy at school shows great talent, and we could give him an exhibition of £60 or £70 a year for two or three years, what a chance it would give him, for not only his own advantage, but of elevating Masonry in the view of the whole world by showing that it is a body which by its noble acts fostered science, and thereby did good service

to the country; for science, he believed, was at the bottom of our success as a nation. If the Committee, that day appointed, could amongst other things shew them the way to devoting some of their funds in the direction indicated, he believed it would be well received and be of great benefit. We should thus be building bridges which would unite one class of the community with the other, and should be doing our best to perpetuate the wisdom of the great founder of our Order.

The D.P.G.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. the P.G.M., Lord Methuen."

Bro. E. T. Payne, P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Wilts, proposed "The Health of the W. Bro. Lord H. F. Thynne, P.G.W. England, and P.G.R.A. Supt. Wilts," to which his Lordship briefly responded.

Bro. Gen. Doherty, P.S.G.W. Wilts, gave "The Health of the other Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," and this was responded to by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.S.G.W., and Bro. Walter Long, P.J.G.W.

Bro. W. Long then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," many of whom of distinguished eminence he was pleased to see amongst them. He coupled with that toast the names of the V.W. Bros. Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G.C. Oxon; R. N. Howard, P.G. Sec. Dorset; and R. W. Worlock, P.G. Sec. Bristol.

Capt. Homfray, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to come there to thank them and their Charity Committee on behalf of the Provinces of Monmouth and Bristol for the valuable aid given to their candidate at the last election, which secured her success. He was glad to testify, from personal experience in London at the elections for the Charities, to the excellent way in which those elections were worked on behalf of his province by the Secretary to the Committee, his excellent Bro. William Nott, who by his exact calculations managed to secure the success of their candidates without any waste of votes. He felt that so long as the provinces in the neighbourhood united together in the way they were now doing they would be enabled to secure their fair share of the benefits of the Charities. At the last election they had been enabled to aid a London candidate, thereby shewing that the provinces had no ill feeling toward the metropolis and establishing a claim for reciprocity at some future time. He hoped that nothing would be done to weaken our three noble Institutions, and he felt sure that if there were any well founded complaints against them it was only necessary that representation should be made to Grand Lodge to ensure a reform.

Bro. Howard and Bro. Worlock also returned thanks, the latter expressing the gratitude of the Province of Bristol to the Wiltshire Charity Organisation Committee.

Bro. the Rev. A. Headley, P.G.C., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," dilating warmly on the excellences and advantages thereof, and stating that as Masons they were bound to respond to the constant cry of "Give! give!" which must proceed from those Institutions so long as the claims upon them were so much greater than they could meet, as at present.

Bro. William Nott, in responding, did so with very great pleasure, and was glad of the opportunity of expressing his hope that nothing he had done with reference to a local Benevolent Fund would in any way interfere with these grand Charities. Did he think so, he would never for a moment support such a scheme, but he believed that charity begun and developed at home would expand and widen in such a way as to embrace within its scope aid to these greater Institutions from quarters whence none was at present forthcoming. He thanked them on behalf of the Charities, and also for the support afforded him in his capacity as Steward for two of them, by which he was enabled to take up an aggregate sum of £500.

Bro. S. Gauntlett also thanked the brethren on behalf the Charities and for the support accorded to him as Steward.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the P.G. Sec., Bro. Henry C. Tombs," which was most warmly received.

Bro. Tombs, in responding, said that it was a satisfaction to him that he occupied for the last eleven or twelve years the position of P.G. Sec., for it was an honourable one. He cheerfully performed the duties of the office, chiefly because he knew that Masonry was founded on high and religious principles. He knew of no other which recognises as Masonry recognises the volume of the Sacred Law, the Book which should direct all our labours and ever be borne in mind, and so tend to elevate our Order, and cause the outside world to acknowledge that there is something in our meetings and services which tends to make us better men and citizens. This idea should endear us to Freemasonry and make us strive to maintain its character.

The toast of "The Wiltshire Lodges" and the Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close.

THE "LITTLE" MEMORIAL FUND.

A meeting of the Committee of the above Fund was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the brethren present being: Bros. George Kenning (Chairman), the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, H. C. Levander, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Cubitt, and William Dodd (Secretary).

The Secretary stated that the total amount received was £208 5s., of which £37 9s. had been paid for the memorial stone, an illustration of which will appear in the December number of "The Masonic Magazine." Promised subscriptions, amounting to £36 15s., were still unpaid; those, when received, would leave £207 11s. at the disposal of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette proposed, and Bro. Herbert Dicketts seconded the motion, "That one half of the balance left after paying for the marble column over the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little's grave at the Camberwell Cemetery be paid to his widow, and that the other, half

be handed over to the trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for investment, the interest thereon to be devoted annually to a prize to be denominated 'The Wentworth Little Memorial Prize.'"

Bro. Thomas Cubitt proposed that the final meeting of the subscribers should be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, Dec. 5th, at five p.m. This having been seconded by Bro. Dr. Brette and carried, the Secretary was requested to send a summons to each subscriber. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD.

The annual banquet of the lodge of instruction under the warrant of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon—usually held at Bro. J. Goodman's, the Fox and Hounds Inn—was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday evening, to meet the convenience of Bro. Goodman. This lodge was established on the 18th June, 1859, and was removed to Bro. Clemishaw's, the Railway Hotel, Addiscombe-road, on the 2nd January, 1862, and on the 6th March, 1873, it was removed to its present house, the Fox and Hounds. Messrs. Green, of the Crown, provided a very excellent repast, the menu comprising all the delicacies of the season, liberally supplied and exceedingly well served.

The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Close, W.M., P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; the vice-chairs by Bro. B. H. Ridge, S.W., J.W. 1347, J.D. 463; Bro. J. S. Streeter, S.W., J.W. 463; and Bro. H. J. Saxelby, I.G. 463.

The visitors comprised Bro. R. W. Sprague, P.M. 190, 91, Grand Steward; the following brethren of Panmure Lodge, 720:—Bros. Sheadd, W.M.; E. Mitchell, S.W.; C. Richardson, W.S.; C. Blogg, D.C.; and Ash; Bros. C. Sawyer, P.M. 1619; L. A. Mesrouze, S.W., W.M. elect 1238; W. W. Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Herts; S. W. Lambert, W.M. 1556; brethren of Old England Lodge, 1790: Bros. Buckworth, S.W.; H. Harland, J.W.: W. P. Robinson, Sec.; and J. M. Gillingham, brethren of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463; Bros. J. Close, W.M.; T. B. Dickens, P.M., P.P.G.R.; B. H. Ridge, J.D.; J. S. Streeter, J.W.; Herbert Saxelby, I.G.; G. T. Hall, Gillingham, sen., Platt, and other brethren.

Dessert having been placed on the table, the W.M. proposed in succession "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," associated with the name of Bro. R. W. Sprague, P.M. 190, 91, G.S., who responded to the toast in a highly effective speech; "The Prov. Grand Master, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. G. W. Arnold, and the rest of the Prov. Officers, Present and Past," associated with the name of Bro. Dickens, P.M., P.P.G.R., who suitably responded.

"The East Surrey Lodge of Concord" was proposed by Bro. Sheadd, and acknowledged by the Chairman; followed by "The Lodge of Instruction;" "The Hon. Preceptors, Bro. Ridge and Dep. Bro. Sheadd;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" "The Dinner Committee;" "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman;" The Press and other toasts of a complimentary nature.

The incidental vocal harmony was capitally rendered by Bros. Pritchett, Ridge, Chumley, and other brethren, Bro. Pritchett officiating as accompanist in his usual artistic manner.

The arrangements were admirably carried out by a Committee consisting of Bros. J. Close, P.M.; Sheadd, W.M.; S. W. Lambert, W.M.; B. H. Ridge, J.D.; and Herbert Saxelby, I.G. (Hon. Sec.)

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS SAMUEL MORTLOCK.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. Thos. Samuel Mortlock, under peculiarly distressing circumstances. Bro. Mortlock was attending the funeral of Bro. E. J. Page, P.M., Grand Stewards' Lodge, on Wednesday, at Norwood Cemetery. While in the chapel, as the clergyman was uttering the words, "In the midst of life we are in death," Bro. Mortlock fell from his seat, and expired in a few minutes. Our deceased brother, who was well-known in Masonry, and was deservedly respected everywhere, was a P.M. of No. 186; P.Z. No. 141 and 186; P.M. of the Thistle Mark No. 8; and a P.M. of the Temple Mark. He was a very hard worker in Freemasonry, and a liberal supporter of the Charities.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK FOR 1880.—A glance at this welcome annual will show in an instant the universality of Freemasonry, and prove the fact that lodges abound in the whole of the civilized world. The publisher, Mr. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, claims for this pocket-book that it is a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, and the truth of this statement is shown in every page, for it would be hard indeed to suggest an improvement in a work which is at once a marvel of cheapness and utility. Armed with it the Mason can see the time and place at which every lodge in the world meets, and therefore—wherever he may be—he can ensure for himself an acquaintanceship with men who are bound to him by the fraternal brotherhood of the order. It contains a list of lodges with dates (ancient and modern), Chapters, K. T. Encampments, Conclaves, Grand Councils, names of the officers, and full particulars of every Masonic body throughout the globe. It is unnecessary to wish success to a work of this kind, for its own intrinsic merit is sure to command recognition at the hands of those for whom it is intended.—*Clerkenwell Press*, Nov. 19, 1879.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Francis Burdett has been nominated as Sheriff for the county of Surrey.

The election meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, was held on Thursday evening last at Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The presentation of prizes to the London Rifle Brigade takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, in the presence of the Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Francis Truscott, and the Sheriffs, Bros. Woolton, J.P., and Bayley, J.P. The presentation will take place at 5.15 p.m.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement takes place on Friday next at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kensington, S.G.W.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master has, we are informed, been pleased to sanction the removal of the Clapham Lodge (No. 1818), from the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, to the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, Pimlico, where spacious rooms have been placed at the disposal of its members. The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on Monday next; the 24th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Louis Hirsch, W.M.

We are asked to state that the day of meeting of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction (No. 58), has been altered from Friday to Monday, at 6 o'clock.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Monday, the 9th February, 1880, instead of the 11th, as previously announced, the Grand Master's consent having been obtained for the alteration of the day to suit Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. N. and E. Ridings, Yorkshire, who will preside.

The consecration of the Marlborough Chapter (No. 1399) of Royal Arch Masons is fixed for Friday next at one o'clock precisely. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed in the lodge-room, Woodstock, by Comp. David Pryce Owen, P.Z. 998, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Comp. H. Plumridge, Mus. Bac., Oxon. The principals designate are Comps. T. B. Brown, M.E.Z.; James Long, H.; and Henry Williams, J.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held on Monday, the 1st proximo, at 4 p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-st., Edinburgh, for the election and installation of Grand Office-bearers, and also for the celebration, at 5 o'clock p.m., of the Festival of St. Andrew. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary, will be glad to have early applications for tickets from those intending to be present.

The annual meeting of the Grand Priory of of the Order of the Temple, of the province of Cheshire, will be held at Macclesfield, on Wednesday, the 26th, at 4 p.m.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Mark Lodge of England will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 2nd of December, at 5 p.m.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. S. W. Wilkinson, J.P., P.P.S.G.D., Cheshire, was elected Mayor of Stockport on the 10th inst., and received the hearty congratulations of his brethren in the lodge of St. John, No. 104, on his arrival in company with the ex-Mayor (Bro. Alderman J. L. Vaughan, J.P., P.M. 1030, E. Lanc.), at the regular lodge meeting held on the evening of the same day.

Six brethren in the Craft retire at the present election of the School Board, but all are nominated:—Bro. Sir John Bennett, W.S. Prior; E. N. Buxton, Rev. C. Danby Reade, J. Heald, and T. E. Miller. They do not belong to our party in the board, but we hope on their re-election they will "agree like brother and brother."

A splendid complimentary banquet was given to Bro. Alderman Clement Stretton on his retirement from the Mayoralty in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on the 10th inst., under the presidency of the new Mayor, John Bennett, Esq., and attended by a large number of influential inhabitants of Leicester and neighbourhood.

It is in contemplation to present Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.J.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle, with a handsome silver cradle in recognition of a certain "interesting event" which occurred during his year of office. Bro. Sewell has also been made a borough and county magistrate. On the 10th inst. Bro. J. P. McArthur was elected mayor of Buttle in room of Bro. Newell.

Among those present at the banquet of the Worshipful Company of Liners, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday last, were Bros. Sir Charles Whetham, Sir Charles Bennett, R. Poorly, George Kenning, H. Parker, H. W. Dalwood, Bonnewell, Clarke, and others.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1880 is now ready, price 2s., and may be obtained of any bookseller, or direct from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Adv.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 28, 1879.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1679, Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Dalston.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Victoria Station.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., W.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, F.M.H.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
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.C.
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., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1348, Elbury, Regent Masonic Hall.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Rose Croix 28, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.
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 Bds., 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-la.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.
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, NOVEMBER 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.

" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.

Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

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, NOVEMBER 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Artily. C., City-rd.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, D.B. of W. Office, Calford-bdg.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 29, 1879.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.
" 613, Unity, Palatine B., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1052, Callendar, Public H., Rusholme.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hct., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Towmley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
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