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Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—A meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Wednesday last, when Bro. Lasseter was passed to the Second Degree. A resolution of sympathy with Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, was carried unanimously. Much business was transacted, and the lodge, after one of its pleasant social reunions, separated at an early hour. Among those present were Bros. Hope, D.M., Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Sampson Pierce, P. F. Rae, Woodford, Barron, Batley, Barber Deacon, Pontifex, Jolliffe, Taggart, Baile, jun., Letchworth, and some visiting brethren.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The above distinguished lodge held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Bull and Gate Tavern, Kentish Town-road. The members present were Bros. Gray, W.M.; Pocklington, S.W.; Morrell Rivers, J.W.; Woolfe, J.D.; and P.M.'s Frost, Garrett, Young, Medivayn, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Fradelle, of 246. The principal event of the evening was the initiation of Mr. C. B. Hilliard (a Lewis), which was creditably performed by the W.M. The lodge business being completed the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Brother," and, in a few well-chosen sentences, congratulated Bro. Hilliard on his admission into Freemasonry. Bro. Hilliard made a most amusing reply, and was most heartily received by the lodge. Several excellent songs were given, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. We cannot close this brief report without mentioning the very clever rendering of a recitation by Bro. Fradelle.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, when there were present Bros. W. R. Sheadd, W.M.; E. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M., as J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; W. Gunner, S.D.; G. Lambert, J.D.; C. A. Blogg, Org.; D.C.; G. Mulley, I.G.; C. Richardson, Steward; W. Steedman, P.M.; Tyler; D. Trusher, P.M.; Lilley, Barton, Hall, Garcia, Cronk, Treves, Kerr, King, Plater, Ash, and Mellhuish. Visitors: Bros. W. Foulsham, W.M. Old England Lodge, 1790; and P. Butler, P.M. Mayo Lodge, 1413. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Letters of apology from several brethren and Past Masters were read. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Garcia and Cronk were examined for raising; entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Garcia and Cronk were raised separately as far as investment. The Traditional History was given by the W.M. in full, and exceedingly well done. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. The W.M. agreed to represent the lodge at festival on 11th February next, and £5 5s. was voted as a nucleus on his list from the Charity Fund of the lodge. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. One brother, having removed, was placed on the list of country members. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The charity box having been circulated, the Tyler's toast was given about 11, thus concluding a pleasant evening.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Bambridge Lyon, who had been unanimously elected W.M. at the previous meeting, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, by Bro. P. A. Nairne, in his usual impressive and able manner, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters who were in

attendance, either as Past Masters of the lodge or as visitors. The visitors were very numerous, and included Bros. Larham, P.M. 1216; Mulley, P.M. 256; Temple, P.M. 194; Farmer, W.M. 25; C. T. Davey, P.M. 176; Vickery, W.M. 1475; Sanderson, W.M. 69; W. M. Goss, P.M. 176; Thue, W.M. 1622; J. H. Hastie, P.M. 1216; T. Stephens, P.M. 1475; Edmondston, W.M. 1669; Alfred Richards, P.M. 46; Cooper, W.M. 507; A. Martin, W.M. 1539; Allworth, P.M. 1261; Grey, 176; Carter, 1705; Adams, 975; Grumant, 1559; Ward, 1540; Hutchings, 147; Smallman, 507; Collins, 1641; T. W. Hadon and J. Greening, 1426; Whitby, 1475; Robinson, 1381; Attril, 160; Stead, 1622; Peerless, 101; Wayne, 1669; Bradley, 1669; Collins, 1614; A. Legg, 1348; Schofield, 46; Tomkins, 1669; Cowley, 1559; and Earney, 516. The installation completed, Bro. Lyon, the W.M., proceeded at once to the ceremony of raising Bro. Ansell to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and delighted all the members and visitors by the very accurate working which he displayed in rendering the ritual, which included the traditional history and tracing board. Bro. Bickerton, the I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in the acknowledgment of his able and courteous conduct in the chair during a happy and prosperous year of office. The report of the Audit Committee was of the most satisfactory character, displaying as it did the characteristics of well paid subscriptions, large contributions to charity, good assets, small liabilities, and a fair balance in hand. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet was spread, to which the brethren did ample justice. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and "The Health of the I.P.M.," who suitably responded to the greetings of the brethren. Bro. Nairne proposed "The Visitors" in a very happy and hospitable tone, and Bro. Cooper, W.M. United Pilgrims Lodge, and Bro. A. Richards, G.S., as eloquently expressed the gratification of the visiting brethren. The other toasts were equally well received, and Bro. Bryant, S.W., had an easy task in responding for the efficient officers of whom he is now the leader, sitting in the west. The officers invested were, in addition to the S.W., Bros. Richards, J.W.; Golston, S.D.; Middlemass, J.D.; and J. C. Reynolds, jun., I.G. The Treasurer is Bro. J. C. Reynolds, sen.; Bro. Andrews, Secretary; and Bros. Faber and Brinton, Stewards; with Bro. Nairne, D.C.; the brethren of the lodge always deprecating any change in these important offices. Bros. Shibling, O., Goss, Voisey, and Arman, contributed to the harmony of the lodge by their vocal powers, and elicited the plaudits of the 86 brethren assembled at the feast. Bro. Lyon may be congratulated on coming to the chair of this strong and prosperous lodge.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE No. (1623).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at their lodge-house, the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. Howes, supported by his S.W., W. Pennefather; Bro. J. J. Howes, J.W., pro. tem. The minutes of last regular lodge meeting, also lodge of emergency and auditor's report, were read and confirmed. Bros. Silver and Pettett, of the lodge, also Bros. Willis, Cohen, and Follet, of 1326, having the written consent of the W.M. of that lodge, and paying the usual fee, were entrusted, and retired. The W.M. then prepared his lodge for the passing of the five brethren already named, which he accomplished in a most able manner. The lodge was then resumed, and ballot was taken for the two following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. McNeil Mackay and J. Walter, which proved unanimous; these gentlemen being present, were duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. then rose to enquire for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. G. H. Stephens communicated to lodge his intention to stand Steward at the next coming festival of the aged Freemasons, and he requested the lodge to assist him. The lodge voted him £5 5s. Bro. P.M. T. W. Adams promised to support his list by adding a similar amount; also other brethren promising him their support. Masonic business being ended the W.M. closed the lodge, having observed all usual customs, and the brethren retired to the banquet hall, there to partake of one of Bro. Butt's well-served dinners, everything being as it ought to be. All Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, the harmony of the evening being ably sustained by the organist of the lodge, Bro. Egbert Roberts, assisted by Bro. Knight Smith, professor of music and W.M. 1441, and members of the lodge. Members of the lodge not already mentioned were Bros. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., and late Treas.; McButt, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; J. J. Howes, D.C.; W. Snow, W.S.; W. Butt, C.S. Lay members: Bros. Renaut, Corke, Greenwood, W. C. Smith, King, and others. The whole of the evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner possible. A Masonic ball in connection with the lodge is being arranged, and will be duly announced in the *Freemason* and other papers as to when.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; H. John, J.W.; H. Leah, Hon. Sec.; Darnell, J.D.; A. Sack, I.G.; E. Dyer, D.C.; H. Muggeridge, P.M., and a number of other brethren. The W.M. opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, when Bro. H. Muggeridge took the chair, and raised Bro. Street to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of an excellent plain supper, provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. Crichton, and presided over by Bro. Storr, the W.M., in his usual genial manner.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Bros. Bush, W.M.; Butcher,

S.W.; Staley, J.W.; Frost, Orgt.; Adamson, Treas.; Reed, Sec.; Harris, S.D.; Buckworth, J.D.; Rexworthy, D.C.; Kimpton, I.G.; Woodward, Steward; Church, Tyler; Dixon, P.M.; Recknell, R. Kimpton, Stubbs, Bleck, Andrew, Gathercole, Langley, Schove, Fowler, Carter, Lehany, and Chapman. Visitors: Bros. Pare, W.M. 185; and Bausor, P.M. During business Bros. Langley and Stubbs were raised to the Third Degree; Bro. Schove passed to the Second Degree; Bro. Butcher, S.W., elected W. Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Adamson elected Treasurer; Bro. Church was chosen as Tyler; and Bros. Recknell and Kimpton were elected to audit the accounts of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, value £10 10s, was unanimously voted for Bro. Bush, and £1 10s. for Bro. Terry's (Secretary) old men and old women's annual treat at Christmas.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A large number of brethren assembled on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, to witness the installation of Bro. John Douglass, of the Theatres Royal Standard and Park, as Worshipful Master, which ceremony was performed in a faultless manner by Bro. James Willing, jun., I.P.M. Among the officers and brethren present we noticed the following: Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M.; John Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732, Sec.; J. L. Jones, S.D.; W. Cook, I.G.; G. H. Deller, D. of C.; W. Jaques, Org.; Augustus Holt and J. W. Smith, Stewards; T. A. Adams, P.M., P.G.P. of England; W. Clarke, P.M., P.G. D. of C. Norfolk; E. W. Parkes, F. W. Sillis, F. H. Tomkins, F. Johnson, W. Armstrong, K. Clemow, J. Maby, F. Howcroft, C. Hammond, F. Dovey, J. H. Bennett, J. C. Smith, M. Zumpf, E. Tompkins, W. R. A. Cole, P. J. Jagels, J. W. Wheeler, A. Ramsden, G. Eshelby, G. W. E. Thorn, J. Blundell, C. H. Holland, W. Redstone, H. Horne, H. Dickey, J. T. Woods, and the following visitors:—Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; M. Spiegel, W.M. 188; Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; J. Stock, I.P.M. 1178; F. Garbett, P.M. 1178; H. Stiles, J.W. 1732; C. C. Cruikshanks, S.D. 1777; B. Kauffmann, D. of C. 1732; W. Knight, I.G. 87; W. Crane, 907; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; L. Solomon, 1507; C. Gwyer, 1602; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at four o'clock, when Bro. Willing, W.M., at once commenced with the heavy business before him by raising to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Blundell, G. W. Thorn, and C. H. Holland. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, J. T. Woods, and W. Redstone were passed to the Degree of F.C. The installation of Bro. John Douglass was then proceeded with. After the usual introductory business had been transacted, the chair was assumed by the I.P.M., Bro. Willing, and Bro. J. Douglass, S.W., W.M. elect, being presented, was duly installed according to ancient custom. Bro. Douglass then appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. F. H. Clemow, S.W.; J. L. Jones, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles (re-appointed), Sec.; T. J. Hyland, S.D.; W. Cook, J.D.; Augustus Holt, D. of C.; John W. Smith, A. D. of C.; G. H. Deller, I.G.; W. Jaques and W. Read, Stewards; F. W. Sillis, Org.; J. Dolan, Tyler, Bro. Douglass accompanying each investment with a few complimentary remarks. The I.P.M. then proceeded to charge the newly installed W.M. on the manner of performing the duties of his office. The W.M. immediately entered upon his duties by initiating, which he did with much eloquence and effect, Messrs. John N. Hare, Thomas H. Ellis, Joseph Gray, and James Hone. The lodge was shortly afterwards formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in magnificent style by Bro. R. Michell. At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and warmly received by the brethren present, the W.M. observing that he intended to make all his remarks in as brief a manner possible, and he trusted the rest of the brethren would do likewise. In proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Willing said he perfectly agreed with Bro. Douglass as to short speeches. He (Bro. Willing), as first W.M. of the lodge, felt exceedingly pleased at having such a successor as Bro. Douglass, and he sincerely hoped that everything connected with the lodge would continue to be as happy and comfortable as it had been during his reign. The working of the lodge had always been carried on both prosperously and harmoniously. The lodge having to keep in a certain district, it was very surprising to see the large number of applicants continually seeking to be admitted. He could safely challenge the Craft to name a more successful lodge. When the lodge was started, which event occurred in May, 1878, the number of members was seven, their strength now consisted of sixty-eight members. Though so large a lodge he was proud to say they were all so happy that they should be sorry to lose one of them, which, he thought, was no small boast. Bro. Willing went on to say that this was not the first occasion upon which Bro. Douglass had occupied the chair of W.M., he had already filled the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, both with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself. Bro. Douglass had many calls upon his time, being proprietor of two London theatres, the Standard and the Park, but he had always attended, he was pleased to say, regularly to his Masonic calls. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. When it had subsided, Bro. Douglass rose and tendered his best thanks for the very hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. He felt very much flattered by Bro. Willing's complimentary remarks. He would not occupy the time of the brethren, but would call upon Bro. Cruikshanks for a song. Bro. Cruikshanks having complied, the W.M. again rose to propose the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master." The prosperity of the Royal Savoy Lodge should be a gratification to them all. Its wonderful success was, they all knew, mainly due to their I.P.M. Bro. Willing had proved him-

self a sort of conservatory in bringing out its many sprouts. He had much pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services. Bro. Willing, after some humorous remarks, said every officer of the lodge was so proficient in the duties, that there was really no call upon him as Past Master for assistance. He was pleased to notice, by the constant attendance of the younger members at the Lodge of Instruction, their anxiety to become proficient in the traditions of the Order. He had himself been fortunate enough to meet and to surround himself with personal friends, who had rallied round him at the foundation of the two lodges, the Metropolitan and the Royal Savoy. He assured the brethren he left the chair heartily congratulating himself on the prosperity of the lodge. To have been the first W.M. of such a lodge he considered a proud era in his life. The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M. He would not, time being so short, call upon them all to respond, but would couple with the toast the names of Bros. T. A. Adams, P.G.P., and W. Clark, P.G.D. of C. Norfolk. It being discovered that those brethren had retired, the W.M. said in their absence he would call upon Bros. Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; Spiegel, W.M. 188; and Scott, I.P.M. 1178. Between the toast and the reply, Bro. W. M. Stiles, who was loudly called for, favoured the brethren with a song; one more suitable to a Masonic banquet we have never heard. Bro. Lovegrove, in responding, said he was much surprised to be called upon to speak first, for as W.M. of the youngest lodge, he thought he ought to have been the last. He thought all present would admit that Bro. Willing's working was most satisfactory. He must add his expression of pleasure at the great progress made by the lodge. The number of initiates must have been very gratifying to the W.M., especially as they were so happy together as to cause the I.P.M. to say that they would be sorry to lose a single member. Bros. Spiegel and Stock also briefly replied. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," which he considered the most important toast next to the M.W.G.M. He trusted that they would find the science sufficiently interesting as to make them strive to their utmost to grasp the whole workings of the Craft, and aim to occupy the same chair he had that evening the pleasure to fill. Each of the initiates replied, expressing his pride and happiness at being admitted into the lodge, and expressed a wish to become worthy members of the Craft. The W.M. then referred to the presence of Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the honour of whose visit he would propose a toast not on the toast list. He asked them to drink to "The Health of the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of their Bro. Hedges. Bro. Hedges, in reply, said: W.M., Wardens, and brethren, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise to respond to this toast. When I see so many brethren around me, who have done so much for the Charities, I should indeed be wanting were I to allow this occasion to pass without tendering to them my grateful thanks. I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to remark, that between the three Charities, one of which I have the honour to represent, there are from 600 to 700 recipients. With so large a claim upon their resources, I would impress upon the brethren the great necessity of their continued support. He had the authority of the W.M. for stating that it was his (Bro. Douglass's) intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on which occasion he was sure they would see that he would be well supported. Last year Bro. Willing acted as Steward for the Girls' School, and he took this opportunity of giving that popular brother his best thanks. In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and the rest of the Officers," the W.M. remarked that they had all worked so well, that it required but few remarks from him. He considered himself particularly fortunate in having so able an Installing Master, and he begged to thank Bro. Willing for the many valuable services he had so repeatedly rendered. He also thanked Bro. Stiles for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary. Bro. Willing considered that he had been amply thanked for what he had done. He should have been powerless without the assistance of the officers, particularly of Bro. Stiles. Bro. Stiles said he would endeavour to be as brief as their worthy and esteemed Treasurer had been. He was very thankful for his re-appointment, as he was very proud to be Secretary of such a lodge. In the short space of eighteen months he was proud to say that they had cleared off all debts, and that the Treasurer had a balance in hand of £40. Bro. Willing, as first Worshipful Master, and followed by such a one as Bro. Douglass, they could do nothing but prosper. He felt great pride at being connected with this lodge. Bros. Clemow, Jones, Holt, and others replied, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Robt. Whitfield, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. M. Corbett, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; John G. Smith, J.W.; Edwd. Liddell, Sec.; H. S. Bird, as S.D.; J. Mout, J.D.; R. F. Cook, P.M. and D.C.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; D. Sinclair, P.M.; B. P. Ord, P.M., I.P.M. 1427; Matthew Swinburne, J. Matthews, W. M. Pybus, W. B. Slee, E. Shewbrooks, Jas. F. Hedley, M. J. Wheatley, T. E. Brigham, G. G. Davidson, A. Rhagg, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Vaughan, W.M. 1664; F. H. Corder, S.W. 1664; G. F. Charlton, J.W. 2664; D. G. Anderson, Sec. 1664; H. S. Bird, S.D. 1664; J. W. Lowick, 1664; J. Braithwaite, S.W. 1427; W. D. Waddell, 163; A. M. Loades, P.M. 24; R. Waugh, 1626; E. A. Gibson, 424; L. Morris, 541; J. T. Ridley, 406; W. Col-

quhoun, 424; R. Colquhoun, 424; and W. H. Dunn, 1676. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. William Dalrymple and William Leach, proposed at last regular meeting, and they were declared unanimously elected. Both gentlemen being in attendance, and properly prepared, were admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The working tools of the First Degree were given by the S.W., and the charge was delivered by the J.W. Bros. W. M. Pybus, H. B. Slee, and E. Shewbrooks were examined as to their proficiency as E. Apprentices, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Fellow Craft Degree, when Bros. Pybus, Slee, and Shewbrooks were again admitted, and passed by the W.M. as F.C.'s. The lodge was afterwards closed in the Second, and remained open in the First Degree. Bros. G. F. Westmacott, of Hengist Lodge, 195, and W. H. Dunn, of St. Nicholas Lodge, 1676, were proposed as joining members. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M., and the lodge was closed in love and harmony at 9.30 p.m. An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where the usual list of toasts was proposed, and several songs from the assembled brethren contributed to the harmony of a very pleasant evening.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—The members of this lodge held their monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th. Brethren present: Bros. W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M.; J. Lovell, jun., J.W.; G. H. Small, S.; F. Holman, S.D.; M. Sampson, J.D.; J. S. C. Simpson, D.C.; F. Rodda, I.G.; W. Colenso, S.; G. Wedlake, S.; J. Maxwell, P.M.; H. Carno, J. Johns, R. Laity, H. J. Oaten, C. C. Curnow, H. S. Hill, W.M. 223; J. Andrews, J. Vivian, jun.; W. Alsop, P.M. 119, Sun, Square, and Compasses; J. Jewell, E. Whitney, J. Reynolds. Visiting brethren: Bros. J. Jackson, 70; R. Sholl, 450; and W. Harker, 314. The lodge being opened in the First Degree, after the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been confirmed, Bro. W. Alsop, P.M. of Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven, was balloted for, and accepted unanimously as a member of this lodge. The next business was that of initiating Mr. W. H. Ash into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony he went through with great credit. The lodge was then closed, and opened in the Second Degree; nothing for the good of Masonry being required for this Degree, the lodge was then opened in the Third, and Bro. Joseph Vivian was then introduced to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which ceremony he bore with great fortitude, after which the lodge was closed, and opened in the First Degree, when two gentlemen were proposed, to be balloted for at the next meeting. Nothing more transpiring for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The opening meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was, as usual, well attended by both members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. John Warren, opened the lodge soon after half-past six p.m., supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Past Masters A. W. Woodley, J. Graham, and S. Goddard; J. Wilkins, S.W.; E. B. Hobson, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. S. Norman, P.M., Sec.; G. Beaver, S.D.; J. H. Roberts, J.D.; and T. Denden, I.G. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Shaw, W.M. 1536; T. Hutton, W.M. 13; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. Moulder, S.W. 829; M. Kaul, 1472; W. Viney, 1076; W. Rees, 913; S. Evans, 473; R. Clarke, 473; J. Gibson, 1536; G. W. Young, 1604; D. Hutton, Sec. 13; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for of Messrs. C. Rudge, J. H. Northrop, J. Sanderson, and A. Hornsey, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being worked by the W.M. with all the aplomb of an old Past Master, although this was the first time he had sat in the chair since his installation. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors sat down to a cold collation, served by Bro. R. Beaver in excellent style. The brethren having assembled round the refreshment board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of with all honours. Bro. Woodley, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said the brethren had seen the manner in which their W.M. had worked the ceremony of initiation that night. It was no easy task for an old and well-seasoned Past Master to manage four initiates, but their W.M. had carried out the work without a single hitch. From that they might anticipate what the Second and Third Degrees would be at his hands. He asked them to drink the health of the W.M. with all the honours it deserved. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Woodley and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He had always felt it a delight to do his best while in the minor offices of the lodge through which he had passed, and that pleasure was doubled now he had an opportunity of carrying out the important duties entrusted to him as W.M. From the remarks of Bro. P.M. Woodley, and their expressions of regard, he felt he had done the work that evening in such a way as to win their approbation. There was one thing they might depend upon, and that was that he should always endeavour to uphold the dignity and honour of the Nelson Lodge, and not allow its good name to deteriorate among the lodges of the district. "The Initiates" were then toasted, and responded. "The Visitors" were responded to by Bros. Hayes, P.M.; N. M. Hutton, King, Kaul, and Viney. "The Past Masters" were represented by Bros. Woodley, Butt, and Norman, the former of whom responded. Bro. Wilkins responded for "The Officers," and Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast and one verse of the National Anthem concluded the evening.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—An emergency meeting of this admirably conducted lodge was held at the Pump Room on the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. H. D. M. Williams, W.M.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; B. S. Wilmot, P.G.R. Kent, P.M.; J. Read, P.M., acting S.W.; John Burton, J.W.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; C. Graham, acting J.D.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treas.; J. Cheale, I.G.; A. Boorman, Org.; J. Strange, Tyler; Buss, Durrant, Everest, Farrer, Rule, and W. T. Wrighton. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. L. S. Tugwell was examined, entrusted, and withdrew, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the whole of the work being done in a manner which added fresh lustre to his already prosperous year. Several propositions were then given in, and the lodge was duly closed.

The regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held on the 19th inst., and was similarly attended, with the addition, as visitors, of Bros. J. G. Calway, 1619, and Copland, 127. The minutes of the last regular meeting and emergency meeting, held on the 6th inst., were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Mr. Edward Richardson, who was balloted for at the last meeting, was introduced, and was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Captain Philip Green, of Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and Bro. Captain T. H. Huth, P.M. of Nova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, as joining members, also for Messrs. Thos. Buss, J. E. Westbrook, and Philip Jackson, as candidates for Masonry, which proved unanimous. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed.

RICHMOND.—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—This lodge, which for the last sixteen years has held its meetings at the White Hart, Barnes, lately resolved to change its location to the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, and the first gathering at the new quarters was held on Friday, the 21st inst., when the members and visitors assembled in large numbers on the occasion of the installation of a deservedly popular member of the Craft, Bro. James Garnar, P.M. 1622, the S.W. of the lodge, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened punctually at the time named in the summons by Bro. G. Wigglesworth, W.M., supported by Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; J. Garnar, S.W.; J. Noble, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Lee, P.M., Secretary; Hinton, P.M.; Tyler, P.M.; Clarke, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; Potter, P.M.; Crane, S.D.; Carpenter, I.G.; Doerr, Monk, M. Graham, J. Graham, Ayling, Matthews, Brown, F. Simmons, Bugler, Slinn, G. Simmons, Williams, Richman, C. Wilcox, T. Wilcox, Hodgkinson, and Percheron; also the following visitors: Bros. T. Robins, W.M. 25; E. White, W.M. 177; A. Newens, W.M. 1044; H. Vickery, W.M. 1475; G. Duck, P.M. 1475; T. Stephens, P.M. 1475; T. Butt, P.M. 700; J. L. Cogan, P.M. 1365; E. Banister, P.M. 212; E. Somers, P.M. 1602; G. Hockley, P.M. 172; W. C. Canton, P.M. 1475; J. Cockburn, 1381; W. Hamlyn, J. D. 1622; H. Hewett, 1622; C. Radford, J.D. 1420; W. Cowley, W. Minden, 780; C. E. Goldring, 1216; H. Carter, 192; T. Pethebridge, 1622; P. H. Giles, 1158; H. W. Davie, 173; J. Drake, 1035; J. Cheeswright, 15; J. Searle, 172; J. Stanley, 1622; M. Peters, 72; and C. Marriott, 172. Bro. Egbert Roberts, Org. 1623, presided at the harmonium. The preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Monk was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. Garnar was duly presented for installation, which ceremony was rendered in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. G. Wigglesworth, the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters numbered upwards of twenty brethren, the largest board since the formation of the lodge. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Noble, S.W.; G. F. Crane, W.M. 1631 and 305, J.W.; C. A. Smith, P.M. 975, S.W. 1305, M.E.Z. 1305, Treasurer; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524, M.E.Z. 1524, Secretary; S. Carpenter, S.D.; E. Ayling, J.D.; G. Slinn, I.G.; H. O. Hinton, P.M., Wine Steward; G. Simmons, D.C.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a manner which elicited the warmest applause from the brethren. Bro. Garnar, W.M., at once commenced his duties by initiating into Freemasonry Messrs. G. Campbell, C. Shannaw, G. Farrants, and S. Fogden (who had been previously balloted for and unanimously elected), the work of the W.M. and his officers being performed in a highly creditable manner. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a first-class banquet provided by Bro. Mouffet, and served in a style which fully maintained the high reputation of the Greyhound. After grace had been sung by the musical brethren, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," wishing long life to Her Majesty and a lengthened continuance of her happy reign. "God save the Queen" having been impressively rendered, Bro. Garnar, W.M., gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and congratulated the brethren on having the heir apparent to the throne to preside over the destinies of the Craft, a position which he filled so ably and so well. "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then ably rendered and enthusiastically received. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then given by the W.M., who dwelt upon the able and excellent manner in which the Pro G. Master and Dep. G. Master performed their duties in connection with the Craft, and in alluding to the rest of the Grand Officers, referred in complimentary terms to Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., who was one of the founders of the lodge, in which he still took a great interest, as was shewn by his

presence on that occasion. He coupled his name with the toast. Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and thanked the W.M. for the cordial manner with which the toast had been received. He had always taken a great interest in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and was much gratified by the great success which the lodge had achieved, as was shown by the large gathering which had assembled on that occasion. He wished to the W.M. a happy and successful year of office, and to the lodge a continuance in the future of that success it had so deservedly enjoyed in the past. Bro. G. Wigglesworth, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, "The Worshipful Master," said: "To me is now afforded one of the greatest pleasures of the evening, that of proposing the health of your Worshipful Master. It is always a pleasing duty to a Past Master to propose health and prosperity to his successor in office, but it is doubly so to me on this occasion from the long experience, both in Masonry and private life, that I have had of the ever straightforward and gentlemanly behaviour of Bro. Garnar. We were initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge within a short time of each other, and have gradually worked through the various offices, and no member ever attained the honour of Worshipful Master who was more entitled to the good will and affection of its members. It is his good fortune to have been elected to the chair at a time when the lodge is about entering on what, I believe, will be a new era of permanent success. To the brethren present this evening who may not be aware of the circumstances, I should like to say a few words respecting our change of location. For some time past, great inconvenience has been experienced by us, owing to the limited accommodation afforded at the old quarters of the lodge, and it had become absolutely necessary to obtain another place of meeting. In this, I think, you will agree with me, we have been more successful than might have been anticipated, which statement, I think, is fully borne out by our numerous gathering this evening, and all that is necessary to make our lodge second to none is to continue to select brethren for office steady, firm, and true, like your W.M., and the position and welfare of the Rose of Denmark Lodge will be fully maintained. "Robin Adair" was then sung by Miss Emma Buer with pleasing effect. Bro. James Garnar, W.M., in responding to the toast, thanked Bro. Wigglesworth for the kind and complimentary terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the manner with which the toast had been received, and although he had been Master of another lodge, to which he was still very much attached, he felt very proud indeed in having attained the high position of Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, and in which, like Bro. Wigglesworth, he had served all the minor offices; and he felt certain that, during his year of office, he would receive the hearty and cordial support of the Past Masters and brethren. He had now a pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose "The Health of Bro. Wigglesworth, the I.P.M.," whose efficient services in the lodge, and genial conduct at the banquet table, had obtained for him during his year of office the high esteem and regard of the brethren, and he hoped that Bro. Wigglesworth might be spared for many years to enliven the festive board with his sparkling wit and rich vein of humour. He had now the privilege of presenting to Bro. Wigglesworth the handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, as a small token of recognition of his valuable services; and he hoped that Bro. Wigglesworth might be spared for many years to wear this jewel, and in the future it would be handed down to his children, or his children's children, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which he was held in the Rose of Denmark Lodge. Bro. Wigglesworth, I.P.M., said: "Worshipful Sir and brethren, to you who have so kindly expressed yourselves towards me I can but offer my sincere thanks for the great honour done me in presenting me with this valuable jewel, accompanied as it is with the approbation of the brethren, in acknowledgment of the manner in which I have, to the best of my power and ability, attempted the duties of the chair. My connection with this lodge is one extending over many years, and it is to me a most pleasing reflection that, during the whole of that time, I have never seen or heard of any disagreement amongst its members; on the contrary, it has always been a pleasure with us to assist in the advancement of a brother. I, therefore, feel certain I have arrived at my present position without causing a pang of envy or regret in the minds of any of the brethren of the lodge. I started in Masonry with the fixed resolve that should I ever take office in any lodge it should be in this. To the Rose of Denmark Lodge, my first love, I have been true. Your kindness shown towards me in all the offices I have held, but more especially to-night, can never be obliterated from my memory, and, in conclusion, I hope I may live to see increased prosperity to the lodge, but of this I am assured, that we shall never be able to improve on the bonds of true and sincere brotherhood which now exist amongst us. The toast of "The Initiates" was then proposed, and appropriately responded to. An excellent bass song, "In cellar deep," was then given in splendid style by Bro. Egbert Roberts. "The Health of the Visitors" then followed, in proposing which, the W.M. said that he felt highly gratified to see such a large number of visitors around the festive board; he gave them a cordial and hearty welcome. Bros. Robins, W.M. 25; Butt, P.M. 700; and Searle, 172, replied for the visitors, expressing their great satisfaction at the proceedings of the evening. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were then given, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Smith, P.M., and Tyler, P.M., after which the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. The musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction, were under the direction of Bro. C. H. Marriott, 172, who presided at the pianoforte, and he was ably assisted by Madame Frances Brooke, Miss Emma Buer, and Bro. Egbert Roberts.

ROCHDALE.—St. Chad's Lodge (No. 1129).—The annual meeting of this prosperous little lodge was held at the house of Bro. C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D.C., Roebuck Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when Bro. J. G. Meadowcroft was duly installed W.M. by Bro. E. T. Fletcher, I.P.M., who conducted the ceremony in an efficient manner, the officers being invested by Bro. Peter, Sec., P.M. Bro. F. G. Hodgson, who is at present on business in America, was appointed S.W., and Bro. T. B. Collingwood, J.W. Bro. Jas. Hadfield, P.M., who has served the office as Treasurer since its foundation thirteen years ago, was re-invested, as was also Bro. Jos. Ireland, P.M., Secretary. Bros. S. L. Hoyle, S.D.; Wm. Swift, J.D.; and Wm. Davis, P.M., Tyler, were afterwards invested, and placed in their respective offices. The newly-installed W.M. had the pleasure of receiving two propositions of candidates; after which the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Jones. The following visitors were present by special invitation: Bros. W. Roberts, P.P.G.P. E.L., 298; Jas. Schofield, W.M. 367; Jas. Dearden, I.G. 54; Thos. Parker, 298; Simeon Lord (Napthali, Heywood), 266; Ralph Dodds, S.W. 298; John Ashworth, P.M. 816; John T. Holt, W.M. 854; J. M. Myers, 1502; R. N. Grey, W.M. 298; Wm. Fielding, 298; and Alfred G. Sayer, 1085. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were drunk, and suitably responded to, the toast of the evening, that of "The Newly-installed W.M.," being drunk with acclamation, and responded to in a neat speech by the W.M. The proceedings, which were pleasant throughout, were brought to a close about eleven p.m., a most agreeable evening having been spent.

MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Chorlton-on-Medlock, on Wednesday, Nov. 20th. There were present Bros. W. Sturm, W.M.; J. Burgess, S.W.; R. Dottie, J.W.; J. G. Walker, Sec.; A. Radford, S.D.; I. I. Cowens, J.D.; I. Irlam, I.G.; Geo. Burrows, Tyler; J. Hargreaves, I.P.M.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M.; W. Norton, P.M.; H. Newman, W. Urmsan, A. H. Jullerics, W. Hall, and R. C. Hulme, Visitor, R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 7.15 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting, and also a lodge of emergency, read and confirmed. Owing to a candidate for passing not putting in an appearance, there was, unfortunately, no work, a regrettable circumstance to our thinking, as this lodge has the reputation of excellence in this respect, and we were consequently anxious to witness a ceremony. Some discussion relating to various matters of an unimportant nature ensued, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 21st inst., at four o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Nicholson, I.P.M., and the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, with the alteration of Bro. W. Craven's name for that of Bro. Douglass, as Tyler for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. P. Nicholson presented Bro. Bernard, S.W., for the benefit of installation at the hands of Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., Treas. The Secretary read the ancient charges, to all of which Bro. Bernard gave his unqualified consent. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when the ceremony was completed by the Installing Master. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when the W.M. installed the following brethren officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. Beattie, I.P.M.; W. Brandt, S.W.; J. Dobson, J.W.; Hudson, P.M., Hon. Treas.; M. Douglass, Sec.; Brown, Chap.; Thos. Tillman, S.D.; J. Murphy, J.D.; Chapman, Org.; Pinkney, I.G.; Coker, S. Steward; W. Pinkney, J. Steward; W. Craven, Tyler. The W.M. proposed F. S. Panton to be initiated into Masonry in this lodge, seconded by Bro. J. J. Brown, Chap. Bro. Hudson, P.M., moved that £10 10s. be given to the Boys' School in London, which was carried; also, that £1 1s. each be given to the Infirmary, Orphan Asylum, and the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society, seconded by Bro. J. Tillman, P.M., and carried. Bro. Pinkney, I.G., moved that £1 1s. be given to the Children's Hospital, which was carried. "Hearty good wishes" were given from the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, by Bro. Cumberland, P.M. All business being done the lodge was closed in due form.

NEWQUAY.—Fort Lodge (No. 1528).—The annual festival was observed on the 21st inst. There was a small attendance of visitors, but this was in consequence of the consecration on the same day of the St. Petroc Lodge at Padstow, and the Fort bye-laws enact that the festival is to be kept on the nearest Friday to November 24th, in other words, on the Friday in the octave of St. Columba, the patron saint of the parish. The brethren assembled in their lodge-room at five o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. T. Boyle, installed his successor, Bro. Robert Martyn, in a very able and impressive manner, assisted by W. Bros. W. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. of W., W. E. Michell, and B. Wellington, who formed the Board of P.M.'s. The newly appointed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—T. Boyle, I.P.M.; C. R. Bellingham, S.W.; W. L. Bloo, J.W.; B. Wellington, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Hambly, Secretary; R. Rowe, S.D.; A. Lawry, J.D.; R. Kendall, I.G.; J. Mitchell, D.C.; J. Morris and F. Snell, Stewards; C. Carrivick, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Roberts's Great Western Hotel, where a banquet awaited them. The W.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and an agreeable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this

lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., and the proud position obtained by the Israel Lodge in the Province of West Lancashire was amply sustained on this occasion by the success which attended the celebration of the annual festival. The lodge was primarily consecrated for the accommodation of brethren of the Jewish persuasion, and they have largely availed themselves of the advantages thus offered; but the proof that Freemasonry knows no special sect or creed is shown by the fact that it embraces amongst its members many worthy and distinguished brethren who are not of the ancient race. There was on this occasion a very large attendance of officers and members, and a full representation of visitors, who included numerous P.G.L. Officers and W.M.'s and P.M.'s of other lodges. The business was conducted at the opening by Bro. Sigismund Schönstadt, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Jones, I.P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, J.W., W.M. elect; S. J. Henochsberg, Sec.; M. Aronsberg, S.D.; M. P. Tieski, J.D.; J. Saber, I.G.; M. Hart, P.M., M.C.; W. Wright, S.S.; D. Gabrielsen, J.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge present were Bros. B. Woolf, M. Feldouar, A. Zolke, W. Levy, H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; I. Phillip, H. Hendehsberg, H. Sagar, A. Hart, P.M. 724; M. Ansell, H. de Frece, C. E. Forman, E. Myer, J. Frank, S. Beard, H. M. Silver, J. S. McCabe, M. Baum, A. Saqui, R. Abrahams, S. Jacobs, S. Simmons, A. Levy, J. Mattison, E. J. Hart, A. Rabow, J. Lazarus, A. A. Lyons, and D. M. Joseph. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. J. Grant, A. Abrahams, 205; J. P. Bryan, 1505; H. P. Cleaver, 1713; J. F. Sewell, P.G.S.W., ex-Mayor of Bootle; D. A. Davis, W.M. 625; Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.P.G. Chaplain, Rector of Rufford; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; Ramsey, S.W. 680; W. Corbett, W.M. 249; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; L. Walford, P.M. 798 (Brisbane); J. Winsor, P.M. 241; C. W. Makin, 32; C. Titherley, S.W. 1350; H. James, P.M. 203; L. Foinquinos, 1180; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; J. C. T. Alston, W.M. 203; L. B. Goodman, 594; J. W. Ballard, P.G.P.; R. Crispe, W.M. 724; M. Breslaw, 402; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W.; and J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas. After the transaction of some ordinary business, Bro. S. Schönstadt, the retiring W.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Henry A. Tobias as his successor in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The following staff of officers was subsequently invested:—Bros. S. Schönstadt, I.P.M.; Rev. Professor J. Prag, Chap.; Maurice Hart, P.M., M.C.; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W.; M. Aronsberg, J.W.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., Treas.; M. P. Tieski, Sec.; Joseph Saber, S.D.; H. F. Wright, J.D.; D. Gabrielsen, I.G.; W. G. Veale, Org.; H. M. Silver, S.S.; Maurice Baum, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The "Hearty good wishes" of about a dozen lodges were given to Bro. H. A. Tobias, the newly-installed W.M., and the brethren subsequently dined in the banqueting room under his presidency. The standard loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and most cordially honoured. The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was responded to by Bros. W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W., and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C. A valuable Past Master's jewel, set with diamonds, was presented to Bro. Schönstadt, I.P.M., in recognition of his esteemed services as W.M. of the lodge during the past year. A most enjoyable programme was furnished, amongst the items being a well-delivered version of the Buzfuz oration from "Pickwick" by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., Treas., and excellent songs by Bros. D. Saunders, 1609; M. Hart, P.M.; I. Jacobs, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Hospitality (No. 1697).—The installation of the W.M., Bro. James Haworth, and investiture of officers in connection with the above lodge, took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Royal Hotel. The occasion was looked forward to with deep interest, inasmuch as it had been arranged that Bros. Thomas Pilling, P.M., and John Taylor, P.M., both members of the lodge, should perform the ceremony, a circumstance which had the effect of attracting a great many brethren from the neighbouring lodges. Punctually at four o'clock, as announced by the summons convening the meeting, the proceedings began, and terminated about a quarter to six, everything having passed off most admirably. We must not omit to state that directly the new W.M. had been installed he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. John Thos. Bancroft, I.P.M.; Rowland Rawlinson, S.W.; John R. Lord, J.W.; Rev. A. J. Harrison, Chaplain; Rawdon Ashworth, Treasurer; W. H. Baxter, Secretary; Henry Pickup, S.D.; Ingham Taylor, J.D.; Ralph Pass, I.G.; and James Rothwell, Tyler. He addressed to each a charge bearing on the duties and responsibilities undertaken, and exhorting him faithfully to discharge the same. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren repaired to the dining room, where, thanks to the worthy host and hostess, a dinner, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, had been provided, and the admirable manner in which it was served rendered it even more attractive. Dinner over the brethren retraced their steps to the lodge room, where during their absence dessert of a character none the less attractive had been laid out. It was now eight o'clock, and the W.M. at once took his place in the lodge, and proceeded to submit the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most enthusiastically received. In response to the toast of his health, the W.M. took occasion in a very brilliant speech to thank the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. He remarked that he should during his term of office endeavour to the best of his ability to govern the lodge on truly Masonic principles, and he hoped that when the time arrived for the appointment of a successor, he might be able to hand over his seals of office in a manner alike creditable to

himself and honourable to the Order. A glee party consisting of Bros. Ramsbottom, Wroe, Dunville, and Kershaw, accompanied on the piano by Bro. P. M. Taylor, of Bacup, contributed very materially to enliven the proceedings with songs and glees. They also gave anthems from Dr. Spark's "Libra Musicus" during the installation. The proceedings were brought to a close about 10.45.

MAIDSTONE.—Douglas Lodge (No. 1725).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge (Bro. Dr. Davies) took place on Friday evening, the 7th inst., at the Old College Gateway, the ceremony being performed with exceptional ability and impressiveness by Bro. J. B. Monckton (of the Grand Lodge of England, and Town Clerk of London), brother of the retiring Master (Bro. Herbert Monckton, Town Clerk of Maidstone). The new Master afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. T. Tatham, S.W.; F. T. Stenning, J.W.; Rev. E. Moore, Chap.; A. Spencer, Treas.; E. B. Smith, Hon. Sec.; Dr. Meredith, S.D.; G. Friend, J.D.; J. W. Menpes, I.G.; C. Arkcoll, jun., D.C.; J. Brennan, S.; and J. C. Hill, Tyler. During the evening an elegant Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Herbert Monckton to mark the brethren's appreciation of his services during the past year. The usual banquet was afterwards held at the Mitre Hotel, under the presidency of the new Master (Bro. Dr. Davies), who was supported by Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, E. T. Luck, J. B. Monckton, H. Monckton, Sutton (Sittingbourne), J. R. Foord (W.M. of Belvidere Lodge), W. Page, J. Brennan, W. Monckton, R. T. Tatham, Dr. Gillespie, A. Spencer, F. S. Stenning, J. W. Menpes, A. C. Nicoll, E. B. Smith, Dr. Meredith, D. W. Langton, R. Troutbeck, C. Arkcoll, J. Hodgson, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Zion Lodge (No. 1798).—On Saturday evening the members of this lodge met at the Portland Hotel, Manchester, on a very interesting occasion, viz., to present Bro. M. Klinkonstin, Chaplain of the lodge, with a handsome Chaplain's jewel, on his leaving Manchester for his native country through family illness. Bro. Klinkonstin having been connected with the lodge since the formation, had won the esteem and goodwill of all its members, and deep regret was evinced at his departure. The presentation was made by the W.M. (Bro. E. Nathan) in a very able and feeling speech on behalf of the lodge, wishing him every success for the future, and hoped he would soon be with them again. Several other brethren also expressed their good opinion and hearty good wishes. Among the members present we noticed Bros. E. Nathan, W.M.; J. Aronsberg, I.P.M.; P.G.P.; H. D. Marks, S.W.; D. A. Davis, J.W.; W.M. 625; M. Newman, Treas.; S. Mamelock, Sec.; A. M. Hart, S.D.; S. J. Jourdan, I.G.; E. Wise, S. Hortig, E. Caspen, Stewards; Rev. J. Valentine, M. Stewart, E. Stewart, M. Delakofeke, M. Bianco, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., by Bros. J. Hurdell, W.M. 1348; J. Hemming, S.W. 1287; W. T. Burgess, J.W. 1472; and Ives, P.M., Sec. pro. tem.; supported by a numerous attendance of brethren. The 2nd in Second, and 1st in Third, worked by Bros. Burgess and Hemming respectively, gave great satisfaction to the brothers present. The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by the worthy host, Bro. E. West, P.P.G.S.D.

Royal Arch.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Ex. Comps. Hill, Hearn, and Williamson respectively occupied their chairs as Principals, supported by Comps. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z.; Moutrie, P.Z. and Treas.; Howes, E.; Keene, P.Z., as N.; Stuckey, Pr. Soj.; Glover, as S. Soj.; Peach, as J. Soj.; Bigwood, Janitor. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, it was announced that the candidate for exaltation, whose presence was expected, wished his name to be withdrawn. Comps. Rubie, P.Z., and Hunt, J. Soj., sent apologies for unavoidable absence. In accordance with regulations, the bye-laws were read. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result:—Comps. Hearn, Z.; Williamson, H.; Howes, J.; Stuckey, E.; Hayward, N.; Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; Radway, Pr. Soj.; Mercer, S.S.; Peach, J.S.; Bigwood, Janitor. Arrangements were made for the annual banquet as usual in December, and Comp. Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., was requested to perform the ceremonies of installation of Principals, which he undertook to do. The chapter was closed at 9 p.m.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).—A meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 7.30 p.m.; Comps. L. P. Austin, Z.; T. Twizell, H.; and Comp. R. Candlish, J. The chapter was opened in due form by the three Principals. The minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following result: Comps. T. Twizell, Z.; R. Candlish, H.; T. M. Watson, J.; G. Porteous, E.; Lerch, N.; Bernard, M.D. (re-elected), P.S.; W. Liddell, P.Z. (re-elected), Treas.; and Thompson (re-elected), Janitor. Comp. Emerson proposed Bro. G. D. Smith, seconded by Comp. Candlish, to be exalted in this chapter. All business being done, the chapter was closed in due and solemn form.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this old chapter was held on

Thursday, November 20th, at the Chapter Rooms, at three o'clock. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. James Gardiner, assisted by Ex. Comps. Pearson, H.; Hoodless, J.; John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; John Gate, P.Z.; Henry Bewes, P.Z., P.P.P. Soj.; and Nicholson, M.E.Z. 371, after which the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take his chair as Installing Principal. Solemn conclaves were opened, and the new Principals, Comps. Pearson, Hoodless, and Lazonby, presented and installed according to ancient custom. The other officers having been invested, the thanks of the chapter were accorded to Comp. Bowes, and labour terminated. The refreshment provided was an excellent dinner, well served. After the cloth was withdrawn the usual toasts were considered, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at eight o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This young but fairly prosperous lodge recommenced their Masonic season by holding a meeting at the Windsor Castle Hotel, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. Baldwin, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Goodell, acting J.W.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., &c., acting I.P.M.; Alfred Tisley, Secretary; Page, I.G.; Game, D.C.; Millis, W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following unanimous results: Bros. Walls as W.M.; Baldwin as Treasurer; and Potter as Tyler. A Committee consisting of the W.M., S.W., Treasurer, Secretary, and Bros. Goodall, Game, and Millis were appointed to audit the accounts, and to approve the bye-laws on the 21st inst. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Baldwin, a letter from Bro. Frederick Walters, P.G.I.G., &c., was read, in which he resigned his membership and Treasurership of the lodge, in consequence of ill-health and permanent residence in the country. This communication having been received with regret, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent collation, admirably served by Bro. Gilbert. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The W.M." The remainder of the evening was agreeably spent, thanks to the vocal abilities of Bros. James Stevens, Tisley, Gilbert, Baldwin, and Page.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER.—The first meeting of the season of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on Friday, the 4th instant. Amongst those present were Ill. Bros. T. W. Coffin, 30°, M.W.S.; D. Ace, D.D., 31°, H.P.; D. Nicols, 30°, 1st G.; C. H. Driver, 31°, I.P.S.; H. Pullen, P.S., 33°; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; A. Williams, 30°, Org.; and Ex. Bros. C. J. Morgan, P.S.; D. M. Dewar, P.S., Recorder; F. J. Currier, R.; T. C. Walls, D.C.; W. Mann, E. J. Gardiner, F. W. Driver, C. W. Taylor, G. A. Berkeley, and G. Austin, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Larsen, C.E., was unanimously elected as a re-joining member. A communication from the Supreme Council, 33°, having been read, and a donation of two guineas having been unanimously voted to the Laughton Lower Restoration Fund, the chapter was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of. After the customary preliminary toasts had been honoured, "The Health of the M.W.S." was proposed in very flattering terms by Ill. Bro. C. Driver, P.M.W.S., and having been warmly received, the M.W.S. briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The P.M.W.S." came next, and, in response, Ill. Bro. Hyde Pullen made a fluent speech. "The Treasurer and Recorder" followed, and was responded to in a few terse, but pertinent sentences, by Bro. D. M. Dewar. The remaining pledge, namely, "The Officers," was replied to by Ill. Bro. Nicols, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Agreeably with a resolution passed at the Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at Morecambe on the 1st October last, a "Special Court" was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of considering the following notice of motion, given at the above Annual Court by Bro. Robert Wylie, P. Prov. G.S.D.:—"That the amended bye-laws, as passed by the General Committee at an adjourned meeting, held on the 19th September last, be adopted."

The chair at the Special Court was occupied by Bro. J. Cobham, P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, and there was a very large attendance of Governors. The amended bye-laws were taken *seriatim*, and passed without much discussion.

There was considerable debate, however, on the following proposed amended bye-law as affecting the voting power of the various Governors:—"Plurality of votes applies only to elections of children. Nevertheless, upon any question before a General Court or General Committee, a donor or subscriber who has a vote in his own right may also record one vote each on behalf of any lodge or society of which he is the duly accredited representative." Its adoption was moved by Bro. R. Wylie.

A direct negative, however, was proposed by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241 and 1609, one of the Hon. Secs. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. 241.

On being put to the meeting, the negative was carried by 44 to 16.

The other bye-laws were afterwards considered, and at the close of the business a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Chairman and sub-Committee who had considered the bye-laws.

CONSECRATION OF THE ERYRI CHAPTER, No. 1509.

The traveller who journeys northward from Barmouth Junction along the coast section of the Cambrian Railway, after crossing the estuaries of the Dwyryd and the Glaslyn will shortly find himself passing through a well-to-do seaport town standing at the extreme north corner of Cardigan Bay.

Portmadoc, for thus is the town named, scarce fifty years ago was a small hamlet of less than half a dozen houses lying under the shadow of Moel Gest; now, mainly through the opening of the large state quarries at Festiniog, for the produce of which it is the natural shipping port, a fair sized town stands in their place, which of late years has developed and increased with such rapidity as to become one of the most thriving and prosperous business towns on the western seaboard of the principality.

As rapid and prosperous as the rise and progress of Portmadoc itself has been the growth and development of Freemasonry thereat. The Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, consecrated so recently as 1874, now numbers on its roll-call over 100 brethren of the mystic art, whilst the recent establishment of a Royal Arch chapter in connection with it clearly shows that the zeal and earnestness of the brethren of this lodge have in no way been relaxed.

In truth, long prior to their petitioning the Supreme Grand Chapter for a charter of constitution the brethren of 1509 had desired to adopt that course, but the unfitness of their old lodge room at the Queen's Hotel for the requirements of the Holy Royal Arch has ever been a stumbling-block in their way, and now only on the completion of their new lodge room (on the erection of which somewhat over £1200 has been expended) have they been free to give effect to their long restrained desires. The requisite preliminaries having been duly gone through at the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, held on the 6th August last, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the required charter was received early in the following month. The petitioners had originally proposed to hold the consecration ceremony on the day following the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, held at Portmadoc on the 18th September last, to dedicate the new Masonic buildings to the purposes of Freemasonry, but from causes which it is needless here to narrate it had to be deferred, and the M.E. Grand Superintendent of the province, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart, M.P., finally consented to the consecration ceremony being held on the 12th day of the present month, the day after the installation of the present W.M. of 1509 into office and the annual celebration of the festival of St. John. It has since been a matter of great regret to the companions at Portmadoc that their respected M.E.P.G. Superintendent was through his severe accident incapacitated from himself presiding over the ceremony of consecration, as had originally been his intention, and almost at the last moment they were fearful that the proceedings would again have to be postponed, as through some inexplicable misconception of the instructions sent him on the part of the Grand Scribe E., it was only on the morning of the 10th that they received, in manuscript, an official programme of the ceremony, and an intimation that E. Comp. W. Johnson, P.Z. of Grosvenor Chapter, 721, had been appointed to preside at the consecration. However, on the arrival of the eventful day, all things went merry as a marriage bell, and in accordance with the customary ancient rites and ceremonies the newly-formed Eryri Chapter, 1509, was duly consecrated by E. Comp. W. Johnson, P.Z. 721; E. Comp. J. Poole, I.P.Z. 606, acting as H., and E. Comp. C. H. Rees, M.E.Z. 606, acting as J. on the occasion.

The chapter having been first duly opened and the numerous companions present having been marshalled by Comp. the Rev. Sidney Boucher, J. 606, who most efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies during the proceedings, they were admitted. The officers of the new chapter were then ranged in order and presented, and the letter from the M.E.P.G. Supt., authorising E. Comp. Johnson to consecrate the chapter, having been read by the acting Scribe E., along with the petition and charter of the chapter, the ceremony of consecration by the Principals with corn, wine, and oil was proceeded with, and on its completion E. Comp. Johnson gave a most eloquent oration on the fundamental principles of Royal Arch Masonry. The three Principals designate having then been obligated, and all below the rank of First Principal having then been requested to retire, the M.E. Comp. Capt. Charles Hunter, Past Third Grand Principal of Scotland, P.Z. (S.C.) and Grand Representative from the S.G. Chapter of New Jersey, U.S., M.E.Z. designate, was duly installed into his chair, and on their respective re-admissions, Comp. Cornelius Davies, H. 606, and H. designate, and Comp. Dr. Robert Roberts, J. designate, were duly installed into the Second and Third Principals' chairs.

On the re-admission of the companions the following were duly invested as officers of the new chapter: Comps. J. G. Tuxford, Scribe E.; R. Evans, Scribe N.; E. S. Greaves, Treas.; W. Jones Morris, P. Soj.; W. H. Wheeler, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. H. Strowger, 2nd Asst. Soj. The entire ceremony was most impressively given and conducted by E. Comp. Johnson.

On the proposal of Comp. Davies, H., seconded by Comp. Roberts, J., E. Comp. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes (M.P. for the Carnarvon Boroughs) was unanimously and with acclamation elected an honorary member of the chapter,

the proposal being accompanied by an expression of regret that, in the unavoidable absence of the M.E. P.G. Supt., he had not been appointed to preside at the consecration ceremony as had been desired by the petitioners, and on the proposal of E. Comp. Capt. Hunter, M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. Davies, H., E. Comp. Johnson, P.Z. 721 (the Consecrating Officer); E. Comp. Poole, I.P.Z. 606; E. Comp. C. H. Rees, M.E.Z. 606; and Comp. the Rev. Sidney Boucher, J. 606, were unanimously elected honorary members of 1509, the hope being expressed that the mother chapter, 606, would equally benefit with the scion, 1509, in the progress and development of Royal Arch Masonry through a spirit of emulation and generous rivalry being fostered between them.

A number of propositions for joining and for exaltation having then been made, the chapter was closed in the accustomed and authorised manner, and the brethren then adjourned to do full justice to an excellent repast awaiting their attention at the Sportsman Hotel, where the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd December:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September, 1879, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

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The widow of a brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Rose of Denmark, No. 975, Barnes ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, Aberystwith ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate...	50	0	0
A brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth ...	50	0	0
A brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662, West Bromwich ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford...	50	0	0
A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, Camberwell ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 833, Aberavon ...	75	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who since August, 1868, has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill-health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and, under the advice of his medical attendants, Bro. Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board, so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, unanimously recommend that on his retirement from office Bro. John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly occurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June, 1876," viz.:—

"No Charity Jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective annual festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations hereinbefore authorised."

And they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W. Master of every lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June, 1876, other-

wise than through the office of Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th November, 1879.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3802 1s. 7d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

The President will then move:—

- 1st. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
- 2nd. That the resignation by Bro. John Hervey of the office of Grand Secretary be accepted with sincere regret.
- 3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Bro. John Hervey, during his tenure of the office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.
- 4th. That the other recommendations contained in the report of the Board be adopted.

8. Appeal of Bro. Joseph Pallot, P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Bro. Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge.

9. Proposed Motions:—

1. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720:—That, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication, held on the first day of December, 1869, and confirmed at the subsequent meeting held on the 2nd of March, 1870, as follows, viz.:

"That, with a view to securing greater uniformity of working, and observance of the same usages and customs, throughout the several lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced," such Committee be now appointed.

2. By Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence:—That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence: "17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

"18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

"19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividend of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any school, college, or university.

"20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

"That the Constitutions, No. 3 Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word 'shall' on the second line, the words 'except as provided for by Clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20.'"

NEW LODGES.

LIST OF LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

- No. 1840, Wellington Lodge, Bunbury, Western Australia.
- " 1841, Lodge Mysore, Mysore, Madras, East Indies.
- " 1842, St. Leonard's Lodge, St. Leonard's, Sussex.
- " 1843, Rohilla Star Lodge, Barcilly, Oude, Bengal, East Indies.
- " 1844, Richmond River Lodge, Lismore, New South Wales.
- " 1845, Lodge St. George, Newcastle, New South Wales.
- " 1846, Phoenix Lodge, Bathurst, New South Wales.
- " 1847, Ebrington Lodge, Stonehouse, Devon.
- " 1848, Ferrum Lodge, Middlesborough, Yorks.
- " 1849, Royal Leek Lodge, Bangor, Carnarvonshire.
- " 1850, Raphael Lodge, Roma, Queensland.
- " 1851, Ewell Lodge, Ewell, Surrey.
- " 1852, Forest Lodge, Mansfield, Notts.

A report of the election meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, which was held on Thursday week, is in type, but, owing to the pressure of matter, is crowded out. It shall appear in our next.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. A. Dubois, A. J. Duff Filer, Griffiths Smith, H. B. Webster, E. Letchworth, Edwd. Cox, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Andrew I. Suter, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren, on the motion of Bro. Griffiths Smith, seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, and upon the recommendation of the House Committee, conferred the title of Assistant Matron on Miss Shepherd, instead of Matron's Assistant, as a recognition of the services she has rendered to the Institution.

A notice of motion, by Bro. Joshua Nunn, was given that the salaries of the Head Governess (Miss Davis) and Assistant Governesses be raised, also recommended by the House Committee. The recommendation was made in consequence of the largely increased numbers of the children in the School. Bro. Joshua Nunn observed that the salaries paid to all the governesses were very much smaller than those paid at institutions of a similar calibre.

Bro. E. Cox gave notice of another motion with respect to a further increase of one of the salaries.

Bro. Edward Cox, who was Treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the last festival of the Institution, drew the attention of the meeting to the circumstance that several of the Stewards on that occasion did not pay their fees till some months afterwards, in consequence of which he had not been able to pay the liabilities of the festival for five months after the festival had taken place. He asked whether some means could not be devised to prevent the recurrence of such a scandal to Freemasonry.

Bro. Col. Creaton observed that it was a great pity that such a circumstance had occurred, and he hoped that between the present time and next festival a remedy might be provided.

Several petitions were then examined, and the candidates placed on the list for the election in April.

The Committee adjourned till Wednesday, the 24th of December, at 4 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF BRO. E. J. PAGE, P.G.S., &c.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., the mortal remains of this well and deservedly known brother were consigned to their last resting place, in Norwood Cemetery. The Masonic career of Bro. Page, who was in his sixtieth year, had extended over a quarter-of-a-century. He was a Past Master of the Globe, Dalhousie, and Kennington Lodges. He was also a Past Grand Steward and a Past Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. In the Royal Arch Degree he had been a very distinguished worker, and held the positions of P.Z. of the Jubilee Chapter and Second Principal of the Kennington Chapter. He was likewise a member of the Mark Degree, having been advanced in the old Thistle Lodge. But it was more in connection with the Masonic Charities that our deceased brother was so widely known and universally respected. He was a Vice-President of them all, and he had served as Steward at their respective annual festivals "many a time and oft." Although the weather was exceedingly cold, many members of the Craft attended the funeral, "in token of respect for departed merit."

Among the brethren present were several members of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, of which lodge Bro. Page was one of the founders, the first Master, and Treasurer. They comprised Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M.; Wm. Mann, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M. and Sec.; Stranger, W.S.; Barry, and others. Other lodges were numerous represented; among them we noticed Bros. T. S. Mortlock, P.M. Industry, &c.; Littell, P.M. Dalhousie, &c.; Downie, 188; Palmer, 177; and others. It was during the preliminary service in the chapel that an event occurred almost unparalleled in the history of Masonic obsequies. Bro. Mortlock, who was sitting apparently deeply meditating, suddenly fell forward and struck the stone pavement of the chapel with terrible force. He was speedily removed to the outer air, and every attention given to him, but life had passed away, thus exemplifying to an awful degree the text that "in the midst of life we are in death." The service, thus lamentably interrupted, was proceeded with, and the large assemblage shortly afterwards dispersed. A brief obituary of Bro. Mortlock, whose sudden death was due to heart disease, appeared in our last impression.

The installation meeting of the William Preston Lodge, 766, was held on Thursday last at the Cannon-street Hotel, when Bro. W. Manfield Newton was installed W.M. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

Bro. J. Walker, M.A., has presented to the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, of which he is the W.M., with the sum of fifty guineas, which he proposed should be given in the name of the lodge to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Walker, in making the presentation, expressed in feeling terms how anxious he was that the lodge should become Vice-President of the three Institutions, it being already Vice-President of two. Bro. the Baron de Ferrières at once generously offered to contribute the balance of seventeen guineas required for the acquisition of the third Vice-Presidentship.

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To Correspondents.

The following stand over: Consecration of St. Petroc Lodge, 1785; Westbourne Lodge, 733; Albert Victor Lodge, 1773; Clapham Lodge, 1818; London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 58; St. Barnabas Chapter, 948; Macdonald Chapter, 1216; Beaconsfield Mark Lodge, 205; Plantaganet Conclave, 2.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Whitehall Review," "Hull Packet," "The Rough Ashlar," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Barnet Press," "Sheldrake's Aldershot and Sandhurst Military Gazette," "European Mail," "Civil Service Gazette," "Croydon Guardian," "Austrian Freemason," "The Bedford Record," "The Globe," "Cheltenham Evening Telegram and Express," "Lines Addressed to New South Wales," "Daily Bristol Times and Mirror," "The Freemason," Sidney, "Der Triangel," "The Hackney and Kingsland Gazette," "Keystone," "The Athenæum," "The Masonic Newspaper," "The Methodist," "The Cheltenham Examiner," "Canadian Craftsman," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Le Monde Maconnique."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

OLIPHANT.—On the 22nd inst., at 13, South Audley-street, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Oliphant, Grenadier Guards, of a son.

DEATHS.

DELANE.—On the 22nd inst., at his residence, Ascot-heath, Berks, John T. Delane, for 36 years editor of the Times, aged 63.

DICKENS.—On the 22nd inst., at Gloucester Crescent, Regent's Park, Catherine Thomson Dickens, widow of Charles Dickens, after a long and painful illness most patiently borne, aged 65.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1879.

BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

The entire Craft will have read with deep feelings of personal regret our announcement last week of the resignation of that distinguished brother, and on the ground of continued and confirmed ill-health. In the proposal to accord to him a retiring pension, as made by the Board of General Purposes, all will heartily concur, as no one has ever, in his official capacity and Masonic labours, deserved truer recognition at the hands of the Craft and of Grand Lodge. It will be the sincere hope of all, as well as the prayer, that, in the wisdom and providence of the G.A.O.T.U., he may be spared many years to enjoy the rest and solace of domestic retirement, and let us hope the renewal and restoration of that greatest of blessings—health, accompanied, as he will be, by the hearty good wishes of our entire brotherhood. For in Bro. John Hervey the Grand Lodge has not only lost a most valuable adviser, but all Freemasons a sincere brother and real friend. The discharge of his laborious duties by Bro. John Hervey, increasing yearly in serious severity, has been most remarkable and commendable, paying attention, as he did, to the most minute as well as the greatest responsibilities of his high office, letting nothing escape him, and being ever easy of access, urbane and genial, kindly and considerate, shrinking from no duty, and labouring manfully when prudence might have whispered, "spare your health and strength." Those of us who have had the privilege of working with and under our old Grand Secretary will call to mind his intense unselfishness, his wish to put forward others, his generous recognition of the work of others, and the unwillingness he ever displayed either to claim the prerogative of his office or high official position. It will, indeed, be a long time before Freemasons' Hall shall welcome so truthful and zealous an administrator of official functions, so courteous and friendly to all, whom to know was to admire, respect, and love. He has left a mark on Masonry which it will not be easy to efface, and whoever succeeds him will have a hard task before him, whether as emulating his zeal and yet his tact, his forbearance and yet his fairness, his profound acquaintance alike with the Constitutions and ritual of Freemasonry. But the hardest labours of all will be to win, as he did, the confidence, and regard, and affection of his brethren.

The name of Bro. John Hervey will linger for many a long year on the mouths and minds of Masons, "familiar on our lips as household words," and those who knew him well, those who were associated with him the most, will ever gratefully recall the pleasant hours of intimacy with him, the privilege of friendship, and the advantage of fellowship—will ever honour him as a Mason, will always love him as a Man.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

We think it high time that some attempt be made to revive this valuable source of Masonic instruction, and to carry out the will of Bro. Preston. If it be true, as we have heard, that there is some difficulty now in ascertaining where the original legacy is, in that it has become mingled with the general funds of Grand Lodge, there can be no reason why we should not revive the trust, and have an annual lecture and lecturer. There are, it seems, Trustees of the Fund but it does not appear in our Grand Lodge accounts, and no appointment has been made since Bro. Warren, many years ago, who delivered the Lecture on [the First Degree. But those of the Second and Third Degrees, have not been delivered in the memory of Masons, and are, we are told, still in cypher in the archives of the Lodge of Antiquity or the Board of General Purposes. Would it not be well to appoint some brother of that lodge the Lecturer for 1880

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our readers will perceive by our report elsewhere that Bro. Col. Creton carried his motion unanimously at the Special Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last, to purchase house and grounds at the price of £6500. We feel sure that the Quarterly Court arrived at a wise decision, and that the amount, though large per se, is both justifiable and will be well expended. For it will, we think, commend itself to all our readers when they realize the immense importance to us as an Order of our admirable Girls' School, and when, above all, they fully understand that did we let this opportunity slip of freeing the School from probable inconvenient buildings, we should only regret it once and for ever. It is not the first time in the history of the School, that by an injudicious parsimony, the health and position of the School have been jeopardized, and we, therefore, congratulate our distinguished brother, the Grand Treasurer, and the Quarterly Court, on the reasonable and sensible acceptance of a far-seeing and practical proposition, made for the happy progress and the permanent welfare of the Girls' School.

BRO. CLABON'S SCHEME.

It is not often we venture to differ with this most distinguished brother, and when we do so we always do so with diffidence and reluctance. Bro. Clabon's high character and good services render him one of the "authorities" of our Craft, and his words are always listened to with pleasure and profit, and his suggestions always received with deference and respect. But we must demur to his present proposal respectfully on this one ground, that until the words at page 96 of the Constitutions, which relate to the Fund of Benevolence, are enlarged by Grand Lodge, they do not cover this appropriation of the money. The formation of such a fund cannot under any principle of legal interpretation come under the definition of "solely devoted to charity." Believing, therefore, that Bro. Clabon is "estopped" by the verbiage of our enactments at present from thus using the Funds of Benevolence, we think we can predict the fate of the motion. We do not enter into the arguments "pro and con." Much no doubt may be said, but it is needless, we fancy, at present to enter on such a topic, independently of the legal objection to the course proposed, another pertinent question arises, how can you legally divert to the specific objects of special institutions funds set apart to the general purposes of Masonic charity? Why select even the two metropolitan educational Institutions? is a

further query which many in the provinces will also desiderate a reply to. We all recognize Bro. Clabon's good intent and praiseworthy aims in this utilization of the Fund of Benevolence, but we doubt its practicability, and, above all, its legality. On the whole we think the preferable plan would be increased grants from Grand Lodge qua grants to the three great Institutions.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

We note Bro. Stevens's notice of motion at the next Grand Lodge, which we heartily regret to read. For, in our opinion, which we have never sought to conceal, the proposition is alike uncalled for and unsound in the highest degree, inasmuch as it raises questions which had better remain in abeyance, and throws down a "bone of contention" which may lead to ulterior consequences not likely to be productive of harmony or satisfaction in our Order. Indeed, we feel bound to say, a more inopportune and unwise resolution we have never perused, as it ignores the entire history of Masonic ritual, puts on one side the present "status," which is quite satisfactory on the whole, and if carried out to its legitimate conclusion, as the mover hopes, must lead, in all probability, to a prolonged and acrimonious controversy. We cannot too much deprecate the way Grand Lodge has been treated in this matter. Not until much published matter has been largely circulated does the mover approach Grand Lodge, reversing the Masonic order of procedure at any rate. If there is one point which ought not to come before the public it is the question of Masonic ritual, but from some recent contributions on the subject to which our attention has been called, we really do not know where our Masonic conscience is gone to. We hope that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge a decisive majority will put a stop to a senseless agitation, and affix its mark of reprobation on all who, forgetful of Masonic duty, and insensible of the benefits of Masonic toleration, are ready to invest a mere question of verbiage and traditionary formulæ with the importance of a subject bound up with the vital interests of English Freemasonry.

A GRUMBLE.

We have read the remarks of "I.P.M.," but we confess, with little satisfaction on the whole. If there might be some foundation for his first, letter, and with parts of which we fully agree, there can be none for his second, which has degenerated, (he must pardon us for saying so), into a foolish, vituperative, unfair, and unfounded attack on our great and useful Charities. It is clear, as our brother ingeniously confesses, that he is a young Mason, despite his rank, and has a good deal to learn before he can be permitted to declaim or to dogmatize on subjects which many of us have been familiar with for many long years. Having said this, we will proceed to point out where we agree and where we disagree with "I.P.M." We think, as we have always thought, that our annual reports might be improved, and that a short statement of the annual operations and position of each Charity might judiciously be sent for distribution among the lodges. As it is, the present reports fall into the hands of the few instead of the many, and certainly not more than one-third of the Craft know anything of the working of our great Institutions, take cognizance of their proceedings, or subscribe to their funds. Here then is a simple improvement, easily accomplished, which might lead to much addition and desired support of the Charities. But there our agreement with "I.P.M." ceases. His attacks on the voting system seem flavoured with the quack nostrums of the Charity Reform Association, and are neither realistic as facts nor practical as suggestions. His picture of the present elections is a very highly coloured one indeed, and if drawn with apparent pre-Raphaelite minuteness is marked by that grotesqueness of imagery and those contortions of personality which sometimes mark the elaborate productions of the acolytes of that demonstrative but doubtful school. We think it needless to animadvert upon them, as

they fall from their own inner unreality, and when our worthy brother has a little more Masonic experience, and understands more fully the actual working of our Charities, he will be the first, we are convinced, to admit how mistaken are his theories and how exaggerated his complaints. Those of us who have had to do with the Charities for years, know well their work and utility, and, on the whole now, the elections are as fair as fair can be, allowing for that ever necessary ingredient in all earthly institutions, human infirmity. We, therefore, regret to read these fresh complaints, which have been met and answered over and over again, and trust that our good brother will see good cause ere long to modify his present estimate of the voting system in our great Charities.

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 VACANT GRAND SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to trouble you with a few lines to-day, though I feel at the outset that the subject on which I am about to address you is both difficult and delicate in the highest degree. The much regretted resignation of our excellent Bro. John Hervey, has placed at the disposal of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, the patronage in respect of the most important office in our Order. It is not for me, or for any one else, to venture in the pages of your widely circulated journal to point out to our Royal Grand Master either his duty or the wants of the Craft. He is too well acquainted with both to need either the advice of the intrusive or the suggestions of the sagacious. We may rest assured, I feel fully convinced, that as he thoroughly realizes the responsibility which rests upon him, so in the appointment he has to make he will only consider what will best conduce to the real interests of our great fraternity. There can be no doubt that the wide-spread popularity of our Royal Grand Master will be markedly increased among us when it is announced in Grand Lodge that he has selected a brother qualified to discharge the duties of his high office, and to maintain the prestige of the most important Masonic body in the world. Knowing fully what the Grand Lodge of England is, alike in position at home and in influence abroad, I think that we may all of us rest tranquil in the assurance that His Royal Highness will nominate a Craft Mason fully competent to uphold the high dignity and solid independence of the English Grand Lodge as a great Craft body, and who is not likely to weaken his own personal and independent position by being in any way intimately connected with any other organizations, especially with those many forms of quasi-Masonry which, however they commend themselves to their own members, have nothing to do with Craft Masonry proper, and only serve to embarrass and weaken the position and progress of true Craft Freemasonry in the world. Craft Masonry has many foes to contend with at the present hour, and it can only, in my humble opinion, be successfully defended or safely upheld on the old and genuine principles of true Freemasonry, which have ever governed and directed the Grand Lodge of England as separate and distinguished from every other body, whether of Philosophic or High Grade Masonry. Apologizing for thus trespassing on your valuable space, but expressing, I fancy, imperfectly the feelings of very many Craft Masons,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

A CRAFT GRAND OFFICER.

UNIFORMITY OF WORKING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In view of Bro. James Stevens's motion being brought before the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., will you very kindly allow me space to respectfully submit the following suggestions to secure uniformity of working?

That a Grand Lodge of Preceptors be formed in London, and worked as follows:—Take any recognised leading lodge of instruction, say the Lodge of Emulation, held at Freemasons' Hall, over which shall preside a Grand Preceptor; to this lodge all members of the Craft wishing to act as Preceptors within the metropolitan district shall become attached, the Grand Preceptor to grant certificates of competence to those qualified to teach, and without same no one shall be recognised as a Preceptor—the W.M. of the various lodges to which a lodge of instruction may be attached not to grant a dispensation for such lodge without satisfying himself, and to be held responsible, that the intended Preceptor has a certificate as above.

For the provinces there should be a provincial lodge of Preceptors, presided over by a Provincial Grand Preceptor, holding from the Grand Preceptor a special certificate of competence, which should also empower him to grant certificates to Preceptors in his district upon same terms and conditions as in the metropolitan district. In the event of death, resignation, or removal of Provincial Grand Preceptors, the successors to be appointed in same manner as predecessors.

Perhaps it would not be out of place that Preceptors should wear a distinctive jewel, for, although a most use-

ful, hard-working, and praiseworthy section of the Craft, they have no officially recognised position.

Lodges of instruction as at present constituted are without sufficient superior control, and very open to neglect or abuse; any member of the Craft having time at disposal, and an idea of ability, can, with a little trouble, if he finds a sufficient number of students, start a new or preside over an old lodge of instruction; hence the many different modes of working that now exist.

I would further respectfully suggest that, in order the better to enforce a due obedience to those excellent laws and tenets laid down for our guidance in Freemasonry, the Preceptor and Secretary of lodges of instruction, if not already members of the mother lodge, should be affiliated thereto as honorary members with all the duties and advantages of subscribing members; this would also operate as a reward for their labours. The present complicated and various modes of working certainly require a thorough overhauling and setting right by those in authority, the more especially since the Craft has made such rapid strides of late and attained such vast dimensions.

Apologising for the length of this epistle, yours, very fraternally,

W. C. T., W.M. No. 1622.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The term "uniformity" is one which, at first sight or sound, is calculated to enlist attention, and when applied to lodge working must meet with approbation. I agree with Bro. W. J. Hughan as to its desirability in essentials, but doubt very much whether it can be attained or not in working. It has been my privilege from time to time to meet with American brethren, and I have met one who has taken part in a lodge-working in the Australian bush, with the open sky above for its covering; but with them, although they have admitted the differences of working, still, the working has not been held up as the *summum bonum* of Masonry. To my mind the essentials of Masonry are apt to be lost sight of by those who attach too much importance to a rigid working of any lodge in particular, or an uniformity of lodge-working in general.

In these days of diversity of opinion, Masons not being an exception to the rule, the mind must be free to accept Masonic matters according to circumstances, *semper eadem* being applied to its vital principles alone, which have been handed down to us from time immemorial.

A common error among many Masons who are "up" is that of twitting those who are the reverse. I know several of this kind, and to a young Mason they are anything but pleasant; because, instead of affording "instruction to the brethren of the inferior Degrees," they magnify their own importance (when questioned) by all sorts of evasive answers, such as "don't be in a hurry," "wait a bit," "you will know in time," "you are but young," or if they do not manifest their disagreeableness in this way, they do it by insisting wherever they go that everybody is wrong but themselves. This kind of spirit is generally the result of limiting Masonry to the mere lodge working.

I can sympathise very much with your Scotch correspondent, "M.M. 392, S.C.," because some lodges, I believe, do push the test too far, in fact, I know of one case in particular where an old Mason, who knew his duty almost to perfection, was refused admission to a "genteel" lodge upon a mere technicality. To my mind, what we have to ascertain is this—is he a brother? If he be, how shall we find this out? Well, here we are on delicate ground, because the evidence which would satisfy one would not satisfy another, especially if "word-perfection" were admitted to be the test standard. In the absence of uniformity there cannot be an universal word-test, therefore, caution and discretion in dealing with the circumstances of each individual case ought to be the principles upon which we should act in discerning whom we will recognise and whom we will not.

The Book of Constitutions virtually requires, and some lodges insist upon, the production of his certificate when a visitor seeks admission to a lodge, or that he shall be properly vouched for. Now, the mere production of a certificate of itself proves nothing, the matter to be proved, as regards the certificate is concerned, is, is the holder the rightful owner? If I am not mistaken as to the real principles of Masonry, what we have to do with one who wishes to recognise us, either privately or by visiting our lodge, is to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in our dealing with him, and if, after due trial and strict examination, we find he is his one of us, then give to him his due, the right hand of fellowship. Supposing uniformity of working to exist, if perfection were demanded, how many brethren would be at the trouble to be prepared either to pass into a private lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodge of England?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

PETER LEE.

Rochdale.

OLD MASONS.

"To the Editor of the Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can furnish you with the name of a yet older Mason, Bro. Thomas Thorpe Delasaux, who was initiated in this lodge (1635) August 24th, 1820, passed September 28th the same year, and raised January 20th, 1821. He is, I believe, the oldest Coroner in England, having been elected to that office in April, 1820, and, strange to say, has, with the exception of one or two, outlived all those who voted for him on the occasion. He is, albeit in his 83rd year, hale and hearty, and in possession of his corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN R. HALL.

P.M. 31, Hon. Sec.

Canterbury, Nov. 26th, 1879.

REV. DR. ACE'S APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to thank you for the kind interest you have taken in this matter. I am happy to state the result of my appeal has been most satisfactory. The "Lady of the Manor" has sent a cheque for £181 17s. (amount of builder's account), and numerous friends have come forward.

The following sums have been paid to Messrs. Smith, Payne & Smith's, Lombard-street, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
Corban	...	5	0 0
C. S.	...	5	0 0
Thomas King	...	1	1 0
Brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, per A. Withers	...	1	12 0
Hale and Son	...	2	2 0
Rowlston	...	5	0 0
F. Canning	...	2	0 0
E. Cavell	...	3	3 0
Misses Wilson	...	2	0 0

I have received the following, viz.:

Bro. George Kenning	...	5	5 0
" Morgan	...	5	5 0
" James Austin	...	0	10 0
" George Clarke	...	0	5 0
" Emdon Saunders	...	0	5 0
" William Saunders	...	0	5 0
" Aaron Stone	...	0	5 0
" Thomas Fenn	...	1	0 0
" H. M., per Freemason	...	0	10 0
" Latimer Saunders	...	0	6 0
" Rev. J. J. Palmer, Ryall Lodge	...	0	5 0
" W. E. T. Turner, M.D.	...	0	2 6
" George Hancock	...	0	2 6
" Alfred Woodward	...	0	2 6
" Francis Robinson	...	2	2 0
" Capt. Clayton	...	0	2 6
Supreme Grand Council	...	5	5 0
Francis Burdett Lodge	...	2	2 0
St. George's Chapter, Rose Croix	...	2	2 0
Four members of Grand Mark Board, per Bro. T. C. Walls	...	1	0 0
J. T. Saunders	...	2	2 0
H. Thompson	...	2	0 0
Rev. C. Mackenzie	...	1	0 0
G. W.	...	5	0 0
M. B.	...	5	0 0
S. E. L., per "Rock"	...	7	0 0
L. D. (Bath)	...	5	0 0
An Evangelical Protestant	...	5	0 0

Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace has also received sundry sums, including the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Mount Calvary Chapter (Rose Croix)	...	2	2 0
Bro. J. Sutcliffe	...	2	2 0
" T. Oldham	...	1	0 0
" Johnson	...	0	10 6
" Green	...	0	10 6

Dr. Ace proposes to send a list of subscribers and statement of account to each supporter on completion of the list.

About £350 has been contributed in all, and a further sum of £100 will entirely clear the Doctor of this most unpleasant position.

I shall be happy to receive any further sums. Again thanking you, and the many kind friends who have so promptly come forward,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. H. SAUNDERS.

27, Walbrook, E.C.

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to enquire what position a Provincial Grand Officer, not a Past Master of a Lodge, holds in his lodge?

I am told he has, ex officio, a right to the rank of P.M. in everything but installation ceremonies, and as such should claim a seat amongst the P.M.'s.

If you will kindly give me authoritative information I shall feel obliged,

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.O.

[A P.G. Officer has no rank in lodge except what he obtains by his actual position in Masonry. Unless he be an Installed Master he has no rank of P.M., though, of course, he takes precedence of all ordinary members of the lodge.—Ed.]

ADMISSION OF STRANGERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Residing some distance from my mother lodge, I have on several occasions visited lodges at which I was an entire stranger, but was never refused admission, although I have had to undergo a certain preliminary examination at each lodge, to which no M.M. should object; but as M.M. 392, S.C., is so hard on the English lodges in your last issue, I will relate how I gained admission into a Scotch lodge, and leave every brother, English and Scotch, to decide which is the safest system of receiving strangers.

Being in Glasgow not long ago I visited an old lodge there, holding meetings in Buchanan-street. I signed the roll, prepared myself, and handed my parchment to the Tyler, who, after examining it, returned it, saying, "all right," and ushered me into the lodge; thinking this a loose system, I asked the Tyler (before reaching the door) if I had been duly announced, when he replied, as before "all right," and passed me into the lodge, which I found

to be open in the Second Degree. The W.M. finding me to be a stranger, asked how I had gained admission, when I related to him what transpired outside the lodge. He therefore instructed the J.W. to examine me to prove that I was an E.A., and afterwards F.C.; to these examinations I submitted myself, but when the W.M. attempted to prove me to be a M.M. I blankly refused (knowing the lodge to be open in the Second Degree only), and wished to retire until the lodge was open in the Third Degree. The W.M., however, did not consider it necessary for me to retire, but requested me to be seated, that the business of the lodge might be proceeded with, when I was much surprised to hear him call upon two brothers (Fellow Crafts) to retire, that the lodge might be opened in the Third Degree, I being allowed to remain (without further examination) to witness a ceremony which I very much enjoyed, the working being excellently performed, and two F.C.'s raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

Hoping you may find space for this in your valuable journal,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
M.M. 594, E.C.

Salford, November 24th, 1879.

N.B.—I can give number of lodge and date of meeting if required.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In more than one of the letters which have recently appeared in your columns, I find the word "noviciate" used instead of "novice."

I venture to point out to the writers of those letters that a *noviciate* is a state or condition, or a period of time; while a *novice* is a living entity. It would have an odd look, but it would be no more incorrect to call a "candidate" a "candidature" than it is to call a "novice" a "novitiage."

While I am writing, may I be permitted to point out a gross error which one too often hears in the lodge—the word "universe" when only "the world" is intended. We have no means of knowing whether or not Freemasonry exists in other worlds than our own, but we may gravely doubt if an edict of even that wise and mighty prince, King Solomon, would have force and effect in those distant regions.

One other error has been handed down to us from our less instructed predecessors, namely, "from whence." "Whence" means literally "from which place," therefore to add the word "from" to "whence" is an absurdity and, as Dr. Johnson calls it, "a barbarism." It would be as reasonable to say "to whither" as to say "from whence," "from thence," "from hence," "from henceforth," and last and worst barbarism of all, "for why." The last is happily of rare occurrence. Unfortunately Hood has immortalised it in "Eugene Aram's Dream,"

"For why, methought
Last night I wrought
A murder in a dream."

Poets, however, enjoy a degree of license not permitted to writers of prose. The members of our lodges are, as a rule, far above the average in education and position, and it requires but little thought on the part of officers and instructors to perceive and to eliminate from our work incorrect and obsolete, and, above all, barbarous modes of expression.

Yours fraternally, P.M.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your columns to say that I shall feel greatly obliged to any Secretaries who will take the trouble to send me specimens of the forms of lodge summons and clearance certificate in use in their respective lodges.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,
P.P.J.G.W. & P.G.R. Wilts.
High-street, Devizes, 22nd Nov., 1879.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

I rejoice to see by my Bro. Hughan's remarks that Bro. Whythead has "struck" fresh "oil" at York. I congratulate him on the discovery, as that fact throws back the Royal Arch a good deal later, and is most important and interesting "per se." Let us hope that Bro. Whythead, like Bro. Vernon and others, will continue his investigations. I have always said that much yet remains to be explored and much to be verified.

A. F. A. W.

Derwentwater Bay, Keswick.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

Bro. Gould's interesting reference to the early church of the "Quatuor Coronati" at Canterbury opens out much valuable ground. There was, however, an earlier church at Canterbury, probably built by a Roman Guild, and used by Queen Bertha and her French Bishop Chaplain before the arrival of Augustine. All this shows not only how early was the legend, but, probably, how true also is the tradition. Perhaps Bro. Gould can ascertain, (for I have not time to do so just now), what is the date of the earliest Service Book in the British Museum which contains the "Quatuor." I rejoice to see so many able students entering the interesting but neglected pathways of Masonic archaeology. Bro. Hughan and I have often regretted the paucity of fellow labourers in so good a cause.

A. F. A. W.

HERTFORD LODGE.

The history of the Hertford Masonic Lodge, No. 403 so ably compiled by the indefatigable Bro. T. S. Carter Prov. J.G.W. Herts, is worthy of note, because of its unique character in some respects. I see our brother P.M. No. 1 objects to the terms of the address to Bro. S. Austin, when installed in 1878, as being an *unprecedented circumstance*, and for the reason our esteemed Bro. R. H. Giraud, P.M., &c., having been a member of No. 1 several years longer than Bro. Austin has of No. 403. Now the point is not as to the length of membership mainly that the installation of Bro. Austin was remarkable, but because he was one of the first initiates on the day the lodge was inaugurated in 1829, and as a P.M. was installed in Nov. 1878, to be the Master of the lodge on the celebration of its jubilee in 1879. Now, is there another instance of an *initiate* on the formation of a lodge continuing a member, and being installed Master for the jubilee celebration? If so, then this circumstance, so pleasing to the members of No. 403, is not so singular and noteworthy as they deem it to be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "ROYAL LODGE," LONDON.

In reply to your correspondent enquiring as to the Royal Lodge, I find it included in Wm. Cole's engraved list of 1770, where it appears as "No. 251, Royal Lodge, Thatch House, St. James-street, late the new lodge at the Horn, Westminster, meeting on the 1st Friday, date of warrant 4th April, 1764."

P.M.

ANOTHER MS. CONSTITUTION.

At a sale by Puttick and Simpson on the 12th November, the following MS. is announced as No. 650: "The Antient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons, a very curious folio manuscript, ornamented title and drawing by Inigo Jones, old red morocco, gilt leaves, dated 1607." Unfortunately, being in the north, I did not see the catalogue until the sale was over. I am now trying to ascertain into whose hands it has fallen.

A. F. A. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of considering a recommendation of the Building Committee:—

"That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W."

Lieut. Col. John Creaton, J.P., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, presided, and the other brethren who attended were Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. James Peters, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Massa, H. A. Dubois, John A. Rucker, E. Letchworth, John Sampson Peirce, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, Charles John Perceval, F. Binckes, Capt. John Wordsworth, George Kenning, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Hedges having read the advertisement convening the meeting,

The Chairman said that in moving the adoption of the recommendation of the Building Committee he should be very brief. The brethren were all well aware that the Institution had not too much open space at Battersea Rise. At present they had not much to complain of because the adjoining lands were not built upon, but if such an occurrence should take place, the School would be very much hemmed in. They had the opportunity now to purchase a very large house, which he might call a mansion, and a piece of ground adjoining the School lands, which would only require the removal of a wall and the two grounds would be one. The house was a large one, and at this moment he believed contained twenty people. From this the brethren might judge of its size—that it was not a cottage. If they gave their sanction to the proposed purchase, the grounds would remain open; but if not, the present owner intended to build upon them. He might add that the house and grounds could not be entered upon immediately, as they would not be able to have possession before perhaps a year, if they agreed to purchase. But as soon as the purchase was completed the money would bear interest at 4 per cent.

Bro. C. J. Perceval enquired how much ground there was.

The Chairman said it was about three-quarters of an acre. It was not an acre, but it was more than three-quarters. He then concluded by moving:—

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Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion.

The Chairman having called for any remarks the brethren had to offer,

Bro. Henry Venn, after a short pause, said he had been in hopes that some one would have put a question or two to the Chairman upon the subject, because it seemed to him and some other brethren that the property proposed to be bought was a small piece and not a very eligible site. Therefore, as one of the Governors, he wished to ask what was the supposed rental of the land and house, because they would then have an idea of whether they were paying a fancy price or a market price. He had taken the opportunity of asking an experienced man what was the value of the property. He would like also to enquire

whether there was any other purchaser in the field, or whether this Institution was the only body that required it. He thought the subscribers were entitled to come and ask these questions, because they were not all a Building Committee, and there were a large number of Governors so many miles away that they could not afford the time to come and enquire themselves. He understood the Institution was going to give £1000 more than they ought to give for the property, and; on behalf of the country Governors, he ventured to put these questions. He was sure the brethren composing the Building Committee had the best intentions, and were under the impression that they were doing perfectly right. Nevertheless, he did not think it was quite right the Court should pass this motion without the whole question being ventilated. It was said by some who could not attend these meetings that they had no voice in the matter, and that the matter was all cut and dried before the Court met. If, however, the brethren who attended put these questions the country brethren would see that their interests were attended to.

The Chairman said he had to mention, with regard to the value of the property in question, the Committee had every reason to believe that in taking it they were not taking land of any great value. The value, however, was increasing every day. With regard to the house, he was sure it could be utilised for the purposes of the School by making it a probationary school, which would enable the Institution to take in a larger number of girls than at present. There was another point too—the house was in the main road, opposite the railway station, and this would afford the School house and grounds an entrance which was very desirable. To sum up the whole matter, he thought the grounds and house were worth almost any amount to the Institution which it could pay, and there were many reasons which warranted the recommendation of the Building Committee, but above all it was most desirable that the Institution should be increased.

Bro. Herbert Dicketts said the Chairman had remarked that Mr. Evill would build on the land if the Institution did not buy it. He quite agreed with the Building Committee that it was necessary the Institution should have the land, though it might cost more than it would in the open market. He lived himself in the neighbourhood, he knew the property well, and he had gone into the question to the best of his ability. He had come to the conclusion that if the property were put up to auction it would not fetch £5000. If he wanted it for his family to live in it would fetch a rent of £200. That would give the price at twenty-five years' purchase of £5000. He was prepared to admit that the house would be very useful, especially if there was a chance of increasing the number of girls, and he quite agreed with the Chairman's remark that it would make a good preparatory school. There was a difficulty when ten, twelve, or sixteen girls came into the School, and it would be an advantage to put them first of all in the preparatory school for twelve or eighteen months. As he understood, when the Committee first asked Mr. Evill about the property he wanted 8000 guineas. He then reduced it to 7000 guineas. The Building Committee offered him £6000, and he said if they would give him £6500 they should have it.

The Chairman said there was no other purchaser in the field. Mr. Evill did not insure that there would not be, but he would build upon the site if he did not sell it. Mr. Evill would not take a farthing less than £6500.

Bro. Peacock supported the motion.

Bro. J. S. Peirce, as a professional man, had studied the question. Living in the neighbourhood, too, he knew the property for the last quarter-of-a-century. The authorities of the School had lost several opportunities of buying property in the neighbourhood, and they had regretted it but once, and that was ever since. The health, comfort, and general recreation of the girls would be materially interfered with if they had all sorts of houses built on this site as they had on others.

Bro. Gladwell thought if this property was let go, and was built upon, there would be a diminution in the value of the School as it at present stood.

The Chairman, in answer to a question, said there was not much ground to the house.

The motion was then put and carried, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1842.

For some few years past the necessity for the establishment of a lodge at St. Leonard's has been felt and acknowledged by several of the most prominent members of the Craft in the twin towns of Hastings and St. Leonard's, and in consequence of the action taken by several of the brethren a few months ago, and after the usual amount of preliminary routine, a warrant was granted on August 23rd, and the lodge, which is named the St. Leonard's Lodge, and bears the number 1842, was consecrated on Friday week, the 21st inst., in one of the rooms in the new buildings called the Warrior Square Concert Rooms, which have recently been completed in that town. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of the brethren, among whom we noticed Bros. John Henderson Scott, D. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; Major-General the Hon. Somerset Gough Calthorpe, Junior Grand Warden of England; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and D. Prov. G.M. of Suffolk; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, P. Prov. S.G. W., acting as Prov. S.G.W.; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 732, Prov. J.G.W.; E. R. Adams, S.W. 1466, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; Wm. Dawes, P.M. 341, P. Prov. G. Reg.; as Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Sec.; C. W. Duke, P.M. 40 and 1184, P. Prov. J.G.D., as Prov. S.G.D.

O. N. Wyatt, P.M. 38, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; A. R. Croucher (M.D., J.P., &c.), P.M. 40, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, Prov. G.S.B.; A. King, 271, Provincial G.O.; F. J. Rubie, P.M. 341, Provincial G. Pers.; J. T. Whatford, P.M. 851, Prov. G. Std.; T. Morris, P.M. 1110, Prov. G. Std.; C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184, Prov. G. Std.; Geo. Stone, S.W. 311, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Std.; C. J. Smith, W.M. 1466, Prov. G. Std.; Thos. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Price, W.M. 56; W. Hickman, 50, I.G.; J. H. Beckett, No. 1 Kilwinning (S.C.); T. H. Cole, M.A., P.M. and Sec. 40, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.M. 40, P. Prov. S.G.W.; W. Lamborn, W.M. 1184, P. Prov. G.P.; B. Roberts, W.M. 916, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; R. Pidcock, P.M. 916, P. Prov. G. Ass. D. of C.; J. S. Terry, Prov. J.G.W. Herts, Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Rev. Geo. Richards, D.D., P.M. 40 and 134; P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. Forss, 1585 and 40; F. Millsom, W.M. 341; T. S. Gould, J.W. 341; W. Bacon, P.M. 874; C. J. Fletcher, Treas. 341; J. P. Ranking, 874; G. C. Chapman, 311; J. B. Gill, S.D., 558; R. E. Wilson, 40; H. J. Emmerson, 40; J. Fisher, I.G. 1184; H. W. J. Wells, Treas. 1184; F. Rossiter, S.W. 40; A. Holman, J.W. 311; B. Sargent, J.W. 1184; A. D. Womersley, S.D. 1184; J. N. Masters, P.M. 341; W. H. Russell, 40; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; E. H. Langley, 1184; Geo. Weller, P.M. and Treas. 40, P. Prov. D. of C.; C. J. Lewis, 40; H. J. Godbold, 40; C. Mastin, 1184; J. Abrani, 40; E. R. Clarke, S.W. 1184; R. H. Keeley, J.D. 1184; A. Wilkinson, J.D. 1694; E. Broadbridge, 73; B. Tree, 1184; Geo. Nash, Sec. 315; F. J. Parsons, 40; J. Large, 771; A. J. Joseph, 40; W. Hudson, 40; J. Bray, 40; J. P. Reeve, 40; J. Pearce, 40; J. Thompson, 1693; Crossthwaite, 40; Lieut.-Col. Tubbs (St. Paul's Lodge, S.C.); W. Savery, 1184; G. Gaze, 40; C. H. Norris, P.M. 40; A. J. Scott, T. S. Watts, P.M. 916; W. Kirkland, W.M. 1110, P. Prov. G.P.; A. Taylor, P.M. 1110; John Howell, P.M. 40, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; W. H. Fletcher, from the British Lodge, No. 334, held at the Cape of Good Hope; A. W. Elliott, 40; J. Saunders, 1139; T. C. Hulburd, 1597; S. Tanner, 310; A. R. Lye, 1110; T. Markwick, 40; F. Doyle, 190; Fred Duke, 40; F. H. Parsons (M.D.), 40; A. L. Ward, 40; W. L. Vernon, 40; T. H. Wadd, 40; F. de Brebant Cooper, 40; A. Carey, 1000; J. Cooke (M.B.), 40; and C. Ashenden, 40.

A little after the appointed time, the brethren assembled in the lodge room, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was received in full form. The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees, and the usual preliminary ceremonies having been carried out, the founders of the new lodge were called together, and the warrant, dated August 23rd, 1879, signed by Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., was read, authenticating Bros. Trollope, A. R. Croucher, T. H. Cole, W. T. Hickman, A. L. Ward, John Cooke, Francis H. Parsons, M.D., James A. Beckett, Thos. Hubbard, T. H. Wadd, E. W. J. Hennah, W. L. Vernon, T. Brassey, M.P., and others to hold the lodge.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master delivered an address to the brethren, in which he specially referred to the old Derwent Lodge at Hastings having, in conjunction with the Union Lodge at Chichester, and the Clarence at Brighton, kept alive the spark of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex during many dark and troublesome years. It was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings, and although it was often said in our every-day conversation that it would be "all the same a hundred years hence," here was an evidence that the actions of men had their effect upwards of a hundred years later. But for their predecessors in the Derwent Lodge they might not have been there that day. Bro. Scott also expressed his hope that there would not be any petty jealousy, no caprice, no carving or cavilling amongst the brethren, and expressed his pleasure that the W.M. designate of the new lodge was his worthy friend and brother, Dr. Trollope.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. E. R. Adams, delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, referring especially to three kinds of Freemasons, whom he might respectively term Masons in name, Masons in ritual, and Masons in reality. The first class simply joined the Craft, and took no interest in its ceremonies, in its lessons, or its Charities, and were rarely to be seen except at the banquet table. A much worthier class were the "Ritual Masons," who took the greatest interest in the work of Freemasonry, and were seldom absent from lodge and other meetings. But the most worthy were the "Real Masons," who, while not letter-perfect in the ritual, nor over stringent as to whether a chair was entered from the right side or the wrong, acted up to the real spirit of Freemasonry in act as well as in word, and who carried out the principles of the Order in their daily life, and were made better fathers, better husbands, and better sons.

The lodge board was then uncovered, and the elements of consecration were carried round and poured upon it, and the lodge was declared by the D.P.G.M. to be regularly opened.

Bro. Trollope, P. Prov. S.G.W., was then installed W.M., and the following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—Bros. A. R. Croucher, M.D., Prov. G.A.D. of C., S.W.; T. H. Cole, M.A., P. Prov. G.A.D. of C., J.W.; F. H. Parsons, Treas.; F. de Brabant Cooper, Sec.; W. L. Vernon, S.D.; A. L. Ward, J.D.; T. H. Wadd, I.G.; and William Leslie, Tyler.

The usual addresses were most ably given to the newly-installed W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the lodge, the two former by Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. G. Std., and the latter by the D.P.G.M., who also officiated as Installing Master.

Cordial votes of thanks were proposed, and unanimously carried, to Bro. Scott, for his kind attendance and able services in the consecration and installation that day, and to the Rev. Bro. E. R. Adams, Prov. G. Chaplain, for his most impressive and eloquent address.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and several gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and the Senior Warden (Bro. A. R. Croucher) was elected as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee.

Bro. Trollope, the W.M., and the officers of the St. Leonard's Lodge, cannot but have felt grateful at the number of visitors who honoured them with their presence at the ceremony, and from the gentlemen proposed as members the lodge has every promise of a successful career under the Mastership of so distinguished and so active a Mason as Bro. Trollope, and we feel assured that he will be ably assisted by his officers, and that the St. Leonard's Lodge will soon take a prominent position in the Province of Sussex.

The musical arrangements in connection with the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Alfred King, Prov. G.O., who, with the assistance of Bros. Rossiter, Russell, and other musical brethren, added considerably to the effect.

The consecration banquet was held in the same building immediately after the close of the lodge. The W. Master (Bro. Dr. Trollope) presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, while the vice-chairs were filled by the S.W. (Bro. Dr. Croucher) and the J.W. (Bro. T. H. Cole, M.A.) The W.M. was supported in the chair by all the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and by Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P. for the borough, and other distinguished brethren.

Justice having been done to the good things provided, the services of the waiters were dispensed with for a time, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that Her Majesty was the mother of our three Masonic princes, and the patroness of our great Masonic Charities, and was an example of every domestic and social virtue.

The W. M. next proposed "The Health of the Masonic Sovereign, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, he could assure the brethren, took the greatest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and was most particular in not sanctioning the issue of a warrant for any new lodge unless he was satisfied of the necessity for it.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master," and alluded to the great tact which that brother at all times exercised when he acted as the representative of the Prince of Wales. He coupled with it the health of the Deputy Grand Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, referring to Lord Skelmersdale's great services to the Craft as Deputy Grand Master of England, and as a ruler of a province numbering over eighty lodges. He also alluded to the presence that evening of General Calthorpe, who some years ago had resided among them, and had been a frequent visitor of the Derwent, and whom he was pleased to welcome again amongst them, and to congratulate him as Junior Grand Warden of England. Bro. Martyn and the other officers he also welcomed in becoming terms.

General Calthorpe, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception, and in feeling terms referred to the days gone by, when he resided in the borough, and visited the old Derwent, and had pleasure on his return to this town to meet all round, especially as they now met, on non-political grounds, and was equally pleased to meet both his friends and his old opponents (speaking politically).

Bro. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, also responded, and congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., the lodge, and its members, on the very successful proceedings of the day, and felt sure that under the guidance of the W.M., Dr. Trollope, the career of the St. Leonard's Lodge would be a prosperous one.

The W.M., in proposing "The Healths of the Prov. G.M., Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Henderson Scott, and the Provincial Grand Officers," said that Sir Walter Burrell would have been present that evening but for the inclement weather. That worshipful brother was a genuine old English gentleman, and took the deepest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and hoped to see the charity scheme, at present in operation in the Derwent Lodge, introduced into every lodge in the province. With reference to Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, they all knew he was a good working Mason, and they had all had the opportunity of listening to the excellent way in which he had performed the ceremony of consecration and installation that afternoon; and of the other Provincial Grand Officers he might say that, although the inclemency of the weather had hindered many attending, they had still a large number of brethren wearing the purple amongst them.

The D. Prov. G.M. returned thanks, and stated that Sir Walter Burrell would have been there that evening, but was prevented by illness. He would remind the brethren that he intended representing the province at the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. He had already subscriptions promised amounting to over £300, and he would be glad to add further donations from lodges or brethren to his list.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Richards, in a thoroughly Masonic speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M., and Success to the St. Leonard's Lodge." Some few years ago he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Trollope as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, and he was glad to be present that day and witness his installation as first W.M. of this new lodge. In this beautiful spot, in our own beautiful island, a still further beauty had been introduced by the formation of a lodge of Freemasons, and long might the new lodge prosper and spread the genuine tenets of Masonry. The rev. brother was warmly applauded during his frequent and heart-stirring Masonic appeals.

Bro. Trollope, W.M., thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had given to the toast proposed by his old friend and Bro. Richards, who had, to a considerable extent, taken the wind out of his sails. This—as the brethren had just been reminded—was not the first occasion on which he had succeeded Bro. Richards in the chair of K.S., neither was the opening of the St. Leonard's Lodge an idea of to-day only. Some seven or eight years ago, a similar idea had been mooted, and their respected Bro. Brassey had promised his assistance towards the formation of a lodge at St. Leonard's. He was especially glad, therefore, to see Bro. Brassey present that evening. The affair, however, hung fire until the completion of the handsome block of buildings in which they had met that evening had been carried out, under the superintendence of Bro. W. L. Vernon. There was ample room for two lodges in the borough. It was some seventeen years since he joined the Derwent Lodge, which then numbered less than forty members, and now it numbered nearer ninety than eighty members. In starting the new lodge, they had no idea of entering into rivalry with the old Derwent. He had been twice Master of that lodge, and hoped to continue a member of it so long as he remained amongst them. This town was large enough, and he believed that many Masons who were deterred by distance from their residences from attending the lodge at Hastings would gladly avail themselves of the privileges of membership of the new St. Leonard's Lodge, and that many who had allowed the rust of years to dim their ardour in Freemasonry would awaken to new life, and once more become bright Masons.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities," were severally proposed from the chair, and duly honoured.

Bro. Price, W.M. 56 (Howard Lodge, Arundel), responded on behalf of the visitors, and Bros. Croucher and Cole (S.W. and J.W.) on behalf of the officers of the lodge.

Bro. James Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast of the Masonic Charities, made one of his most able and effective responses, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the brethren would by their subscriptions still further increase the splendid amount which already appeared on Bro. Scott's list as Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next.

The Tyler's toast wound up a day's proceedings which will not be forgotten by the brethren who were privileged to attend, and will be a red-letter day in the Masonic history of Hastings and St. Leonard's. To W. Bro. Trollope and his officers we can but express our opinion, that in confiding a new warrant to their care the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons will never have any reason to regret the confidence he has bestowed upon them—better Masons were seldom met.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We believe we are correct in stating that nothing as yet is settled as regards the appointment of Grand Secretary, and that any of the numerous names that have been mentioned are mere matters of speculation.

An interesting ceremony was performed on Friday last at Ardgowan, in the form of presenting to Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart a bust of the M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Michael Robert Shaw-Stewart. The presentation was made at one o'clock, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, in the name of the Freemasons of Scotland.

Mr. Spohr's "Last Judgment" will be performed, with full orchestral accompaniment, on the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2nd, at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The annual presentation of prizes, by the Lady Mayoress, to the 2nd Middlesex Artillery, will take place at the Guildhall this (Saturday) evening at 6 p.m. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, will preside.

It is rumoured, says the *Athenæum*, that Bro. Anthony Trollope is engaged upon a somewhat elaborate work, of which Cicero is the subject. Bro. Trollope, it may be remembered, contributed a volume on Cæsar to "The Ancient Classics for English Readers."

Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist, has resigned his appointment as Organist at the Foundling Chapel.

At the Chancellor's Court for the Diocese of St. Albans, held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., in the cathedral, the application of Sir Edmund Beckett for a faculty to take the restoration of the abbey entirely into his own hands came before the surrogate. A formal objection and opposition to the issue of the faculty was lodged in writing by Archdeacon Grant, by the rector of the parish, three churchwardens, one sidesman, and two other parishioners. Mr. John Evans, D.C.L., F.R.S., who resigned as one of the committee of restoration on a high pitched roof being adopted, and a representative from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings were also in attendance at the sitting of the Court. The Court was adjourned for a fortnight.

Bro. John Douglass, proprietor of the Royal Standard and Park Theatres, was, on Tuesday last, installed as Worshipful Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1744. Bro. James Willing, jun., was the Installing Officer.

NULLIBET OF (THE SO-CALLED) CO-OPERATION.—"Fair Traders" five per cent. discount for cash, with undivided attention and prompt delivery free in London. Country orders over £2 carriage paid. Detailed price lists on application to J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchants, 2, Albert-mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.—[ADVT.]

The publisher of the *Freemason* will be glad to be informed of the present place of meeting of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321.

Mr. J. J. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall, Kelvedon, Essex, will, for the public good, send (on application accompanied by a postage stamp) instructions for the construction of the "Parson's" or "Frontfire Grate." The tested gain by the use of this grate is an increase of 15 degrees of temperature with a saving of one-third in fuel. Mr. Mechi believes that there are several millions of grates on the wrong principle, hurrying the heat up the chimney instead of into the room, and thus causing an in-draught of cold air—this is especially the case with strong drawing registers. No part of a grate should be of iron, except the thin front bars, for iron is a conductor away of heat, but fire bricks are not so.

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 12th day of December, at 3 o'clock. At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, should a sufficient number of knights signify to their Marshal by the 9th December their desire to be installed, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior, will hold a priory of the Order of Malta, into which any Knight Templar can be admitted on payment of the usual fee.

With the announcement that the Parish Church will thus soon be out of debt, we learn that the order has been given on behalf of the Freemasons for the filling in of the large east window with painted glass, at a cost of about £350. The design of it is being prepared for the approval of the Rector and the Committee appointed to carry out the project by Messrs. Lavers, Burraud, and Westlake, of London, who were the artists and executants of the great window in the north transept of Worcester Cathedral, which was presented by the Freemasons of the Province of Worcester. It is understood the design will represent in the five main lights as many principal incidents of our Lord's Life and Passion, and the upper compartments figures and emblems of the saints of the New Testament. At the bottom of the window, probably, a predella, will contain figures of Prophets and Kings out of the Old Testament, with whom tradition associates Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. This, subject, of course, to the Rector's sanction, will probably be the general design. The window is to be ready for erection between Eastertide and Whitsuntide of next year, and will undoubtedly be to the town a gratifying embellishment of its old church.—*Cheltenham Examiner*

Her Majesty has sent to Major Chard a handsome ring as a mark of her appreciation of his heroic conduct at Rorke's Drift. The gift is accompanied with an autograph letter.

Bros. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., J.P., and John Dixon, C.E., have been appointed to be two of Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London.

The first anniversary and installation meeting of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, was held on Friday week. A report of the proceedings is unavoidably crowded out of the present number, but will appear in our next.

The *City Press* of Wednesday states that Mr. R. H. S. Wyndham, of The Boltons, South Kensington, and Mr. George Kenning, of Little Britain, have joined the livery of the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Company.

The installation meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 94, Sunderland, will be held on the 3rd prox. The W.M. elect, Dr. John Potts, J.P., P.M., is the oldest member as well as the oldest P.M. of the oldest lodge in the town. The present W.M., Bro. M. Frampton, will perform the installation ceremony.

The installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, took place on Thursday last. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has, in a telegram to the Lord Mayor, expressed "his happiness in becoming an honorary patron of the fund to promote a National Memorial to Sir Rowland Hill." The Chancellor of the Exchequer has joined the Committee of the fund, the subscriptions to which amount to over £4000.

It has been decided by the Tribunal of Brunswick that the will of the late eccentric Duke, by which he bequeathed all his property to the town of Geneva, is null and void. Of his fortune six millions of francs have been spent by the town on a commemorative monument to the Duke, and perhaps as much more on a magnificent opera house.

A National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 12th of December, at three o'clock. At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, should a sufficient number of knights signifying to the Marshal by the 9th of December their desire to be installed, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior, will hold a Priory of the Order of Malta, into which any Knight Templar can be admitted on payment of the usual fee.

The Consecration of the St. Petroc Lodge, No. 1785, took place in the presence of a large gathering of brethren, on Friday week. The ceremonies were performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Cornwall. A full report of the proceedings, including his Lordship's address, will appear in our next.

The installation of Bro. George Thomas Barr as W.M. of the St. Leonard's Lodge, 1766, takes place at the Town-hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday next, Dec. 3rd.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, 1614, will meet in future at Bro. Burnitt's, James-street, Covent Garden, every Thursday evening at 7.45.

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race is fixed to take place next year on March 20th.

We are informed that Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., who has recently taken up his residence in Surrey, having, through the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., signified his consent to become an honorary member of the Wayside Lodge, No. 1395, he was duly elected a member of that lodge at a meeting held on Tuesday last.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 5, 1879.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

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, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.

" 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav.

" 256, Unions, F.M.H.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.

" 1670, Adelphi, Crichton Club, 4, Adelphi-terrace.

Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

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, DECEMBER 2.

Colonial, Board at 4.

Grand Mark Lodge.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

" 9, Albion, F.M.H.

" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 92, Moira, Crittendon, Piccadilly.

" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.

" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 765, St. James's, White Hart Hot., High-st., Boro.

" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.

" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd. E.

" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent Masonic Hall.

" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club Hot., Kennington.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.

" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd. N.

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

Mark 236, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Lower Clapton.

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 Edgcumbe, 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, DECEMBER 3.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter Hot., Putney.

" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.

" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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., Stoucs-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, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot.

" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.

" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.

" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.

" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Curr's Rest, 265, Strand.

" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

" 1672, Mornington, Eagle Tav., Snaresbrook.

" 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Church End, Finchley.

" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Milbank-st.

Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.

" 9, Moria, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tav., Crutched Frs.

Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden Sq.

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, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.

" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.

" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.

" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.

" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.

" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.

" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.

Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.

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, December 6, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.

" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.

" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.

Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.

" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.