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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND STEWARDS LODGE.—The installation meeting of this lodge, which takes precedence of every other lodge in the Craft, including even No. 1 (Grand Masters) Lodge, took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Frank Richardson, the S.W., P.G.S., and P.M. of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, was most ably installed in the chair by Bro. Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. E. Saunders, W.M.; States, P.M.; Binckes, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M.; Waters, P.M.; Norman, P.M.; Rucker, P.G.D. and Treasurer; Hockley, Secretary; Bristow, S.D.; Jordan, J.D.; Edmonds, M.C.; Munton, W.S. Among the visitors were Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex; McIntyre, G.R.; Monckton, President B.G.P.; Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.; Fenn, P.G.D.; Peter Long, P.G.D.; Lieutenant-Colonel Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; Letchworth, 2; Weldon, 4; Millett, 6; Walter, 8; Turner, W.M. 14; Cornwell, P.M. 14; Robinson, P.M. 14; Pearson, 21; Strong, 91; Smith, 166; Irvine, P.M. 161; Willis, 173; Wilson, 209; Iles, 404, Dep. P.G.M. Herts; Pearson, 1196; Burton, 1538; Bradley, 1669, and others. After the installation the W.M. appointed the following as his officers:—Bros. Fish, S.W.; Bristow, J.W.; Rucker, P.G.D., Treas.; Hockley, Sec.; Jordan, S.D.; Edmonds, J.D.; Noyes, I.G.; Munton, in the absence of Bro. Trego (abroad), M.C. and W.S. Bro. Knyvett consented to act as Assistant during the year. Before the lodge was closed a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Monckton for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony. About 50 brethren sat down to the banquet, which was well served in the Globe room. The music was under the direction of Bro. Marchant.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—This ancient lodge met on Wednesday evening last for its monthly assembly. Bro. Lasseter was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, according to the ancient and peculiar working of No. 2, by Bro. W. Hope, D.M. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was unanimously re-elected as W.M., and Bro. Parker Deacon, S.W., was unanimously recommended to the W.M. as D.M. Bro. Col. Creaton, G.T., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the lodge. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, to be sent through the Lord Mayor of London; and the sum of £5 5s. was placed on Bro. Tayart's list. After a good deal of routine business the lodge adjourned to a pleasant and most agreeable banquet, marked by that harmony and heartiness which always characterised "Old Antiquity." Among the brethren present were Past Masters Bros. Col. Stewart, Col. Creaton, G.T., W. Fraser Rae, Sampson Pierce, E. J. Barron, Woodford; and Bros. Parker, Deacon, Stephen Pearce, Pontifex, Letchworth, Sharon Turner, Ames, Jolliffe, Hilary, Skinner, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Robbins, Dr. Richardson, Burnell, and Stewart, jun., as the son of its oldest Past Master, was warmly welcomed by the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity. After several excellent speeches, and a most enjoyable evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Daniel, was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. Ferry, S.W.; Chicken, J.W.; Roberts, S.D.; Schadler, J.D.; George T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; Leims, P.M., D.C.; and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Caton, Kearney, Rudd, Edwards, Braine, Barber, Soutter, Platner, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1426; Foulsham, P.M. 1790; Stewart, 525; Hong-Kong; Hughes and King, 27; Bristow, 1637; Sargent, 1790; Ray, 220; Martin, 188; Stunt, 1641; and Gardner, 1563. By request of the W.M. of the Lodge of Unity, 1637, Bro. William Robert Bristow was raised to the Third Degree.

Mr. William Walker and Mr. James Stafford were then balloted for, approved, and initiated. The sum of fifteen guineas was voted to a worthy Past Master whose circumstances had recently been greatly impaired by unforeseen losses. Two guineas were voted to an applicant, whose claims were thoroughly investigated and certified, and one guinea was given on account of the entertainment of the inmates of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Support was also accorded to the W.M., Bro. Daniel, in aid of his forthcoming Stewardship for that Institution. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently spent a genial hour or two in the social and informal intercourse of an "off night." Over a "grog and cigar" proceedings connected with Masonry in general and the Prosperity Lodge in particular were freely and pleasantly discussed; and all present, members and visitors alike, were gratified by the information afforded, and, above all, by the proof which had been given that the sacred cause of charity had been so freely supported through non-expenditure, on this and former occasions, on the pleasures of the table. The Prosperity Lodge is following a good example now advocated by other lodges; and it is agreeable to notice that it does not require the announcement of a banquet to draw visitors in goodly numbers to take part in Masonic work. May such self-sacrifice long continue here and elsewhere, and then the second of our grand principles will be so developed as to bring on those who practise it the testimony of a good conscience and its accompanying blessing—prosperity!

LODGE OF TEMPERANCE (No. 169).—On Thursday, the 15th inst., was celebrated at the White Swan Hotel, High Street, D. piford, the installation meeting of this successful lodge, when Bro. William Predam, the S.W., was duly conducted into the W.M. chair, the ceremony being marked with that excellence which has always characterised the workings of Bro. Moore, the W.M., during his tenure of office, and eliciting at its conclusion the hearty approbation, not only of the P.M.'s present, but also of the visitors and members, who bore testimony to the same by passing a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. Moore, and the W.M. subsequently presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted at the previous meeting of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed and invested to the several offices: Bros. Moore, I.P.M.; Monk, S.W.; E. W. Wilson, J.W.; Sanderson, S.D.; Wallis, J.D.; Umfreville, I.G.; George Brown, P.M., Treasurer; Neeld, P.M., Secretary; Charles Denton, P.M., Steward; and Goddard, Tyler. The newly installed W.M. having expressed his wish to stand Steward at the approaching festival on behalf of the Girls' School, a sum of twenty guineas was voted from the lodge funds to head his subscription list, which, during the evening, received some good and substantial additions. After the labour of the evening had been brought to a close in the accustomed manner observed amongst Masons, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Frederick Morgan, the zealous and obliging host, a banquet which cannot be adequately described by words, but which was borne full and ample testimony to by the brethren. The visitors present were Bros. Magee, 546; Wriggleworth, 975; Dunn, 72; Tarryer, 1310; Ross, 1446; Jennett, 1155; Gallant, 172; King, 77; Duffield, 87; Dawson, 5.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).—The above lodge met on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Edward Phillips, W.M.; Henry Waits, J.W.; Ernest Zwinger, J.D.; J. C. Hewett, I.G.; William Birdseye, P.M.; James Paddle, P.M.; J. H. Weedon, P.M.; John Gale, P.M.; Henry Birdseye, P.M.; and several other brethren. Bro. Henry Birdseye informed the brethren that Bro. Muggeridge, the Secretary, was laid up with gout, and Bro. Myers, the Treasurer, with bronchitis. Mr. W. G. Shapley was duly initiated. Bro. A. C. Cope, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Myers, Treasurer. Proposed by Bro. H. Birdseye, P.M., seconded by Bro. Crossfield, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the usual gold jewel be presented to Bro. Edward Phillips, the W.M., on his retiring from office. Bro. H. Birdseye, P.M., by request, read the following statement from Bro. Muggeridge, the Hon. Secretary. "W. Master and Brethren,—I wish to make a communication to the lodge which I know you will be sorry to receive, and which I feel some regret in making, but I do so now that you may not be put to inconvenience at the last moment. I have acted as and done the work of Secretary of the Panmure Lodge since it has been in existence, above twenty-three years, and as I am rapidly approaching the age of three score years and ten, I wish to relieve myself from the trouble and responsibility of office, and also to a considerable extent separate myself from the things of time. I have, therefore, determined to decline being re-appointed Secretary to this lodge, and I have not done so from any sudden whim or caprice, for I came to this determination six months ago; nor is it from any pique with any of the members, for I am happy to say that I am on the most friendly terms with all of them. I therefore suggest that you consult each other as to who shall succeed me in that important office, and I venture to recommend that you select a Past Master." The W.M. expressed his regret at hearing the determination of Bro. Muggeridge to resign the Secretaryship, and requested that it might be recorded on the minutes, that it was the unanimous feeling of the members of the lodge, that the announcement of the loss of his services as Secretary were received with much regret, but they trusted he might be spared for some years yet to be amongst them as a member of the lodge. Bro. Henry Birdseye, P.M., gave notice that he intended to propose at the next meeting that Bro. Henry Muggeridge be elected an honorary member of the Panmure Lodge. Great regret was expressed by the brethren at the absence of Bros. Myers and Muggeridge.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—The members of this lodge held their annual installation at the Guildhall Tavern on the 19th inst. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities by the W.M., Bro. Rubardt, he vacated the chair, and duly installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Ginger, who was presented by Bro. Lawrence. The ceremony was most efficiently performed, and, for the first time, with musical accompaniments, the passages being most impressively rendered by Bro. Stacey, P.P.G.S., 289, who kindly volunteered to preside at the harmonium. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. C. Beaumont, S.W.; E. V. Cundy, J.W.; H. D'Arcy, P.M., Treas.; W. Rubardt, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Harbord, Asst. Sec.; Parker, S.D.; T. Hughes, J.D.; D. Hughes, I.G.; E. Salisbury, P.M., Steward; W. Alder, D.C.; E. C. T. Hand, O.; who were conducted by Bro. Baker, P.M. 753, who kindly officiated as D.C., to their respective chairs. Messrs. R. Stubbs, G. T. McLachlan, T. Vears, C. S. Pinn, and E. Venner were then duly initiated into the ancient Order. Bro. Salisbury, P.M., then proposed that a jewel, of the value of five guineas, be presented to the late Secretary, Bro. Wm. Alder (who, he regretted to say, had been compelled to relinquish his duties, owing to ill-health), in recognition of his services, and the proposition having been seconded by Bro. H. D'Arcy, P.M., was carried unanimously. Owing to the heavy business of the lodge, the presentation of the fine harmonium, which had been subscribed for by the officers, was postponed until the next meeting. The names of several candidates for initiation at the next meeting were then handed in, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, the attendance being very much greater than on any other festive occasion. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and heartily received. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said that with so many distinguished visiting brethren present it would be invidious to particularise, but he could not omit thanking Bro. Stacey, P.P.G.S., 289, for so kindly inaugurating the musical ceremony, and also Bro. Baker, P.M. 753, for his valuable services and assistance in the ritual; last, but not least, he was pleased to see present Bro. C. Lucop, 1326, the deputy Preceptor of the City of London Lodge of Instruction, and who so ably seconded Bro. H. D'Arcy, the efficient Preceptor of that successful lodge of instruction. "The Initiates" toast was given and responded to. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," expressed a hope that he would have as successful and eventful a year as his predecessor, the retiring W.M., Bro. Rubardt, who had so efficiently discharged his duties. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing again his old friend and veteran Mason, Bro. Osmond, who, eighteen years ago, filled the chair he had now the honour to occupy. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Harris, Hand, Morris, and others. The usual concluding toasts having been given the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 24th inst. Present, Bros. Shaboe, W.M.; Sindall, S.W.; Gordon, J.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Secretary; Kentish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Bindoff, I.G.; Maybury, M.C.; and Maple, W.S. The P.M.'s present were Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M.; Southwell, I.P.M.; Phythian, and Keily. Members, Bros. Kirke, P.M.; Boucey, P.M.; Ward, Tarr, Game, Sadler, Roberts, Spratting, Maybury, Harvey, Jones, Carter, Forrester, F. W. Smith, and Parnwell. Visitors, Bros. Ireton, W.M. 73; Farthing, P.M. 55; Hollingworth, P.M. 63; Hopwood, P.M. 141; Lee, P.M. 975; Dawson, P.M. 1768; Elam, jun., 569; Walton 1048; Mead 1185; Clay and Staley, 1216. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after some routine business, at the request of the W.M. the chair was taken by Bro. Southwell, I.P.M., for the purpose of installation, and Bro. Sindall, S.W., was duly presented and installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony and various addresses being well and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers—Bros. Gordon, S.W.; Kentish, J.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Secretary; Sanders, S.D.; Bindoff, J.D.; Shaboe, Chap.; Maybury, I.G.; Maple, M.C.; Jones, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Southwell for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The W.M. then presented Bro. Shaboe, the retiring W.M., with the P.M. jewel, unanimously voted to him by the lodge. Bros. Gordon, S.W., and Spratting volunteered to act as Stewards for the ensuing festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools respectively. The lodge was then adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Sadler, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, the 23rd inst., at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. R. H. Crowden, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, S.W., Sec.; H. D. Stead, P.M., acting J.W.; W. F. Gardner, S.D.; Thomas Perrin, J.D.; Vizetelly, I.G.; J. B. Crump, W.S.; Allen, P.M.; Cranch, P.M.; James Crowden, John Crowden, Orange, Druce, Fulwood, and Philips. Visitors: Bros. E. Grahham, P.M. 19; P. W. Le Quiesne, P.M. 77; T. Preston, Sec. 1669; E. Altman, 101; B. Blewitt, 1670; T. Clark, 1704; C. Collard, 1704; A. C. Saunders, Caledonia; and Wm. Lake, P.M. 131 (Freemason). The agenda paper presented a formidable array of work, but the W.M. and officers were equal to the demands made on them, and very satisfactorily disposed of the "business." The lodge having been opened in due form, the

Worshipful Master most ably raised Bros. A. J. Druce and J. Orange to the Third Degree, after which Bro. P. G. Philps was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. T. Archer and Dr. William Lomas were initiated. A notice of motion as to alteration of days and place of meeting was then considered, and it was resolved "That the meetings of the lodge be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the fourth Saturday in March, April, May, June, July, and October." The members then proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. The result of the ballot for W.M. resulted in the re-election of Bro. R. H. Crowden for another year, which appeared to give unqualified satisfaction to the lodge. The Treasurer and Tyler having been unanimously re-elected, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided in the grand saloon, under the genial presidency of the W.M. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured P.M. Crouch proposed that of "The W.M." He spoke in the warmest terms of Bro. Crowden's many good qualities, of his zeal for Masonry in general, and for the West Kent Lodge in particular, and congratulated him on being re-elected to the chair, a position which he had so ably filled during the past year. He trusted the coming year would be as pleasant and prosperous as the past. The W.M. in reply, thanked Bro. Crouch for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of his services to the West Kent Lodge. He had endeavoured to carry out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the members, and was amply repaid by their kind expressions of good will, and by the compliment they had paid him by re-electing him to preside over the lodge for another. The toast of "The Newly-initiated" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that they were greatly pleased to receive among them two gentlemen whom he felt sure would prove a valuable accession and an honour to the lodge. Bro. Archer was well-known in the literary world, and Bro. Lomas was also well-known in the medical profession. He gladly welcomed them to the West Kent Lodge. Bros. Archer and Dr. Lomas replied. The W.M. next gave the toast of the P.M.'s, which was replied to by Bros. Crouch, Allen, and H. D. Stead. "The Visitors" followed coupled with the names of Bros. Saunders and W. Lake, who briefly responded. In proposing "The Health of the Officers" the W.M. thanked them for the support they had always given him in the working of the lodge, and called upon Bro. Woodrow, S.W., and Secretary, to respond. Bro. Woodrow expressed the pleasure it had always afforded him to work with Bro. Crowden, and added his congratulations to the many that had been offered to him on his re-election to the chair. He had himself desired it, and if the action they had taken should have the effect of keeping back any of the brethren from the advancement they might expect, he would gladly sacrifice any claim he might have to the chair, and make way for them. Having passed the chair in two lodges his ambition had been fairly satisfied. The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The January meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. C. J. Scales, W.M.; John Douglass, I.P.M.; C. W. Side, S.W.; W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1732, J.W.; J. J. Michaels, P.M., Sec.; George Colls, S.D.; H. Lovegrove, W.M. 1777, D. of C.; George Clark, jun., I.G.; J. Daly, Tyler; W. Davey, T. G. Jones, H. Connolly, E. Tottenbon, C. F. Hall, C. C. Cruikshanks, Lewis Solomon, F. H. Clemow, W. F. Bates, J. W. Bonner, G. Fortescue, G. W. Knight, P. H. Thorn, E. Van Camp, Dimsdale, John Jones, C. Rooke, and the following visitors: Bros. J. H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; E. Mayes, 51; R. Gillard, 109; S. T. Fisk, 212; Cabb Wells, 212; S. Albert John (of Lagos, S. Africa), 1260; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; Thomas W. Heath, 1642; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, when Bro. C. Turner was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. R. W. Fraser and J. Jones were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Ballot was then taken for Mr. J. Barnard, which being unanimous in his favour, that gentleman, having been properly prepared, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. On the proposition of Bro. John Douglass, I.P.M., seconded by Past Master Bro. J. J. Michaels, the sum of £15 15s. was unanimously voted for the list of the W.M., who represents this lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the various visitors present, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a capital banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and warmly responded to. Bro. J. J. Michaels, in reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," remarked how difficult it was to find something new to say. He was sure the Past Masters were always ready to render all the assistance in their power, and the fact of the P.M.'s being elected to any office that might be vacant was a very good proof of their popularity. Bro. Michaels then referred to the absence of Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., which was unavoidable on his part, and which they all regretted. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. referred to the presence of Bro. J. H. Southwood, whom they were all so pleased to see. He (Bro. Southwood) was a Past Master of the John Hervey Lodge, a lodge named after their late Grand Secretary, whose illness they all so deeply deplored. Bro. Southwood, in reply, said that this was the first time he had had the privilege of visiting the Metropolitan Lodge. He thought an apology was due for this, as he had had so many invites but had been unable to avail himself of them before that evening. He was delighted to bear witness to the unanimity that pervaded the whole lodge, from the Past Master down to the youngest member. It was quite a happy family. Bro. Southwood then referred to the presence of

Bro. Albert John, an African, who he said it was his privilege to initiate in the John Hervey Lodge some two years ago. Bro. John had been back to Lagos since then, and his statement as to African Masonry was most gratifying. It made them appreciate more and more the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry. Bros. Albert John, Wells, Fisk, and Mayes also replied. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" elicited replies, which were creditably brief, from Bros. Side, Styles, Colls, and Lovegrove. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The sum of £46 6s. 6d. was collected during the evening by Bro. Lovegrove for the W.M.'s Steward's list.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. Thomas Goode, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; Rothschild, J.W.; Maples, Treas.; Hunter, P.M. and W.S.; Defrez Sec.; Millward, S.D.; Calderwood, J.D.; Piggott, I.G.; Rushton, Org.; and Verry, Tyler; together with the following visitors:—Bros. Carpenter, P.M. Urban; Churchyard, 376; Lansdowne, New Concord; Themans, P.M. Faith; H. Thompson, Great City, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Augustus Thomas Buckingham was reported as a candidate for being raised to the Sublime Degree. He was questioned as to the Degrees through which he had already passed, and most readily did he answer every question that was put to him, clearly showing that since his introduction he had been no drone in the hive of Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and he was most impressively raised by the W. Master to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and a gentleman who had been balloted for, and the vote being unanimous in his favour, was initiated into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, and nothing could exceed the perfect manner in which the W. Master discharged that duty, and while adhering to the ritual of the Order, he wisely discharged a few tautological expressions, which showed the pains he had bestowed in qualifying himself for his duties, without once deviating from what has been considered the established mode of working, and some old Masons who were present expressed the gratification they had experienced in seeing so able a Mason preside over the lodge as its W. Master. Some other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall for refreshment, the W. Master presiding. This having been disposed of, the W. Master in rapid succession gave the usual formal and Masonic toasts, and proposed "The Health of their Brother Initiate," who he stated was well known in Clerkenwell, and he was sure was one whose admission amongst them would do credit to the lodge. The newly-initiated brother, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was very pleased at his admission amongst them, and could not find words to express his thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him. It was an honour he had long wished to obtain, and while thanking them for the way in which the toast had been received, hoped that he should prove himself to be a worthy member of their noble Order. Bro. Dr. Hunter, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," said he knew him to be a most zealous Mason, and although that night he was not recovered from his illness, still he was better than he was, and he was delighted that they had such a man to preside over them, and to see the excellent manner in which he had gone through the ceremonies that night, which showed the indomitable courage he had displayed in coming amongst them to perform his duties as Master of the lodge. It was, therefore, with great pleasure he called upon the brethren to drink the health of the W. Master, a request which was enthusiastically responded to. The W. Master, in responding, said he felt proud at the manner in which the toast had been received, but he believed that he had only done his duty, and he hoped to do in the future what had received their approbation in the past. Bro. Rushton, the Organist of the lodge, was called upon for a song, and he at once complied with the request, by producing an original one of his own writing, set to a popular nautical tune, which elicited unbounded applause, the principal members of the lodge being individually referred to. As it is of considerable merit, a copy of it is subjoined—

"O, have you not heard of the noble Crusaders,
Who in King Richard's time formed a true band,
To fight the bold Saracen down in the Holy Land,
And there for the Cross to make a brave stand?
Forth from the priory gate they went speedily,
Blest by the abbot and monks, who so heedily
Urged them with courage to do and to dare,
And helped them in absence by many a prayer.

"I sing not of them, but of other Crusaders,
Whose deeds as brightly will shine, we believe,
Who would urge a great war against hatred and envy,
And poverty, sickness, and suffering relieve,
'Tis a lodge of Freemasons which was consecrated,
And from the old priory its charter dated.
The shades of the abbot and monks hovered there,
To bless all who sit in the Crusaders' chair.

"I sing yet aloud of the most noble founders,
With Maples, and Hunter, and Goode to the fore,
Of Simmonds and Calderwood, Gay, and of Piggott,
And dear old friend Davis, alas! now no more;
Of Millward, Defrez, of Knight and of Rothschild,
Who large the jewels of Masonry share,
Who've proved themselves able, with zeal and devotion,
To environ with beauty the Crusaders' chair.

"O, join then in sympathy, all worthy Masons,
And pray the Great Architect grace may impart,
To make each Crusader a good and true Mason,
At last, as at first, in the depth of his heart,
That so we in Masonry true knowledge learning,
The Grand Lodge above may be ever discerning,
And the Most High, for ever, His blessing shed there,
Where the brethren surround the new Crusaders' chair."

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Maples and Dr. Hunter, stating that Dr. Hunter looked after their wants, and Bro. Maples looked after their funds. Bro. the Rev. J. Caseley, Prov. Grand Chaplain for Herts, and principal curate of St. James's, Clerkenwell, sang a comical and very amusing song. Bro. Hunter, P.M., said he felt gratified in the manner in which the brethren had received the toast, and he was highly pleased at the manner in which it was always received. As that was the last opportunity he should have of addressing them before the festival, most sincerely did he thank the brethren for the response they had made to his appeal in representing them at the festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Although they were a young lodge at present he held a sum of £113 towards that festival, a sum which was highly gratifying to him as their Steward, and especially as considering that they had hardly come into existence when they appointed a Steward, and sent him up with a sum of £70. When he entered upon the duty of the Steward he did not think he should get anything like the amount that had come into his hands, but lately he had met with many old friends, who had shaken hands with him, and said, "Well done, Bro. Hunter, I did not think you would get £50." Bro. Maples, P.M. and Secretary, also returned thanks. The W. Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Visitors," and that night they were favoured with a goodly sprinkling of them, and most happy should they be to see them again, and in proposing the toast he mentioned the names of Bros. Carpenter, P.M. of the Urban Lodge, Thompson, of the Great City Lodge, Lansdowne, of the New Concord, and Themans, of the Faith Lodge, and most happy was he to see them. Bro. Carpenter jocosely returned thanks for the toast, and Bro. Thompson remarked that the lodge bearing the name of the Crusaders, who were the pioneers of great and virtuous acts in early ages, carrying out the great principles of Christianity, from what they had heard that night from Bro. Dr. Hunter, seemed determined by their bounty to follow the noble examples of those whose name they bore, and appeared to be foremost in a second crusade in carrying out in the future those principles which had so well distinguished the acts of the noble Crusaders in the past. Some other toasts were given, including that of "The Officers of the Lodge," and a very pleasant evening was passed.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The third annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, opened the lodge in due form, supported by Bros. John Dixon, I.P.M.; Charles Butcher, S.W., W.M. elect; A. E. Staley, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. 109 and 1208, Treas.; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1601, P.M. 1671, S.W. 1572, Sec.; Harris, S.D. B. Buckworth, J.D.; J. Rexworthy, D. of C.; W. Woodward, Steward; W. A. Frost, Org.; Mackrell, Carter, Schove, Kimpton, Gathercole, Andrew, Stubbs, Charles Recknell, Lehany, Chapman, and the following visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.W. Heris; George S. Pare, W.M. 185; Henry Vickery, W.M. 1475; Bonsor, W.M. 1580; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Sec. 1572; Lindus, P.M. 538; W. T. Bayley, S.W. 185; Curtis, 145; Christie, 405; A. Stuart, 1328; and Richardson, 1657. The W.M., after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, raised Bro. Schove to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. Bro. Charles Butcher, the W.M. elect, being presented, and having assented to the various charges, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. C. Bush. The following gentlemen were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Charles Butcher, W.M.: Bros. Bush, I.P.M.; A. E. Staley, S.W.; B. Buckworth, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. 109, Treas.; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1601, Sec.; J. Rexworthy, S.D.; W. Woodward, J.D.; J. S. Recknell, I.G.; R. Kimpton, D. of C.; E. N. Carter, Stew.; W. A. Frost, Org.; and Church, Tyler. The report of the audit committee was then brought before the members, the lodge shortly afterwards being closed in solemn form. The brethren shortly afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and ably responded to, that of the Tyler's bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—The second regular meeting of this rapidly progressing lodge took place at the Grosvenor Hotel, Belgravia, on Monday, the 26th inst. There were present Bros. Louis Hirsch, W.M.; Dr. Thomas Pearce, S.W.; A. Fairlie, J.W. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; W. Worrell, P.M. Sec.; R. Clay Sudlow, Treas. (pro tem.); A. Pocock, S.D. W. C. Hale, J.D.; Fr. Lewis Evans, D.C.; A. G. Repton, Stew.; and S. Pocock. Visitors: Bros. James Mason, P.G.S.B., 161; Col. Peters, P.P.S.J.D., 263; W. Lake, P.M. 131; B. Duke, 1118; J. Zeder, 1671; W. Gurnson, 1693; and C. E. Robinson, 1146. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the W.M. most ably raised Bro. Dr. Lewis, A. G. Repton, and Sydney Pocock, and initiated Messrs. Burroughs and Hawkins into the mysteries of the Craft. The following propositions were then considered: By the S.W., seconded by the J.W. That the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the Charity Fund, to be placed on the list of the W.M., as

Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. By Bro. A. G. Repton, seconded by Bro. Sydney Pocock, that six Founder's jewels be presented to the W.M., S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., and I.G. By the W.M. That the initiation fee be raised two guineas, seconded by the S.W., carried *unanimously*. The Secretary having read letters and telegrams from Bros. Herbert Dicketts, A. Tattershall, Goldschmidt, and H. Phillips, regretting their inability to be present, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious drawing room, from whence they were presently summoned to the banquet. The greatest praise is due to Bro. Zeder, the manager of the Grosvenor Hotel, for the admirable manner in which the elegant and sumptuous banquet was served, and the brethren fully endorsed the compliments paid him by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M. and duly honoured, the W.M. said he had the honour to propose "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, &c." This toast was always received with great favour in all Masonic assemblies, for the Grand Officers were well known to be most energetic and painstaking Freemasons. The members, and especially the founders, of the Clapham Lodge had every reason to be deeply grateful to the Grand Officers for the many favours conferred upon them, and their warmest thanks were due to their very esteemed and kind Bro. Buss for the great interest he has taken from the very first in promoting the prosperity of their lodge. Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. He expressed his pleasure at seeing the Clapham Lodge in such a prosperous and flourishing position, and so admirably conducted. It was the custom, he was sorry to say, to compliment the Master and Officers of a lodge on their working, whether that was good, bad, or indifferent. He, for his own part, never paid such a compliment where it was not due. It afforded him, therefore, the greatest pleasure on the present occasion to say that he had never heard our beautiful ceremonies rendered more impressively than on that evening by their W.M. (Hear.) On looking over his certificate that evening, he found that he had been a Mason for thirty-eight years, and had visited during that period very many lodges, and he could, therefore, speak with some authority. He assured the brethren that he was highly delighted with the whole proceedings of the evening, which were marked throughout by the true spirit of brotherhood and cordiality, and he had no doubt that a lodge commenced under such able auspices, would gain the highest position in the Craft. He was also greatly pleased to find that the great purpose of our noble and ancient Order was by no means forgotten at the Clapham Lodge. There were substantial proofs of this when he saw before him the beautiful silver Charity Box, presented to the lodge by the W.M.'s admirable wife, and by the vote of the brethren that evening of a sum of £100 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Perhaps the brethren would not think it presumptuous if he gave them a few words of advice. It referred mainly to the discretion the brethren ought to exercise in whom they admitted as members of their lodge, and the sentiments expressed by Bro. Mason were fully endorsed by the brethren by their applause. The health of the W.M. was next proposed by Bro. Worrell, P.M. No lodge could possibly be more fortunate in the choice of their W.M. than the Clapham Lodge. His courtesy and generosity had endeared himself to every member of the Clapham Lodge, which was already spoken of as one of high standing. The W.M. in reply said: I thank you most heartily, brethren, for the kind manner in which you have received the toast of my health, proposed to you in far too flattering terms by our Bro. Worrell. I wish I could feel that I deserve the flattering remarks of Bro. Worrell, but at least I will promise this that no pains shall be spared on my part to discharge conscientiously the duties of my office, promote the happiness of the brethren, and uphold the dignity and prosperity of our lodge. The Clapham Lodge has now fairly started on the voyage of its Masonic life, and I assure you brethren, I esteem it a high honour and privilege to be at the helm of the good ship, which I will endeavour to steer aright, and avoid the rocks which lay around us, and I feel sure of your hearty co-operation and support. Indeed, from the substantial beginning we have made, there can be little doubt that this lodge will prove one of the most flourishing associations near London, and it only remains now for us to exercise the utmost care as to whom we introduce into the lodge, whether as joining members or candidates for initiation, and also strictly adhere to the principle laid down by the founders, viz., that every brother before his appointment to an office should be in every way prepared to properly undertake the duties of such office. With these few remarks, I thank you for your hearty reception of this toast. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next proposed by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. He pointed out the great good resulting from their charitable institutions, and said it should be their endeavour to make Masonry so minister to its true purpose by carefully remembering its higher duties and its exalting characteristics. Whether they assisted their great Charities, such as the noble educational establishments and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which claim he was then advocating, or poured the balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, or helped a poor destitute or struggling brother, they ought to do the best in their time to make their good old Order useful to mankind, a pride to its members and the admiration of contemporary non-Masons. Bro. Buss, in responding, regretted the task of replying to this toast had not fallen into abler hands. No doubt Bro. Terry would have been present had not the death of his father prevented him. After the eloquent speech from the W.M. he had little to say, further than to urge the brethren to support by every means in their power the Charitable Institutions connected with the

Order. The Stewards' list was then sent round with a grand result, every member of the lodge subscribing thereto. The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," and said there was no toast which afforded him greater pleasure to propose than the health of the visitors. They were honoured that evening with the presence of several distinguished brethren, whom they were highly pleased to see amongst them, and they would agree with him that this festive board would have been stripped of its greatest charm if not graced by the presence of their brother visitors. A Shakespearean quotation had just crossed his mind, which he thought very appropos—

"If they had been forgotten
It had been as a gap in our great feast,
And all things unbecoming."

He tendered to the brother visitors their most hearty welcome, and thanked them for the honour they had done them by being present, and hoped to see them on many future occasions. He had pleasure in associating with this toast the name of Bro. Colonel J. Peters. Bro. Colonel Peters, in responding, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present. He supported Bro. Mason in his remarks about the care that should always be exercised in the admission of members. He was glad that the Clapham Lodge had started on the principle of accepting only good men and true, and trusted they would meet with the success they deserved. Bros. W. Lake, Duke, and Robinson also replied. The W.M. said he had much pleasure in proposing the next toast, combining the two on his list, and he was sure they would give it the reception it deserved, "The Health of our Pro Treasurer, Secretary, and the Officers of this Lodge." It must have been as gratifying to all present as it was to him to witness the able manner in which the Officers performed their duties that evening. Their best thanks were due to their very worthy Bro. Sudlow for undertaking the duties of Treasurer, and for the assistance he had rendered them on so many occasions. They were indeed greatly obliged to him for so kindly undertaking the musical arrangements, which added greatly to the effect of their ceremonies and enhanced the pleasure of the evening. This was replied to by the S.W. and Bro. Sudlow. Bro. Dr. Thomas Pearce, S.W., thanked the W.M. for the complimentary remarks he had been pleased to bestow upon his officers. He felt sure that he uttered the sentiments of every one of his brother officers when he said that they all felt proud of their W.M. and the excellent example he had set them, not only that evening, but ever since he had been in office. For his own part, though advanced in years, he was really only a baby in Masonry, but he had the interest of the Craft at heart, and would do his best to perform his duty in whatever post the brethren might appoint him. Bro. Sudlow said he fully appreciated the kind remarks of the W.M. He had from the moment of his initiation taken the greatest interest in Freemasonry, and any assistance he could render to the brethren he would willingly give. "The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed, and the W.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to propose that toast, which, he was sure, would meet with a most hearty reception. He had the pleasure and gratification of adding that evening two gentlemen to their lodge, of whom they had good reason to be proud of as members, not only on account of their social position, not only because their names can add but lustre to the lodge, but because the tongue of good report had been heard in their favour, and he knew them to be men of sterling worth, good and true, and who would, he felt sure, carry out the principles of their noble Order, brotherly love, relief, and truth, and who would look upon Freemasonry as cultivating the highest virtues and bringing to the fore all that elevates and ennobles our nature. Bros. Burroughs and Hawkins responded, and expressed their pleasure of having joined the Clapham Lodge. They were greatly impressed with the solemn ceremony of initiation, and would endeavour to become useful members of the Craft. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The musical arrangements were satisfactorily carried out under the direction of Bro. Sudlow, ably assisted by Bro. Zeder and Repton.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—Our Sussex brethren mustered in strong force at the Castle Hotel, on Monday afternoon, the 12th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Worshipful Master and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing twelve months. Among those present we noticed Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.G.St. (England); John Howell, P.M.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. St.; Thos. Trollope, W.M. 1842; P.P. S.G.W.; H. R. Cooper Smith, P.M. 315; P.P.G.S.W. Oxfordshire; W. Dawes, P.M. 341; P.P.G.R.; C. W. Duke, P.M. 40 and 1184; P.P.G.J.D.; W. Lamborne, W.M. 1184; P.P.G.P.; C. R. Chandler, P.M. 1184; P.G.St.; F. Forss, 1585; J. Dorman, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; G. F. Wood, W. Norris, P.M.; George Weller, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; C. D. Jones, P.M. 1184; Dr. Abram, H. M. Baker, F. J. Parsons, T. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; E. Bradnam, C. J. Lewns, S. T. Weston, H. J. Emmerson, A. Joseph, R. Draycon, T. Hulburd, R. E. Wilson, D. W. Davis, T. Hardwood, G. M. Wilkins, Rev. B. Puttick, W. H. Russell, T. Markwick, A. Wells, Capt. Hennah, F. Duke, H. F. Crossthwaite, W. Hudson, H. J. Godbold, A. W. Elliott, Rev. J. S. Wells, 309, P.P.G. Chap. (Hants); C. Martin, 1184; E. Grant (Salisbury); Jas. Robertson, S.W. 1821; Geo. Roddes, St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330 (Market Harborough); W. Salter, S.W. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 401; B. Sargent, S.W. 1184; C. W. Hudson, W.M. Royal York Lodge, No. 315; W. Millson, W.M. Wellington Lodge, No. 341 (Rye), and others. The lodge was opened in the usual manner by the out-going W.M., Bro. Glenister, who, after transacting the ordinary business and raising a brother, handed over the insignia of his office to Past Master Trollope, who, in his usual impres-

sive manner, placed Bro. F. Rossiter in the chair of K.S., and that brother then appointed his officers. The whole of the magnificent ceremony of installation was very ably and effectively rendered by Bro. Trollope. During the proceedings Bro. Glenister was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge as Worshipful Master during the past year. The following is a complete list of the officers for the year, viz.: Bros. F. Rossiter, W.M.; W. Glenister, I.P.M.; A. Wells, S.W.; E. W. Hennah, J.W.; Rev. A. Hodges, Chap.; Geo. Weller, P.P.G.D.W. (elected for the thirtieth time Treasurer); T. H. Cole, M.A., P.P.A.G.D. of C., Sec.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; G. M. Wilkins, S.D.; G. Pearce, J.D.; W. H. Russell, I.G.; J. Attersoll, Tyler. The banquet was held immediately after the close of the lodge, the W.M. in the chair, and full justice having been done to the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Gaze, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, which we regret the pressure on our space prevents our reporting fully. Bro. Chandler responded to the toast of "The Prov. G. Master for Sussex and the Prov. G. Officers." The toast of "The W.M." was very ably proposed by the I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. Rossiter. "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Cooper Smith and W. Dawes; "The Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bros. Glenister, Cole, and Trollope; "The Officers," responded to by the S.W., Bro. Wells; and "The Charities," responded to by Bro. F. A. Binckes, brought the proceedings to a close.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at 34, Denmark-street, when there were present Bros. Robt. Whitfield, W.M.; John Wood, S.W.; John G. Smith, J.W.; Michael Corbett, I.P.M.; W. B. Elsdon, Treas.; E. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; John Moul, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Boyatt, I.G.; J. C. S. Liddell and J. McIntyre, Stewds.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; David Sinclair, John E. Robson, B. P. Ord, and Jas. McCulloch, P.M.'s; W. M. Pybus, E. Shewbrooks, H. B. Slee, M. J. Wheatley, J. Matthews, W. Leach, J. H. Rowell, J. G. Waddington, W. Dalrymple, W. Richardson, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.S.G.W.; John Usher, W.M. 481; J. A. G. Ross, 481; John Duckitt, S.W. 481; G. Hardy, W.M. 1643; J. Mitchell, S.W. 1643; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 1643; F. J. Down, 1643; T. E. Smith, S.W. 1712; John Mackay, S.W. 424; E. A. Gibson, 424; G. S. Sims, 1342; F. Deering, 1314; P. W. Thomson, I.G. 991; G. Turnbull, S.D. 991; C. Green, 991; A. Laing, 406; R. W. Sisson, J.S. 406, and others. The lodge was opened shortly after seven p.m. by the W.M., Bro. R. Whitfield, assisted by the officers and brethren as above mentioned. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Henry Bewsher, William Leach, and W. Dalrymple were examined as to proficiency; they received the usual test of merit and retired for preparation. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Slee, Dalrymple, and Leach were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The S.W. (Bro. John Wood) explained the working tools. The lodge was duly closed to the First Degree, when the names of the brethren eligible for the W.M.'s chair were read to the brethren. The nominations for Treasurer, Organist, and Tyler were made, also the Financial Committee for the ensuing year. There were four candidates for initiation proposed during the evening. After receiving the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren, the W.M. closed the lodge in due form at 9.30 p.m. An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where there was an excellent muster of brethren, who enjoyed the part songs, glees, and musical harmony of Bros. Sinclair, Ord, Smith, Deering, Ferry, Richardson, and others, which were interspersed along with the loyal and Masonic toasts.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—The ceremony of installing Bro. A. O. Michell as W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, the 19th inst. It was very efficiently performed by W. Bro. Kinsman, I.P.M., in the presence of the following P.M.'s:—Bros. F. Boase, P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. Maxwell, F. Beringer, S. H. James, and I. Levin, of 121; G. Kennedy, 450; H. S. Hill, 223; and W. Alsop, P. Prov. G.P. Cumberland and Westmorland, 119. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Boase, I.P.M.; James Lovell, jun., P. Prov. G.O., S.W.; G. H. Small, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Aitken, Chap. and O.; C. Read, P. Prov. S.G.W., Treas.; W. H. Kinsman, P.M., Sec.; F. Holman, S.D.; M. Sampson, J.D.; F. Roida, I.G.; J. C. S. Simpson, D.C.; T. Reynolds, A.D.C.; W. Colenso, S.S.; G. Wedlake, J.S.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. The accounts presented to the Treasurer showed that the year began with a balance of £22 and ended with one of £35, the expenditure having been £109. Bro. Levin was re-elected Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, to which the annual vote of five guineas was made, and £40 was voted for other Charities, to be devoted probably to the Masonic School for Girls. Before the lodge was closed the brethren paid a very unusual compliment to Bro. M. Matthews, who, having been a contributing member for fifty years, was made free of the lodge for life. Subsequently the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John at Bro. Mitchell's Western Hotel, where a recherché banquet was tastefully laid and admirably served. Bro. A. O. Michell, W.M., presided, and was supported by the Past Masters present at his installation. When dessert had been laid the customary preliminary toasts were given, and then the W.M. proposed "The Prov. G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe," remarking on the courtesy, firmness, and tact which distinguished the

ruling of the Provincial Grand Lodge. With the next toast "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall," the name of Bro. F. Boase, P. Prov. S.G.W., was coupled, and in a hearty response, he touched lightly on his thirty years' connection with Prov. Grand Lodge, having during that time served under three Provincial Grand Masters, the late Sir Charles Lemon, the late Mr. Augustus Smith, and the present Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. Of late he had not attended Prov. Grand Lodge, because he was averse to any arrangement which made it impossible for all the brethren either to be present at the business or at the banquet. At a very early age he had been associated with Masonry, and he had never regretted joining it. Masonry was a thing not to be treated lightly. On no former occasion had he seen religion represented with such breadth as now, for they had with them the representative of the ancient faith, a clergyman of the Church as by law established, and a minister of that Wesleyan Church which had been of unspeakable value to Cornwall. Bro. the Rev. G. Kennedy, who he was glad to see with them, had, by becoming the leader of his brother Masons at Hayle, set an example others in a similar position would be wise to follow. The W.M. having read the following telegram from his predecessor in office, Bro. J. J. Taylor, now residing in France, "With you in spirit, good wishes and greetings," Bro. Boase, as the senior P.M., proposed "The W.M. of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121," whom he had known from his youth up, and his excellent father before him. Bro. Michell having throughout his Masonic career shown excellence and kindness of heart, and an anxious desire to promote the welfare and harmony of the lodge, had secured the hearty assistance and co-operation of all. In giving the toast they trusted their W.M. would be blessed with health, enabling him to fulfil the onerous duties of his office. W. Bro. Michell neatly responded, assuring the brethren that the unsought honour conferred on him made him very sensible that his very best efforts would be but a poor return, but at any rate they should have the will. Wherever there was a difficulty his utmost endeavour should be to smooth it, and he would strive to return his badge of office as unsullied as he had received it. "The Installing Master and Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., who said Bro. Kinsman had carried through the installation ceremony with great éclat. Bro. Kinsman responded. The name of the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Taylor, was specially toasted, hearty references being made to his eminent liberality and devoted services, and the W.M. was deputed to send to him, assuring him of the lodge's best wishes and kindest remembrances. "The Chaplain" was proposed by Bro. S. H. James, who spoke of his life-long friendship with Bro. the Rev. R. W. Aitken, whom to know was to respect. Bro. the Rev. W. Aitken, responding, confessed that the more he knew of Masonry the more he liked it. His interest was not that simply of a Mason, for he was convinced that it was a very great mistake to suppose that Freemasonry and religion were antagonistic. On the contrary, he would go so far as to say that Freemasonry and Christianity have one common object in view, for both were intended to promote the same blessed doctrine of "Peace on earth and goodwill toward man." And although they might not be identical, it was certain that the taunts heedlessly and causelessly thrown against Freemasonry were quite out of place. Everything that tended to promote harmony and cement a bond of social union was a step in the right direction, and he had always advocated a common ground where men of different social position could meet on terms of equality. Freemasonry was one of such grounds, and on its angularities were rubbed off and narrow ideas that were developed in various phases of society were removed, and the upper and the lower classes learnt much from each other. Often he had met with labouring men equal in intellectual power, courtesy, wit, kindness, and real benevolence of character to any of the upper class, and superior to many. Freemasonry acted as a great tonic in society by bringing all classes together, and making them feel that there is a common bond between them, and it had a humanising effect. The ladies were excluded; and it was a pity. Many of them, doubtless, would like to join, but although the ladies might make good telegraph clerks, and fill similar posts under Government, he felt they could hardly trust the ladies with the secrets of Freemasonry. The W.M. next proposed "The Wardens and other Officers," and Bro. Lovell, S.W., made a happy response, promising for all the officers a loyal support to Bro. Michell during the year, and congratulating Bro. Kinsman on his performance of the installation ceremony. As long as he lived Bro. Kinsman would, doubtless, be the Installing Master of Mount Sinai Lodge. Bro. Boase proposed "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. the Rev. George Kennedy, whom he again warmly congratulated on having had the courage of being the first Wesleyan minister, so far as he knew, to undertake the uling of a Freemasons' lodge. His firm belief was that Bro. Kennedy had increased his utility in consequence. He ventured to think that by good advice from the pulpit, and well acted up to out of the pulpit, the clergy and ministers would do a much more useful work than by preaching so much doctrinal theology. And they would specially endear themselves to an active personal interest in all that affected them socially. If more morality was taught to the rising generation than theology, he believed the labours of the magistrates would be lessened greatly. Therefore, they ought to be obliged to Bro. Kennedy for the manliness he had shown in this matter, by testifying, in the most public way possible, that Freemasonry teaches the great principles of brotherly love and charity to all mankind. Bro. the Rev. G. Kennedy, enthusiastically received, responded in a long and eloquent speech, for which we have only room for the barest outline. After warmly expressing his thanks, he said he had never been able to see the slightest incongruity in a teacher of religion endeavouring to build himself up to the full stature of

manhood by laying hold of every possible good in Masonry and outside of it. And he quite agreed with Bro. Boase that preachers were apt to preach far too little morality, and to create doubts for the apparently poor purpose of running them down to earth again. He feared some time or other the terrible possibility of being deluged with so much religion in Cornwall, and starving the people for the want of an ounce of simple, manly morality. (Applause.) He rejoiced to be with them on Masonic grounds, because if ever they obtained uniformity of Masonry, either in its ritual or action, it would only be by these free interchanges of visits and courtesies. Further, he rejoiced in his visits on fraternal grounds, for he recognized a genuine feeling of brotherhood animating them; and he rejoiced on personal grounds, because he had come in closer contact with Bro. Levin, whose manly outspoken action in Prov. G.L. two years since claimed his esteem. Proceeding, Bro. Kennedy, by the use of a beautiful illustration, contended that Freemasonry embodied the great principle of co-operation, and that generally the principle of social life had been sadly forgotten. In turn, he urged that Freemasonry was a protest against that spirit of self-love, of self-seeking, and self-worship which had been the curse of the human race, and that Freemasonry, whilst being ostensibly a religious institution, made every man his brother's keeper, taught its members that humanity is a grander word than party, that faith in God is more splendid than faith in creed or sect, that humanity is a grander thing than nationality. Next he dwelt upon the legitimate and healthful influence in society, and he ventured to think that this influence would have a marked effect in the satisfactory solution of difficult questions pressing forward for settlement, such as the question of the great conservative principles of society, the bond that links man to man and all to God, and the question of the relative duty of capital and labour. Touching upon the prejudice as against Freemasonry, he mentioned how his grandmother always associated thunderstorms with the holding of a Masonic lodge and the utterance of the secret. This led up to an earnest peroration, the subject of which was an appeal to the brethren to make their Masonry a reality, and he closed with a graceful compliment indicative of his firm belief in "Mount Sinai" continuing to the end to exemplify true and real Masonry. Bro. Kennedy, who was loudly applauded, was subsequently thanked for his brilliant speech. "The Treasurer and Secretary" were toasted, with cordial reference to Bro. Read's long services, and Bro. Kinsman's assumption of the Secretariate. Bro. Boase proposed "The New Initiates," and Bros. Wildman, Ash, and Matthews responded. Bro. Small mentioned that Bro. Phillips, the other initiate of the year, had telegraphed from London that "his thoughts were with the lodge, and should silently drink the health of all." "The Host and Hostess" was, as usual, heartily received, and Bro. Mitchell, P.M., responded. Bro. Levin made a neat response for "The Ladies," and a few other toasts followed. During the evening the glee party of St. Mary's choir, assisted by Bros. Sampson and Gerry, and accompanied by Bro. Lovell on the pianoforte, sang several beautiful pieces, and Bros. Lovell and Gerry sang capital songs.

NORWICH.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 213).—The installation of Bro. J. E. H. Watson, as W.M. of this lodge, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., was performed in a most masterly style by Bro. James Dunsford, P.M., P.Z. (of course assisted with a complete galaxy of P.M.'s), Bro. Geo. Baxter being D.C. Among the members present were Bros. W. T. Bloomfield, Captain H. Blake, J. B. Bugg, W. J. Butler, W. C. Bexfield, R. Colby, E. Coleman, G. Daniels, C. Fendick, J. Harvey (North Walsham), G. Kersey, T. C. R. King, S. Matthews, S. N. Berry, Dr. J. S. Offord, C. E. Sexton, J. Stanley, P.M.; E. C. Thompson, P. Soman, E. Skipper (Roughton), W. B. Wilkin, H. Youngman, R. J. Silburn, A. E. Le Good, and others. The visitors included Bros. G. Green, J. Hunt, J. H. Brockbank, H. J. Minns, A. Berry, Gunn, F. Linging, F. Mills, J. Franklin (Yarmouth), T. Muskett, T. Isley, Bridgman, A. H. Santy, H. F. Barwell, P.G.S.; B. Quinton, W.M. Suffield; D. Mannings, Willing, M. Bailey, Roslin, Baldwin, P.Z., W. Cooper, and others. The officers appointed were—G. Kersey, S.W.; R. Silburn, J.W.; C. Sexton, S.D.; W. Bloomfield, J.D.; A. E. LeGood, I.G.; H. Youngman, Secretary; S. N. Berry, Organist. In addition to these Bros. T. C. R. King and E. C. Thompson were appointed Stewards, and Bro. George Baxter, Treasurer, whilst Bro. Dunsford, P.M., was made M.C., and Bro. Stanley Director of Masonic Hall Company on behalf of No. 213—Bro. O. D. Ray to serve on the Charities Committee. The banquet was served in the building lately erected in the garden at the back of No. 23, St. Giles' for Grand Lodge, &c.—much too large, of course, for those dining on Tuesday, though the brethren were inconveniently crowded when another table might have been rigged up. Everything was cold and cheerless, notwithstanding a huge stove in the centre of the room, and as to the catering—well, the club Steward is new to his work, and no doubt will improve, and it must be said further that brethren should give in their names earlier if they are desirous of attending these banquets, so that proper provision be made and thus prevent all from sharing in the general discomfort. The "social" part of the business was well carried out till 12.30 by Bro. Watson, who is bound to prove a good W.M., and keep up the prestige of 213. He loses Bro. G. Daniels as Secretary, but all must rejoice at the vast growth of this useful officer's business, which compels him to retire. During the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. J. Stanley, with a jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge in recognition of the way in which he has carried out his duties. H.R.H. might have decorated Bro. Joe—had he been communicated with early enough, and so prevented other engagements.

SWANSEA.—Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—On Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Henry Simons, S.W. of the above lodge, was installed as W.M. of the lodge. There was a large gathering of the brethren, both from the Swansea lodges and from lodges in distant parts of the province, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and several of the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge being present. The lodge was opened in due form, the chair being occupied by Bro. M'Kimm, P.G. Sup. Wks., W.M. of the lodge, the S.W. being the W.M. elect, and the J.W. Dr. Morgan. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Chas. Bath, 1323, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Wm. Canton (P.P.G. Treas.), P.M. 237; J. S. Woolley, (P.P.G. D.C.), P.M. 237; W. Michell (P.G.J.D.), P.M. 1573; Thos. Powell, P.M., Treasurer; Borlase Gwynne, Sec.; John Leworthy, S.D.; W. H. Headdon, J.D.; J. W. Lloyd, I.G.; Geo. Bradford, P.M. 237, Dir. of Cer.; John Harrop, Steward; Gilbert Legge, Organist; Geo. Bullerwell, 237; T. Griffiths; Simon Goldberg; Josiah Bath; Chas. Howard; W. R. Wearne; Wm. Watkins; J. W. Blythe; Thos. White; Jas. Thompson; Wm. Hughes; John Cooke; Lazarus Jacob; D. C. Jones; A. Beard; F. Bradford; Dd. Davies; W. Griffiths; Wm. Merley; Samuel Bonwell, 584; T. W. Goodfellow, W.M. Loyal Cambrian Lodge, 110; J. C. Manning; Henry Lewis, 1573; Albert B. Rees, 366; Dd. Imrie, 1323; Alfred Lougher, I.G. 364; John Jones, W.M. 1578; Joseph Mann, Cambrian Lodge, 464; Wm. Dobbs, S.W. 1573; H. Abbott, 1573; J. R. Davies, 1573; W. H. Rosser; W. H. Spring, 1182; John Harvey, 1572; J. E. Dowman, 951; Chas. Hughes, 1573; J. Lewis, 1573; Rev. Dr. Walters, 1573, Past Grand Chaplain; and Thos. Protheroe, 1388, Bristol. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the W.M. elect was introduced to the W.M. by Bro. George Bradford, the W.M. officiating with his usual ability as Installing Master, the S.W. chair being taken by Bro. Woolley. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and Bro. Simons was duly installed as W.M., appointing and investing his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Wm. Morgan, S.W.; John Leworthy, J.W.; J. Borlase Gwynne, S.D.; John W. Lloyd, J.D.; Thomas Powell, P.M., Treasurer; John Harrop, I.G.; W. H. Headdon, Secretary; B. A. Tuttle, Dir. of Cer.; David Andrew and T. Griffiths, Stewards; Geo. Bullerwell, Tyler; Gilbert Legge, Organist. Bro. M'Kimm, the Immediate Past Master, was then presented with the P.M. jewel, the W.M. proposing a vote of thanks to him for the services rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office. The resolution was seconded by Bro. Canton, and carried. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, P.G.C., then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. M'Kimm for having granted the use of the Masonic Hall to the Church Congress during the Congress week. This resolution was also seconded and carried; and Bro. M'Kimm, thanking the lodge for the jewel which had been presented to him, expressed his high appreciation of the honour which had been bestowed upon him, and his sincere thanks for the kindness which had at all times been shown towards him. Two Past Masters were then appointed to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, the two elected being Bros. M'Kimm and Canton. The lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Cameron Arms, provided by Bro. Clare with his usual ability and good taste, the W.M. presiding, being supported by the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Tennant, Bro. Charles Bath, and other brethren of distinction. About fifty sat down. In proposing the toast of "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir George Elliott, Bart.," the W.M. expressed his regret that Sir George had not yet visited the lodge since his accession to office, but had no doubt that, on his return home from abroad, he would do so, having expressed himself highly pleased with the way in which the Swansea lodges were worked. In responding to the toast of "The W. Deputy Prov. G.M. and Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge," Bro. Tennant spoke of the pleasure it always gave him to visit the old Indefatigable Lodge, a lodge with which some of his earliest and most pleasant associations with Masonry were intimately connected, and upon which he always looked back with no ordinary pleasure. He congratulated the W.M. on the high position which he had attained in the lodge, and was sure that when his year of office had expired the brethren would have good reason to be pleased with the selection which they had that day made. He was also equally sure that Bro. Simons would fulfil the duties of the office with credit to himself and to the advancement of the interests of the lodge over which he had been called upon to preside. He concluded by proposing "The Worshipful Master," which was drunk with Masonic honours. The W.M., in responding, expressed his sense of the high honour which had been conferred upon him—an honour which he appreciated the more because he believed he was the youngest Mason that had ever sat in the Indefatigable chair. He felt the responsibility, and would do his best to deserve the confidence the brethren had reposed in him. The toast of "The Immediate Past Master" was next proposed, and was responded to by Bro. M'Kimm; after which "The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed, coupled with the names of Bros. Thos. Powell and Chas. Bath, both of whom responded. Bro. Bath, who was received with enthusiasm, in responding to the toast, said there was nothing upon which he looked back with greater pleasure than the two years during which he had the honour of sitting in the chair of the Indefatigable Lodge. As they knew, he had taken an active interest in another lodge since then, but he looked back with a great deal of pleasure to the early associations of the old lodge, where his first knowledge of Masonry was obtained. He had a double object in being there that day. One was, to offer to Bro. Simons as sincere congratulations as any brother could possibly offer to another brother, at his having attained to a very

high degree of honour in the lodge as a reward for active and zealous services on behalf of the Craft. He hoped Bro. Simons' year of office would be, as he felt convinced it would be, both prosperous to the lodge and agreeable to the brethren. His other object in being there was to share in the old and pleasurable associations of the lodge to which he was so much attached, and he thanked them sincerely for the kindness which they had shown him, and for the flattering way in which they had received him. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was next proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. W. Dobbs, S.W. of the Caradoc Lodge, now of Cardiff; also "The Lodges of the Province," coupled with the name of Bro. Goodfellow, of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, Merthyr; and that of "The Officers of the Lodge," coupled with the names of Bros. Morgan and Leworthy, all of whom responded; the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close. During the evening there were some excellent vocal contributions by the W.M., and Bros. Tuttle, Beard, D. C. Jones, Borlase Gwynne, Protheroe (Bristol), and other brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at six p.m. Bro. Thos. Salter, W.M., was in the chair, and he was officially supported by Bros. Jas. Winsor, I.P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M.; Thos. Whitehead, Sec., acting S.W.; John Latta, J.W.; Dr. S. J. Mc George, Treas.; J. R. Duggan, J.D.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.M., M.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; John Botherson, I.G.; Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Robt. Johnson, James Winsor, S. Broadbridge, John Harries, Barnard Levy, Thos. Connor, John Hall, S. Jude, C. Durringer, J. Redfern, Jas. Proctor, R. Richards, C. Luker, John Bentley, Wm. Davis, Wm. Birch, P. Hughes, Jose Y. Zarya, S. Jacobs, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; David Oliphant, 249; John Gray, 325 (I.C.); W. C. Cowell, 1675; H. M. W. Green, 786; J. D. Thomson, 1289; W. E. Coxon, 1675; W. M. Dudley, 1035; John Whaites, J.W. 1035; D. S. Ross, 823; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. T. Baty and L. E. Pemberton, and being elected unanimously and in attendance, they were efficiently initiated by the W.M., the tools being given by the J.W. Bros. Bentley, Redfern, Dudley, and Kenerley answered the questions and retired, after which the lodge was opened up, and the above brethren were passed to the Second Degree. The tools were explained by the J.W. in an able manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and several sums were voted for the relief of widows and others. The W.M. announced that steps had been taken to celebrate the centenary of the lodge. Several names were given for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was duly closed. The usual toasts were given at the banquet which followed, Bros. Bottomley and Robinson responding for "The Visitors." Songs were given during the evening by Bros. Winsor, P.M., S. Jacobs, A. B. Ewart, and others.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The brethren assembled in the lodge room at three o'clock. There was not a large gathering, and amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Cottam, P.M., &c., Unanimity Lodge, Preston; W. Longmire, W.M. 1563; S. Hall, I.G. Starkie Lodge, Kirkham; and W. Perkins, Whitwell Lodge, Millom. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Cardwell, the W.M., who subsequently vacated his seat, and it was occupied by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., who officiated as Installing Officer, and though this esteemed brother of the Craft has installed many Masters it was remarked that he never went through the ceremony better than on this occasion. Bro. Worbrick, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Whimpry, P.M., and Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P., and afterwards installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, with all the formalities of the Craft; the ceremony of installation being admirably gone through by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of E., who officiated as installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. E. Cardwell, I.P.M.; J. J. Crookell, S.W.; John Atkinson, J.W.; James Hatch, Treas.; John Hatch, Sec.; John R. B. Pilkington, S.D.; B. Gregson, J.D.; Thomas Bayley, I.G.; R. Stanton, S.S.; R. Nicholson, J.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The officers were installed into their several chairs by Bro. Moore; the charge to the Wardens was delivered by Bro. W. M. Cottam, and that to the brethren by Bro. John Hatch. The retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. E. Cardwell) before leaving the chair, and after thanking all who had been associated with him in the work of Masonry during his year of office, announced his intention of presenting the lodge with a handsome pair of compasses and a square, for use in working, but regretted that, owing to some unavoidable delay, they had not arrived in time for the meeting that day. He trusted, however, they would be ready for the next meeting of the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Cardwell. The remaining business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in the customary manner. The installation banquet took place in the evening at the County Hotel, and was attended by nearly forty of the brethren, including his Worship the Mayor (Bro. G. Cleminson); Councillors Hartley, Hatch, and Fenton; Dr. Moore, F. Dean, Wm. Longmire, R. Bond, N. W. Helme, J. Thistlethwaite, G. Kelland, J. Stanley, T. G. Thompson, A. Mc. Raith, T. Atkinson, W. King, E. Simpson, T. Aldous, Wm. Wainman Cottam, W. Perkins, T. Jackson, R. Taylor, J. Taylor, S. Hall, the newly-installed officers, and others. Bro. Warbrick presided, supported on his right by Dr. Moore, and on his left by the Mayor. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts

were proposed from the chair, and ably responded to, that of "The Mayor of Lancaster, Bro. Cleminson," being especially well received. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a very agreeable evening.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—The annual installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's Square, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The W.M., Bro. James Willmott, after finishing the business incidental to his prosperous year of office, installed his successor, Bro. Robert Barnes, in a highly creditable manner, eliciting considerable applause and a most hearty and unanimous vote of thanks from the numerous brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining hall, where a most recherché banquet was partaken of by the brethren, among whom was the Mayor of Portsmouth, Bro. A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487, who received a deserved and an enthusiastic welcome from his brother Masons. The W.M. presided, and the usual Masonic and complimentary toasts were ably given and responded to. Many visitors attended, among whom were the W.M.'s of the neighbouring lodges, Bros. M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; E. S. Main, P.M. 903, P.P.G.D.C.; C. B. Whitcomb, I.P.M. 1776; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903, and P.P.J.G.W., and others.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the new Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 19th inst., when the retiring Master, Bro. Thomas Lashmore, duly installed his successor, Bro. Andrews, amidst a full attendance of brethren and visitors. The new officers were invested as follows: Bros. J. C. Stroud, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; J. Patstone, S.D.; Longlands, J.D.; W. Waters, P.M., D.C.; K. G. Westley, Org.; Webb, I.G.; and Biggs, Vane, Norris, and Harrington, Tyler and Assistant Tylers. The subsequent installation banquet was served by Bro. T. Dartnall, about fifty brethren sitting down.

SANDBACH.—Samaritan Lodge (No. 368).—The annual meeting of this good old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst. There was a good muster of members and several visitors. The W.M., the Rev. T. Lunt, took the chair at four o'clock, and was supported by his officers, brethren, and visitors. The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Tomlinson, sen., said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.P., on behalf of the lodge, a Treasurer's jewel. Bro. Gilbert had been in charge of their finances for well-nigh thirty years, and during that long period his efforts had been unceasing in promoting the general well-being of the lodge. Indeed, if it had not been for Bro. Gilbert's unselfish efforts, it was questionable whether the Samaritan Lodge would have existed on that day. He then asked the worthy brother to accept the jewel, which was a splendid specimen of the goldsmith's art. Bro. Gilbert made a most feeling reply, and was frequently cheered during its delivery. The auditors then presented their report of the Treasurer's accounts, by which it appeared that, although the year commenced with a balance against the lodge, there is now a respectable balance in favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented Bro. Furnival, S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The first portion of the ceremony being completed, Bros. J. R. Tomlinson and L. L. Makin, Past Masters, were invited to preside over the West and South respectively. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all below the rank of W. Masters retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, when Bro. Furnival was re-admitted, and installed according to ancient custom, and received the usual salutations restricted to this high Degree. The Board was then called off, and on resuming labour was closed, and the lodge declared in the Third Degree. The brethren were then re-admitted according to rank, and the new Master was solemnly proclaimed, saluted, and greeted in each Degree. In handing the warrant to the new Master, Bro. Bowes pointedly alluded to the long and anxious care Bro. Gilbert had taken of the precious document. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master fully explaining the duties, the situation, and the emblems borne by each, and concluded by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., said that before they adjourned to the banquetting room he begged to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes, for his kindness in coming to Sandbach to perform the ceremony they had listened to with so much pleasure. He had heard Bro. Bowes work the ceremony before, but he considered he had excelled himself on the present occasion. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt, I.P.M., rose to second the proposition, and, in doing so, acknowledged his great obligations to Bro. Bowes for relieving him of so difficult a duty. Bro. Bowes had set them a high standard to aim at. The clear enunciation and quiet impressiveness which marked the ceremony throughout set them an example which they would do well to emulate. For his own part, he should often claim Bro. Bowes's counsel and assistance. The vote was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Bowes suitably acknowledged the compliment. After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The dinner was a good one and well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt proposed "The Health of the Installing Master" in most complimentary terms. Bro. Bowes, in reply, said

that his services were always at the command of any brother who was desirous of the help he was able to afford. The other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close soon after nine. Among the visitors was Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire.

AXMINSTER.—Lodge of Virtue and Honour (No. 494).—A meeting of this lodge, one of the oldest in the province, was held on the 13th inst. at the lodge room, George Hotel. There were present Bros. S. G. Loveless, W.M.; J. G. Pinney, S.W. and Treas.; W. J. Jefferd, J.W.; A. P. Reece, Sec.; E. J. Jarman, S.D.; T. Pickering, J.D.; L. G. Derrick, I.G.; J. Wakley, Tyler; S. Toms, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; T. N. Webber, P.M.; Partridge, Parsons, Kyrke, and W. Forward. Visitors: Bros. Swann, 847, P.G.S.B.; Evans, 1181, P.P.G.S.D.; Moore, 665, P.P.G.S.D.; Coombs, J.W. 814; Richards, 1181; James, J.D. 1197; Tomsett, 814; Ottenswell, P.M. 665; Martin, 665; Walters, 665; Bath, 1197; and Dyke, P.M. 665. The business consisted in passing Bro. F. Perryman by Bro. Toms, after which a Past Master's jewel, of great beauty of workmanship, was presented to Bro. Webber, P.M., the brethren having unanimously resolved that his distinguished services to this, his mother lodge, extending over thirty-five years, should no longer pass unrecognised. Bro. Webber's services in this lodge have been of a very exceptional nature, having passed through all the offices, ever lending a helping hand on all occasions where it was needed. His assistance to the officers and instructions to the juniors of the Craft have been most valuable, and sister lodges have also shared the benefit of his skill and scientific attainments. The jewel was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. Loveless, who closed an able address in the following eloquent terms: Bro. Webber, it gives me very great pleasure to present you with this jewel, and I feel sure that I speak the voice of the brethren of the whole lodge in wishing that you may be enabled to wear it amongst us for many years to come, and when the day shall arrive for you to lay it aside for those who shall follow you, may the Most High then claim you as one of his brightest jewels, worthy to adorn the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Webber having feelingly acknowledged the honour conferred on him, the lodge proceeded to the instalment of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Jno. Geo. Pinney, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the retiring Master, Bro. Loveless. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Toms, P.P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; W. J. Jefferd, S.W.; E. J. Jarman, J.W.; T. Pickering, S.D.; L. G. Derrick, J.D.; A. P. Reece, I.G. and Sec. Bros. Webber was unanimously elected Treasurer and Wakley Tyler. The lodge being closed, the brethren assembled to the annual banquet, which, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was well attended, about thirty brethren being present. The usual Masonic, loyal, and social toasts were given, interspersed with some capital singing. The W.M., Bro. Pinney, may be congratulated on having inaugurated his occupation of our great King's chair in a manner that promises well for the lodge and for his future Masonic career. It would be a grave omission to close our report of the proceedings of this lodge without referring to the able and indefatigable exertions of Bro. Loveless, I.P.M., who for the two successive years during which he occupied the chair, has greatly contributed to the efficiency and strength of this old lodge; working it up from a period of depression to its present promising state.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge in this district took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. John Warren, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following P.M.'s and officers: Bros. S. Goddard, P.M.; G. Crawford, P.M.; J. Wilkins, S.W.; E. B. Hobson, J.W.; T. Butt, Treas. and P.M.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; G. Beaver, S.D.; J. H. Roberts, J.D.; T. Ovenden, I.G.; and Bidgood, Org. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Moulder, S.W. 829; D. Deves, S.W. 1536; E. W. Welding, 1536; A. Alford, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted in the balloting for of Messrs. G. Bartlett, C. Day, and A. Ford, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen were, with the usual formalities, initiated into Masonry. Bros. Orpwood and Lawson were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Rudge, Sanderson, and Hornsey were raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the ceremonies, which were very laborious, were performed by the W.M. in a manner sufficient to justify us in saying that the high prestige of the Nelson Lodge has not deteriorated one item in the hands of its present and esteemed Master. As is the usual custom, an inexpensive but excellent cold repast was provided by Bro. Robert Beaver, and partaken of by the brethren and visitors, after which the brethren assembled round the social board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with due honours. Bro. S. Goddard then proposed briefly the toast of "The W.M." He said that no language of his could do sufficient merit to the toast. They had all seen the working of the W.M. that night, and it was sufficient for him to bring before their notice the fact to secure for it that hearty reception that the toast always received in the Nelson Lodge when their W.M. did his duty in accordance with the old traditions of the lodge. Bro. Warren, in reply, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be the W.M. of such a lodge as the Nelson Lodge. He thanked the brethren and the officers generally for the hearty and cordial support they had at all times accorded him. He promised at his election to the distinguished office he held that he would do his utmost to carry out the duties entrusted to him, and maintain by every effort in his power the honour that had for so many years attended the Nelson Lodge. So far he believed that he had to the best of his abilities carried out those duties;

and in the future he would, if possible, still further try to be deserving of their trust and confidence. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Deeves and Jolly responded. To that of "The Past Masters," Bro. Norman eloquently responded. Bro. Wilkins replied for "The Officers," Bro. C. Jolly for "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasure of the evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there was a good muster. Bro. F. Hodgson, W.M., presided, and he was supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. S. Braithwaite, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W.; Robt. Twentymen, Sec.; Geo. Smith, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; J. Cooper, Org.; John Angus, I.G.; Jas. Salisbury, P.P.G.T.; Tyler; Jas. McGowan, Std.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Sutherst, P.M. 561; John Counthwaite, John Nixon, Jonah Sewell, Thos. Ellwood, Jas. Winter, Thos. Glessall, E. Sutherst, S.W. 94; Geo. Mitchinson, 1220; Richd. Gill, 86 (S.C.); and H. G. Gill, 86 (S.C.). The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Mr. John Spedding, which proved unanimous, and he being in attendance was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the First Degree. This event is worthy of special notice, as initiations have been very few for a long time in this lodge, in fact, the retiring officers a month ago were justly entitled to "gloves" for their year's services, but it is pleasing to note the new year opens more favourably. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very enjoyable way. Bro. Cooper presiding at the pianoforte, drew forth a few excellent songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast was proposed at 10.15.

NEW MILFORD.—Neyland Lodge (No. 990).—On Tuesday, the 20th inst., being the regular meeting of this lodge, the brethren assembled for the purpose of installing Bro. G. W. Ford, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. At four p.m., the time appointed for opening the lodge, a very large number of brethren were in attendance, including not only members of the Neyland Lodge itself, but also representatives from every lodge in the immediate neighbourhood, more especially from the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378, of which Bro. Ford is also a member. Shortly after four the lodge was opened and the necessary preliminary business having been gone through as speedily as possible, the ceremony of installation was at once proceeded with. This duty devolved upon Bro. T. Phillips, P.M. 378 and 990, P.P.S.G.W., who, as Installing Master, performed the important duties of his office in a manner which reflected the very highest credit on him. Bros. T. Poulter, I.P.M., and W. G. Phillips, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., delivered the charges, &c. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Poulter, I.P.M.; J. A. Adkins, S.W.; J. H. Coram, J.W.; W. G. Phillips, P.M., Treas.; G. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Rickard, S.D.; W. Keen, J.D.; J. M. Snoddy, I.G.; A. Maslin and W. Rees, Stewards; and W. Tallack, Tyler. At the close of the investiture Bro. Adkins, S.W., presented to the lodge a very handsome set of pedestals for the candlesticks, as well as cushions for the officers' pedestals in blue cloth with silk fringe, which were gratefully accepted, and the fact ordered to be recorded in the minutes. As Bro. T. Phillips, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., intends to leave the immediate neighbourhood soon, he was unanimously elected to the honorary membership of the lodge. The W.M. then presented to Bro. T. Poulter, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge. At least fifty brethren were present at the installation, amongst them, in addition to those already named, being the following Past and Present Provincial Grand Lodge officers: Bro. D. Mathias, P.M. 366, P.J.G.W.; A. Daysh, P.M. 366, P.P.J.G.D.; J. L. Davies, P.M. 366, P.P.J.G.W.; K. W. Ladd, P.M. 378, P.P.G.D.C.; H. D. Reynolds, P.M. 378, P.P.S.G.D.; T. D. Harris, P.M. 378, P.P.J.G.D.; M. Nicholson, P.M. 378, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Thomas, P.M. 378, P.P.G.P.; J. Walkley, P.M. 990, P.P.G.P.; A. Evans, P.M. 990, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Williams, Prov. Grand Tyler. On the conclusion of the business the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where they sat down to an excellent dinner, prepared for them by Mr. Whetton, manager of the South Wales Hotel. The following is the menu: Soups—Italian and mulligatawny. Fish—Turbot and oyster sauce; soles and anchovy sauce. Remove.—Broiled chicken and white sauce; boiled tongue; roast turkey and bread sauce; roast goose and apple sauce; roast beef and horseradish sauce; roast saddle mutton; boiled leg of mutton and caper sauce. Sweets—Jellies, tipsy-cake, apple tarts, plum-puddings, mince pies. Cheese and celery. Dessert. Dinner over, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were, according to ancient custom, duly proposed and responded to, and although we cannot pretend to give a report of the speeches, the following resumé of the remarks on the Charities will no doubt be of general interest. Bro. E. Thomas pointed out that last year the noble sum of £49,000 was given by Masons to their three Charities, being £7000 more than was subscribed during the preceding years of great financial prosperity. Of that amount the western division of South Wales gave £380, and stood twenty-third on a list of between 200 and 300 districts. The Loyal Welsh Lodge contributed nearly £80 of this sum, and Neyland Lodge over £23. As a result it may be mentioned that £5800 was paid in annuities to aged Freemasons, and £4300 to widows; besides the orphans, who have a comfortable home and excellent training in the Masonic Schools. Bro. J. Llewellyn Davies, replying for the visitors, stated that though the

St. David's Lodge had not done so much as either of the other two for the general Charities, yet they had found ample room for work at their own door. For one brother, who had got into financial difficulties, they collected £40 in a single night, and benefited him altogether to the amount of £60; to another, who got thrown out of work, they gave 10s. a week until he found new employment, and three others were more or less liberally aided, so that altogether the St. David's Lodge had, during the year, been the means of disbursing between £80 and £90 in local charity. In the intervals some excellent songs and recitations were rendered by the brethren, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. We are certain from the unanimity which prevailed, and the many other important circumstances of the evening, that the installation of Bro. Ford will long remain impressed on the mind of every one present, and we trust that his year of office will be a pleasure to himself, and a benefit to the Neyland Lodge.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), presided, supported by his officers, viz., Bros. Dr. G. F. Jones (W.M. elect), S.W.; G. Berry, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. A.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P. G. Chap., Chap.; T. F. Barrett, S.D.; W. D. Merritt, J.D.; F. D. Grayson, I.G.; and A. Martin, Tyler. There were also present amongst others Bros. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. G. Brighten, P.M. and P.Z.; J. Reeve, P.M. 160; W. Waterhouse, G. F. Collins, H. Luker, J. Gilling, G. J. Glasscock, S.W. 1817; F. Cantor, B. Johnston, T. Dickson, H. Beechen, Rev. H. Hayes, W. J. Chignell, H. Hassell, and A. F. Godward. Visitors: Bros. W. Pisse, P.M. 160, P.M. and Sec. 1734, P.P.G.W.; T. King, W.M. 160, Prov. G.P.; C. Elham, W.M. 1817; E. G. Phillips, P.M. 96; H. Jones, 1227; J. A. Withers, 211; H. Harper, J.W. 160; and W. White, 179. The lodge having been opened and the ordinary business transacted, the V.W. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chap. of Eng., and Deputy Grand Master of the Province, was announced, and received with the honours due to his rank. Bro. A. Lucking then presented Bro. Dr. G. F. Jones, the W.M. elect, to the outgoing W.M. for the benefit of installation, who proceeded to install his successor in the chair, which ceremony was performed in a most effective and impressive manner. The following officers were invested:—Bros. J. C. Johnstone, I.P.M.; G. Berry, S.W.; T. F. Barrett, J.W.; F. Wood, Treas. (re-elected); J. A. Wardell, Sec. (re-appointed); Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chap. (re-appointed); W. D. Merritt, S.D.; F. D. Grayson, J.D.; W. G. Brighten, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, D.C.; F. Cantor and W. Waterhouse, Stewards; and A. Martin, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the V.W. Bro. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for attending the lodge, and also to Bro. J. C. Johnstone for his able rendering of the ceremony of installation. The business being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided by Bro. B. Johnston, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," congratulated him on the highly efficient manner in which he had installed his successor, and presented him with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram responded for "The Masonic Charities," and made an eloquent appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, for which he is Steward at the forthcoming festival; he also announced his intention of being Steward for the next festival of the Boys' School. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—Special interest attached to the last meeting of this lodge, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., and this was shown by a large and influential attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Richard Washington, W.M., was in his place of honour in the East, and the officers who gave him support were Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., P.M.; R. C. Yelland, P.M.; R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; T. Birch, S.W.; H. B. Jones, J.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas.; Thos. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; John Alexander, S.D.; H. Horspool, J.D.; F. E. J. Callow, I.G.; Richard R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; Thomas Carr, Robert Bethel, E. W. Boulding, Stewards; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. W. Callow, F.C. Boustead, M. Yeoman, E. Chater, George F. Pringle, Thomas Durran, Ben Smith, R. Ellinger, John Cave, and E. Sephton. The visitors included Bros. C. Pilkington, 580; W. Tomkinson, 786; William Hood, 160, S.C.; Samuel J. Waring, 1502; William Parry, 1505; and Henry Lowry, 823. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Washington, son of the esteemed W.M., and he was declared duly elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Benjamin Smith was passed as a Fellow Craft by the W.M. in his usual highly creditable manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the brethren enjoyed the very unusual gratification of seeing the W.M. initiate his own son, Mr. Thomas Washington, into Freemasonry, a sight rarely seen, and rendered particularly impressive on this occasion by the very admirable manner the whole ceremony was rendered by the W.M. and his officers. A letter was read from Bro. Wood thanking the brethren for

the very brotherly and consoling letter of condolence he had received from the lodge on the death of his wife. Bro. Wood's letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After other formal business the lodge was closed in regular form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, which were supplied by the House Steward. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently given, and many congratulatory remarks were made by brethren and visitors upon the novelty of witnessing a father so ably initiate his own son, a fact which in large measure formed a complete reply to the many slanders upon Freemasonry. The pleasant proceedings closed at an early hour.

DUNSTABLE.—Chiltern Lodge (No. 1470).—Quite a red-letter day in the annals of this flourishing lodge was observed by the installation into the Master's chair of the much-esteemed Bro. John Wood (also of 180), whose unanimous and enthusiastic election preluded to the great eclat which attended the day's proceedings. The Installing Master was Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180 and 1541, whose rendering of the ceremony was received by the brethren with great acclamation. The newly-installed Master having invested his officers, Bros. McLean, S.W.; Crew, J.W.; P.M. Howell, Treas.; Randall, Secretary, &c., then initiated into the Order Mr. W. Shaw and Mr. H. Hadden. The lodge being duly closed the brethren adjourned to partake of one of the most elegant banquets that could possibly grace a table, Bro. Saunders, mine host of the Sugar Loaf, sparing neither time, trouble, nor expenditure in producing such happy results. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. E. Cooper, and the many personal friends of the W.M. were most solicitous in their endeavours to enhance the pleasures of the day by their excellent singing and recitations. Amongst these brethren we may especially mention Bros. E. E. Cooper, Walter Pelham, Wallis Mackay, Theodore Drew, E. Farley, A. C. Hunter, F. Howell, and others. Many visiting brethren journeyed from London to do honour at the installation of our worthy Bro. Wood, and amongst these were the Rev. Dr. Morris, Dr. Malcolm, J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; W. S. Daniel, S.W. 1541; W. Higgins, F. Coleman, W. Mackay, W. F. Taunton, J. D. Langton, T. Drew, E. Farley, D. J. Chester, T. Deane, E. E. Cooper, J. Hillier, Mark Rest, and A. C. Hunter.

ENFIELD.—St. James's Lodge (No. 1579).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the George Inn, on Saturday, the 24th inst., Bro. Cusworth in the chair. Bro. G. H. Jaffa was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Cusworth, W.M., and fully merited the Masonic applause with which it was received. At its conclusion the W.M. proceeded to appoint officers as follows: Bros. Hobbs, S.W.; Iron, J.W.; Everdell, S.D.; Rudd, J.D.; Tegg, I.G.; Greenwood, D.C.; Weld, W.S. At the banquet which followed the closing of the lodge the usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair by the W.M. "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" having been drunk, was responded to by Bro. Levander, who took occasion to express approbation of the working of the lodge and the satisfactory progress it is making.

INSTRUCTION.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—This flourishing lodge met for the first time at their new quarters, the Six Bells Tavern, Hammersmith, on Friday, 16th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened, the W.M. (Bro. G. P. Festu) performed the ceremony of passing in his usual excellent style. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast provided by host Coppelstone. The W.M., after having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, proposed that of "The Secretary, Bro. Alais," remarking that they had met not only to inaugurate the removal of the lodge to its present place of meeting, but to present to Bro. Alais the testimonial which had been subscribed for by the brethren. He then handed to that worthy brother a very elegant clock, and hoped that he would live many years to look on it as a souvenir of regard and esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Alais having responded the brethren separated. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. B. Swallow, Docker, Moiles, J. Andrews, Burton, Perdue, Jack, S. Williams, Harrison, Square, Butt, Capt. Guage, Blake, Read, Webb, Dobson, Symonds, C. Corston, H. Corston, Chalfont, Blunden, Vowler, and W. C. Williams.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1056).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd inst. There was a good attendance of members and friends, who were presided over by Bro. Hullam. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, Bro. Preceptor Stacey proposed "The Health of the W.M." in highly eulogistic terms. He said it was the first time they had had the benefit and pleasure of his services in that capacity, and he was sure they would all feel honoured and gratified at seeing him in that position, as he was one of the best workers the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction had. The W.M. briefly responded, and thanked those present for the honour they had done him. "The Health of our Visitors" was the next toast given from the chair, and was responded to by Bro. Fox, who said, if he might judge from the proceedings of that evening, the Metropolitan Lodge would be second to none. The W.M. then proposed "The Preceptor, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of the lodge." He complimented the lodge on having the services of three such devoted and capable men, and said if it had not been for the attention and time each of them had bestowed in furthering the success of the lodge, it would not have been in its present prosperous position. Bro.

Preceptor Stacey felicitously thanked those present for the hearty manner they had responded to the toast. He said he had now been Preceptor some years, and there was scarcely a greater pleasure he had in life than being present at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, and he hoped to be spared to render what assistance he could to the lodge for some years longer. He said the Treasurer was unavoidably absent, but had he been present he was sure it would have afforded him much pleasure to have responded to the just encomiums which had been passed upon him. The Secretary, Bro. Snelling, also responded, and thanked them for the cordial manner with which the toast had been received. He said so long as he remained Secretary it would always be his endeavour to do whatever laid in his power to further the interest of the lodge. He also drew the attention of the members to the Benevolent Fund, which, he said, had been established about three years, and which in that time had contributed £910 towards the Charitable Institutions of the Order; and he called upon the members to assist him in making the total £1000, which would place them at the head of the list of Benevolent Associations. The W.M. then proposed "Success to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction," to which Bro. Leggett responded, and said the lodge afforded invaluable assistance to those Masons who regularly attended the meetings. The officers were well up in their work, especially their worthy Preceptor, and anyone who wished to succeed to office would there learn all that was necessary. He also alluded to the Benevolent Fund, in which he had taken considerable interest, and said the highest praise was due to Bro. Snelling for the interest he evinced in the lodge. A subscription of 1s. per week to the fund would make them life members, and he strongly urged Masons to avail themselves of that Association in order that they might contribute to the different charitable organisations connected with the Craft. "The S.W., J.W., and Officers" having been duly proposed and responded to, the proceedings were brought to a close. The pleasures of the evening were considerably enlivened by some agreeable music and singing, and Bro. Hallam, jun., a son of the W.M., particularly distinguished himself by his able rendering of several songs.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this very promising chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Those present were Comps. T. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; C. Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; C. B. Cheese, P.S.; J. Lorkin, 1st Asst.; T. Cohu, 2nd Asst.; W. Medwin, J. Taylor, G. J. Potter, H. Cuff, C. J. Harmsworth, Darnell, Benard, Brand, J. Kent, Walker, Perry, and Holland. The visitors were Comps. Wm. Stephens, P.Z. 874; John L. Mather, P.Z. 1471; W. H. Lee, M.E.Z., N. 1524; and R. George, 1524. The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was submitted to the companions, and the financial position of the chapter being shown, and the results for the past twelve months being deemed highly satisfactory, the report was received and adopted nem. con. The installation of Principals was then proceeded with, the visitors, viz., Comps. W. Stephens and J. L. Mather volunteering their kind assistance, and Comps. H. Birdseye was duly installed as M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, as H.; and C. Arkell, as J. On completion of this most important ceremony, the following companions were inducted into the several offices, Comp. Birdseye accompanying each investiture with fraternal congratulations and expressions of encouragement and advice to the junior officers. Comps. George Kenning, P.Z., was invested as Treas.; E. F. Storr (unanimously elected to the office of) S.E.; C. B. Cheese, S.N.; Jas. Lorkin, P.S. Comp. Lorkin then appointed Comps. Cohu, 1st Asst.; and W. Medwin, 2nd Asst. A ballot was then taken for Bro. F. Page, and being unanimous, he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of H.R.A. Masonry in a most impressive manner by Comp. H. Birdseye, the next business was to present to Comp. Chapman the jewel which had been voted to him for his services as M.E.Z. This having been done, Comp. Chapman acknowledged the mark of esteem shown by the companions by assuring them that his whole desire would be to promote the harmony and prosperity of his mother chapter. The chapter was closed with solemn prayer, and the companions then adjourned to the supper table, where a most enjoyable and harmonious meeting was brought to a close shortly after 10 o'clock.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, College-street, on Friday afternoon, the 23rd inst. Through the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. F. Lamenby (*Freemason*), Comp. W. Sandwith, P.Z., occupied the First Principal's chair. The others present were Comps. E. Tyson, H.; T. Atkinson, J.; J. Barr, P.Z.; Dr. Henry, P.Z.; J. Rothery, S.E.; C. H. Hodgson, 1st A.S., as S.N.; G. Dalrymple, P.S.; F. Hodgson, 2nd A.S.; J. Cooper, Organist; W. Jackson, Steward; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; G. Sparrow, W. Holloway, J. S. Braithwaite, J. Milligan, and others. The minutes of the annual convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the following candidates for exaltation:—Bros. J. F. Kirkman, W.M. Kenlis Lodge, 1267; J. Townson, and S. Blinkhorn, Lewis Lodge, 872. In each case the ballot was unanimous, and Bro. Blinkhorn being present he was regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree. Bro. Kirkman was absent on account of having had two deaths in his family within the space of a week. The Three Lec-

tures were respectively delivered by Comps. Atkinson, J.; Tyson, H.; and Barr, P.Z. Nothing further remaining the chapter was closed, and the companions thereafter enjoyed an hour's conviviality in the banqueting room.

WISBECH.—Etheldreda Chapter (No. 809).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 14th inst. There were present Comps. E. Haggis, P.Z., M.E.Z.; A. F. Donagan, P.Z., H.; Geo. Carrick, J.; W. Bray, Scribe E.; Bothamley, N.; J. S. Youngman, P. Soj.; Squire, Asst. Soj.; Ellis, Org.; Holmes, Janitor; Groom, Douglas, Lithgow, Tidnam, Poppleton, Abbott, Giffard, Carter, Parker, and Louth. The chapter having been opened, and the companions admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Jas. D. Collins, P.M., and A. W. English, both of Lodge 809, and proving unanimous, these brethren, together with Bro. W. Welchman, 809 (who had been elected at a previous convocation), were duly exalted to this Sublime Degree. Comp. Collins was unanimously elected Treasurer. There being no further business before the chapter it was closed according to ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent dinner, presided over by the First Principal.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The usual meeting of this chapter was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, where it was opened by the following Principals: Comps. J. W. Ballard, Z.; W. Cottrell, acting H.; Henry Ashmore, J.; Major George Turrer, P.Z.; Joseph Holland, P.Z.; Thos. Shaw, P.Z.; Jesse Banning, P.Z., P.P.G.R.S.; John Pemberton, P.Z. 1094, P.P.G.S.B.; R. C. Yelland, Z. 1094; Jas. T. Callow, P.Z., P.P.G.St.B.; and T. Roberts, P.Z. 673. The following companions and officers were admitted after the opening: Comps. Wm. Brassey, S.E.; H. Trevitt, S.N.; J. King, P.S.; James Pendleton, A.S.; and R. Webster, A.S. The members who put in an appearance were: Comps. E. Benedict, J. G. Hassell, J. Jacobs, E. Griffiths, E. Owen, R. Warriner, D. Davies, M. Hart, J. H. Parker, Jno. Humphrey, E. Morgan, Timothy Webster, T. Delamere, J. D. Griffiths, J. Comins, E. Catrall, Jno. Kitchen, E. Kelly, Jrs. Sharples, and others. The visitors included Comps. J. W. Saunders, 673; T. H. Bradshaw, J. 1094; Henry A. Tobias, 1094; R. T. Leslie, 1393; F. J. Pentin, P.S. 1393; P. S. Riley, 673; W. Coates, 203; J. W. Burgess, Z. elect, 1094; and others. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two brethren, who were duly elected. They were afterwards exalted in a manner that reflected the highest possible credit upon the Principals and P. Sojourner. The election of Principal and officers for the ensuing year then took place, when Comp. J. W. Ballard was again re-elected as Z.; Comps. Henry Ashmore, as H.; Timothy Webster, J.; Pendleton, P.S.; M. Hart, S.E.; Carefull, S.N.; Brassey, Treasurer. A very pleasant evening was subsequently spent in refreshment.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met on the 17th inst. at the Windsor Castle Hotel. There were present among others Bros. James Baldwin, W.M.; Jas. Stevens, P.G.J.O., acting I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Mann, P.G.R., acting J.W.; Alfred Tisley, J.W. Prince Leopold, Sec.; Haynes, M.O.; Goodall, S.O.; Page, I.G.; Game, D.C.; Millis, W.S.; T. Poore, P.P.I.G. (hon. member); and Potter, Tyler. Bro. E. Hopwood, S.D. Francis Burdett, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Baldwin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stevens, and presented Bro. Walls to receive from his hands the benefits of installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Stevens with that attention to detail and effect which is a characteristic of his working. In the subsequent delivery of the address, the Installing Master had the valuable assistance of Bro. Poore, who also carried out the duties of D.C. most efficiently. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Baldwin, I.P.M., Treas. and Sec.; A. Tisley, S.W.; Haynes, J.W.; Goodall, M.O.; Pearson S.O. (by deputy); Page, J.O.; Game, R. of M.; Millis, S.D.; and Hayes, J.D. The investiture of the other officers was postponed until the next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, and the bye-laws read, the W.M. moved, and the S.W. seconded—"That the thanks of the brethren are pre-eminently due to Bros. James Stevens and Thomas Poore for the able and efficient manner in which they have carried out the ceremonial of installation." This resolution having been carried with acclamation, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Mark toasts were duly proposed and heartily received. In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that he had received apologies for non-attendance, in consequence of other Masonic engagements, from several members of that distinguished body, notably among them being Bros. Binches, P.G.W.; Matier, P.G.W.; Dewar, P.G.O.; Levander, G.R. In conclusion, he coupled the name of Bro. W. Mann, P.G.R., with the toast, who, in reply, dwelt at length upon the progress and prospects of the Order, which he said were highly satisfactory. Having spoken upon the merits of several of the Grand Officers, he concluded by stating that it had afforded him more than an ordinary amount of pleasure in being present that day at the installation meeting, in consequence of his having initiated their W.M. into Freemasonry. "The Installing Officers" followed, and in response Bros. Stevens and Poore made many flattering remarks in connection

with the Hammersmith Mark Lodge and its Master. The toast of "The Visitor" came next in succession, and it having been heartily received, Bro. Hopwood, in the course of his reply, expressed the gratification that his first visit to the lodge had given him. In giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. spoke upon the general Masonic and social qualities of Bro. Baldwin, and at the termination of his speech he presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel in recognition of his services. In acknowledging this compliment, and the testimonial that accompanied it, the I.P.M. made a very excellent response, in which he said that, although it had been his misfortune to have but little "work" to do during his year, yet, in the future he hoped to make up for that deficiency by discharging the office of Treasurer faithfully and well, and by assisting in the general business of the lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon possessing a very excellent staff. He said he particularly wished to express his personal obligations to Bro. Alfred Tisley, S.W., who had acted as Secretary during the past year, and who had succeeded in putting the affairs of the lodge in a very sound condition. The officers having replied, the W.M. said that before the brethren separated he wished to drink "The Health of Bro. Gilbert," their genial host, who unfortunately had been confined to his room several weeks in consequence of a very painful indisposition; but although necessarily absent, he had given good instructions to his assistants, and the result had been that the banquet had left nothing to be desired. In conclusion, he trusted that Bro. Gilbert would soon be convalescent. This pledge having been heartily received, the Tyler was called upon to discharge his duties, and the proceedings terminated.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (181).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst. at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Hopwood, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Tomlinson, P.G.S., P.M.; J. Stevens, P.G.O., &c.; Clark, P.P.G.W., &c. (honorary members); T. C. Walls, I.G.; Richnell, D.C.; Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Charles Horsley, P.M. No. 1, G.J.O., &c., was a visitor, and, in the absence of Bro. S. H. Knaggs, the W.M., he took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Taylor, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Clark to the Installing Master, Bro. James Stevens, who duly and impressively inducted him into the Master's chair. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hopwood, S.W.; Sanders, J.W.; Richnell, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., Sec.; Walls, M.O.; Richnell, S.O.; Fisher, J.O. (by deputy); Rogers, R. of M. (by deputy). The other appointments were postponed. Several propositions having been handed in and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Stevens for services in connection with the ceremonial that day, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Baylis. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave briefly but pertinently the numerous toasts. Bro. Horsley, G.J.O., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Clark, P.P.G.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." In proposing "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Hammond congratulated the lodge upon possessing so excellent a Mason in the chair as Bro. Taylor. He (the W.M.) had been connected with the lodge from its commencement, and he had been most untiring in his efforts to promote its interests, and he (Bro. Hammond) looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to the "working" of the lodge under his guidance. The W.M., having replied, then gave "The Installing Master." The toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Stevens briefly replied. "The Visitors" followed, and, in response, Bro. Horsley made a very humorous speech. "The Past Masters" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Hammond and Tomlinson. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Hopwood and Sanders, and they having replied, the Tyler's toast, at an early hour, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout highly successful.

Obituary.

Died on the 15th proximo, after a lingering illness, Bro. David Pullen, P.M., St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, aged fifty-eight years, regretted by all who knew him. Bro. Pullen was for over thirty years in the service of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, corner of Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, Secretary of the Smithfield Club. Bro. Pullen was Assistant Secretary of the Smithfield Club, and as Assistant Secretary, and for his urbanity and courtesy in that office the exhibitors just before his illness gave him a dinner at St. James's Hall, at which about fifty subscribers sat down, presided over by Mr. Gordon, M.P., when he was presented with a testimonial consisting of a silver tea and coffee service and a purse containing 500 sovereigns. The deceased was buried at Brompton Cemetery, followed by his two sons, Mr. David and Mr. Charles Pullen; his two sons-in-law, Mr. Owen and Mr. Collins; brother-in-law, Mr. Ted; Sir Brandreth Gibbs, Bro. Dr. Egan, Bro. Ayshford, and Bro. William Mann, P.M. 186, &c. We noticed around the grave Bro. Unite, P.M.; Bro. Maples, P.M.; Bro. Warland, P.M.; Bro. Allen, P.M.; Bro. Ardin, P.M.; Bro. Wood, Bro. Markland, Bro. Holland, Mr. Scholefield, Mr. Curtis, and others.

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To Correspondents.

W.M.—Uniformity of Ritual. The correspondence on this subject is closed.

The following reports stand over:—

Israel Lodge, No. 205; Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902; Lodge of Tranquility, No. 185; Wiltshire Lodge of Devises, No. 663; Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, Tuscan, Lodge, No. 14; Lodge of Antiquity (Bolton), No. 146; Urnston Lodge, No. 1730; Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25; South Saxon Lodge, No. 311; Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855; Waterloo Chapter, No. 13; Plains of Mamre Preceptory, No. 8; Leodensis Chapter, Rose Croix, No. 47; Henry Mark Lodge, No. 216; and Connaught Dramatic Club Concert.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Young England" "The Scotsman," "Hull Packet," "The Star," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Tunbridge Wells Gazette," "Paper Consumers' Circular," "Masonic Eclectic," "Die Bauhutte," "Der Ling Islander," "Voice of Masonry," "Report of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia," "Freemasons' Monthly," "New York Sunday News," "Boletín Oficial," "Masonic Newspaper," "Report of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "New York Dispatch," "Bulletin Du Grand Orient De France."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

STILLWELL.—On the 27th inst., at Holmesdale, Surbiton, the wife of Edward W. Stillwell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WILLIAMS—JONES.—On the 21st inst., at Christ Church, Bala, Merionethshire, Edward Williams, to Mary Augusta Jones, of Froudderw, Bala.

DEATHS.

COWARD.—On the 22nd inst., at 38, Lupus-street, S.W., in the 56th year of his age, Bro. James Coward, P.G.O. (Organist of the Crystal Palace).

FORBES.—On the 24th inst., at his residence, Ealing, Alexander Forbes, the Secretary of the Great Northern Railway Company, aged 46.

TERRY.—On the 26th inst., at 26, Union-square, Islington, James Terry, formerly of St. John-street, Clerkenwell.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1880.

A remark in the speech of H.R.H. the Grand Master when investing Bro. Shadwell Clerke as Grand Secretary has been misunderstood. When H.R.H. talked of "other duties," he did not mean that the new Grand Secretary was not going to give up all his time to the claims of his most important office Masonically, but he only alluded, we believe, to other possible military duties, and also to attendance at Court. It is obvious to all that the Grand Secretary of English Freemasonry to-day, if he is to do his work, must devote all his time to the office, otherwise neither the heavy correspondence nor the multifarious calls upon his attention and presence can be properly attended to.

OUR readers will note that the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Masons and their wives, will take place on the 9th proximo, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the Earl of Zetland. We understand that up to the present time Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, has received the names of 220 Stewards, and we have no doubt that when the lists are read out on February 9th Bro. Terry will be able to announce a most gratifying and remarkable total. Despite hard times and serious calls, hearts of English Freemasons are always warm to that most excellent and well administered Institution.

OUR readers are often amused with reports of would-be Ultramontane persecutions, we trust they will be equally affected with the following illustration of would-be Ultramontane wit. It comes from Belgium, and is, no doubt, very forcible indeed:—"The *Précurseur* reports that at the Episcopal College at Poperinghe, in Western Flanders, there was performed lately by the pupils before their parents a play, which was received with much applause. In the first act a pupil, accounted as a Freemason, is seen digging a grave in a cemetery, in which a coffin marked 'Catholicism' is to be placed. The Belgian Minister of Public Instruction, dressed as Satan, aids him. In the second act the gravedigger appears as teacher in a communal school. A father, entering with four sons, asks how much will be paid to him for placing his sons in the school. The bargain is made, the teacher pays, and the father pockets the money. Other pupils are received in the same manner. Instruction begins by writing on the blackboard, 'There is no God.' Now appear an old man with a boy, an angel with a sceptre, and Satan in Bengal flames. The pupils fall on the ground, but the angel begins to sing the clerical war-song, 'They shall not have it, the beautiful soul of the child' ('Sij zullen ze niet hebben de schoone ziel des kinds'). Satan is put to flight, and the children are saved." Surely folly, stupidity, and bigotry can no fur ther go.

WITH respect to the "temper" in which the "uniformity of ritual question" has been discussed, we think "the least said the soonest mended." The correspondence is not pleasant reading, and we regret to have to add that from some recent facts and utterances which have come forcibly to our notice, there certainly are "Masons and Masons," and it is clear that with some, profession and practice are very different things indeed.

WITH respect to the movement for uniformity of ritual, we understand that some action will be taken at next Grand Lodge to induce Grand Lodge to reconsider the whole question. Whether that result will be best arrived at by not confirming "that portion of the minutes" or directly negating the appointment of a Committee, we must leave to abler heads than ours to decide. But something must be done to prevent the whole Craft from being landed in a long and bitter controversy, followed by an equally acrimonious battle of systems, theories, and "vanities."

THE adjourned Court for the confirmation of the purchase of Lyncombe House took place on Saturday last, when the confirmation of the purchase was carried, as we expected, by a most decisive majority—sixty-one to eight. We congratulate our Bro. the Grand Treasurer and the House Committee on this result, which, after the satisfactory opinion of two counsel, learned in the law, was, as we felt sure, a certainty. We hope that we have heard the last of a controversy to our mind very painful and not a little humiliating, and to which in these columns we shall not again willingly allude. Every now and then in things Masonic, as in the affairs of life, silence is not only most advisable but most commendable.

THE *New Zealand Tablet*, a Roman Catholic paper, complains, as we stated last week, that Freemasonry everywhere is hostile to religion and religious education. It mentions certain proceedings in Belgium, and states that the same course has been followed by the Freemasons in New Zealand, and it asserts all the world over. We are not concerned to defend either the acts or the speeches of the Belgian Freemasons, but we deny that the statement is true of Freemasonry generally, and we doubt even very much if it be correct as regards New Zealand Freemasons.

SOME questions having being asked us with regard to the salary of the new Grand Secretary, we believe that by an arrangement of the Board of General Purposes, agreed to by Grand Lodge some time back, it is fixed at £500 per annum

for the incoming holder of the office, with an annual "increase" of £50 until it reaches £800, which sum, in our opinion, is not too much for the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

A THREAT was held out at the last Quarterly Court of the Girls' School that the meeting had not "heard the last" of certain Chancery proceedings. All we can say is if such an un-Masonic threat should be realized, hurtful to the Girls' School and derogatory to our Craft, it will be the duty of all the subscribers to the Girls' School to rally round Bro. Col. Creton, G.T., and the House Committee. Of the result itself we have not the slightest fear or doubt. But English Masons are very much changed if they are to be deterred from doing their duty, by menace on the one hand, or "high falutin'" on the other.

WE publish elsewhere a circular issued by our Bro. Stevens, which we do not profess to understand. We never knew before that any single brother, without the express sanction of the Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes, or the Grand Secretary, could address a quasi-official circular to the Provincial Officers. This is a novel idea, and to us a most startling innovation. Such a proceeding is entirely contrary to the precedents and normal usages of English Craft Masonry, and we cannot say that we admire it, much less like it. The Grand Lodge has laid no "burden" on or given any commission to Bro. Stevens to nominate a Committee. Some informal conversation took place between Bro. Simpson and Bro. Stevens, but that is all. Grand Lodge has passed a resolution, not as yet confirmed, to appoint a Committee, but as, in 1870, Grand Lodge deliberately declined to appoint a Committee after a somewhat similar resolution, in 1869, it may take it into its head to repeat the process in 1880. This circular of Bro. Stevens seems to us such a singular interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master on the one hand, and the rights of the Grand Lodge on the other, that we think it right to call attention specially to it. Can any one explain it?

WOULD it not be well to make a combined movement of the London lodges and brethren to send some contribution to the Duchess of Marlborough Fund for the relief of distress in Ireland? The Lodge of Antiquity voted £10 10s. on Wednesday last for that purpose, to be sent through our distinguished brother the Lord Mayor of London, and we venture to think that it would be both seasonable and considerate if some general movement was commenced for this purpose in our large-hearted fraternity.

HARD times as well as severe words seem to have fallen on the spiritualists. A certain Mrs. Corner, (not a bad name for such an operator), formerly a Miss Cooke, has long been a famous "medium," and she has performed illusions worthy of the greatest conjuror "out." But, alas! a Nemesis has come! Sir George Sitwell and Mr. Carl Von Buch, having doubts as to a recent exhibition, intervened with the following decisive results. To render the following statement understandable, Mrs. Corner has been herself bound to a chair or sofa, while her spirit has also appeared, or a spirit appearance has been separately made:—"On the third occasion the spirit again appeared, but not without an 'audible sound of undressing behind the curtain.' Encouraged by this, the two spectators made a simultaneous rush. One of them caught and held the spirit, while the other drew the curtain aside and displayed the empty chair in which Mrs. Corner had sat, 'with the knot slipped, her dress, stockings, boots, and other discarded garments,' which, that there might be no mistake, were handed round and examined by the company. Of course nothing could be said after this. The facts are not denied, even by the Secretary of the Association. All he can do by way of explanation is to suggest the notion that Mrs. Corner, lulled in the mesmeric trace, may have slipped the knot and personated the medium in

a state of entire unconsciousness." As our contemporary, the *Guardian*, observes, from which paper we take this amusing account, if after this, "Populus vult decipi, decipitur," "if people will be deceived—they will, that's all."

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 GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At length the discussions in re Lyncombe House are over and the purchase recommended by the House Committee has been approved by the Quarterly Court. I congratulate the authorities on the fact, and on the announcement by Bro. Col. Creation of his intention to propose the admission of twenty-five additional orphans. This will be good news to the subscribers and the Craft.

My object in writing is to ask all to "let bygones be bygones," and to set to work to make the anniversary festival of 1880 a signal success, so that under the presidency of our Royal Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold the returns for the festival may prove how completely the subscribers approve both of the proceedings of the proper authorities, and are interested in the maintenance and development of our Institution, which is in truth unrivalled as an educational institution amid the many noble schools of England. Out of evil good very often comes here, and I am inclined, for one, to think that those who, like myself, value the Institution for what it is, for what it has done, for what it may yet do for the female orphans of our brotherhood, will only be stirred up by recent events to "put our shoulder to the wheel" and labour more zealously than ever to render the anniversary of 1880 a memorable one in the goodly annals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I am, yours fraternally,

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BRO. MOSS'S LETTER.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have read Bro. Moss's letter in your last issue, and all I can say is, as I observed in the Quarterly Court, that probably owing to the press of legal business his memory is somewhat defective. He certainly never left the opinion in the hands of the Grand Treasurer. He declined, though pressed by myself, to read it himself,—he equally refused to have it officially communicated. He took it away with him. He stated over and over again that he came as "amicus curiæ," that all he suggested was in "confidence," that he had no "authority" even to shew us the opinion, but he wished the Grand Treasurer on this "ex parte" opinion not to pass a resolution at the meeting, intimating that if a resolution was passed, an application for an injunction would be forthwith made. The "bona fides" of our Chairman was conspicuous then as afterwards, in that he properly stated that he knew of the opinion, thus unofficially and informally conveyed to his notice. Bro. Letchworth and myself can confirm the statement of our gallant Chairman in every particular, and while I give Bro. Moss every credit for a wish to serve his client, I cannot but express my regret that he should seem, even by implication, to throw a doubt on the exact accuracy of the statement openly made by the Grand Treasurer and your humble servant, the writer of this letter. For I beg distinctly to declare that the statement that the Grand Treasurer was free to communicate the opinion or not is absolutely inaccurate, inasmuch as it was mentioned in confidence, and Bro. Moss took it away and left no copy behind.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR MILITARY BRETHREN.

"To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of the founders of the Aldershot Camp Lodge, and who received some hard knocks on the occasion, I have a lively remembrance of all that took place. I fully endorse all that "1331" has stated in your issue of the 10th inst.

Bro. Wm. Hickley, in your issue of the 24th, gives his "most unqualified denial of the truth of that statement." The facts are as follows: A petition for a new lodge for the Military of Aldershot was presented to the Panmure Lodge in 1870. This was strongly opposed, and by none more so than Bro. Hickley. No satisfaction could be obtained. We proposed a Committee should be appointed to discuss the subject after the lodge meeting was over, which was done; but here again, I saw it was of no use attempting to conciliate. I rose from the table and made use of this figurative remark, "that I would raise heaven and earth to have a lodge." Bro. Hickley replied, "And so you may, and then you will not get it."

Previous to the next lodge, I canvassed the military brethren to attend. A proposition was made as stated, by two supporters, and, the military being well represented, it was carried. Again, after I had obtained the warrant, the P.G.M. was asked to appoint a day to consecrate the lodge. A day was fixed, and the banquet ordered. Two days previous to the day appointed, I received a telegram from the P.G.M. stating he could not attend, as he had received objections from the Panmure Lodge. The day following a message was received—former arrangements to hold good. I can state why he changed his mind.

The above is sufficient to show that "1331" was correct in

his statements, and that Bro. Hickley has forgotten facts which are well remembered in Aldershot.

We are meeting with similar opposition to obtain a Royal Arch chapter, and why is not fully understood by the military, seeing that the Aldershot Camp Lodge is one of the most flourishing lodges in the Province of Hampshire.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOHN FENN, P.M. 1331.
Aldershot, 25th January, 1880.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Companion,—

Bro. P.M. John S. Hickley, 723, having in his letter of the 14th inst., published in your issue of 24th inst., denied the accuracy of the last paragraph but one of my communication of 1st idem, I beg to state most emphatically that every word of that paragraph is strictly truthful, and would recommend Bro. Hickley to read it again calmly, when he will probably take a different view of the statement, the wording of which does not impute opposition to the whole of the Panmure Lodge.

I have now further to acquaint you, in support of my former statement, that the opposition from some of the brethren of that lodge was so great when the subject of a new lodge in Aldershot was brought before them, that the Panmure Lodge, 723, only sanctioned the recommendation of the petition for a warrant for the Aldershot Camp Lodge after exacting from the founders of that lodge the following agreement, which is deposited with the Grand Secretary:—

"That no person be initiated in this lodge except he is in Her Majesty's service, and that no brother be received as a joining member unless he is in Her Majesty's service, or that previous to retiring or discharge from the service he was a member of the Aldershot Camp Lodge.

"That the Master and Wardens at every installation sign a declaration to this effect, and that a copy of this be signed by the Wardens, W.M., and Secretary, and sent to the Grand Secretary."

This, surely, is sufficient proof that my statement was correct, and if further evidence is requisite, it can be obtained from witnesses of the opposition complained of, which, however, occurred prior to the above engagement being entered into, and before the Panmure Lodge, 723, "approved the prayer of the petition, and recommended that it be granted."

In June, 1870, the argument was that there was no room for two lodges here, but experience has taught us entirely the reverse; at the present time it is said there is not room for two chapters, the reason assigned being that if the military have a chapter the civilian chapter must necessarily fail; but this, ten years hence, as in the case of the lodge, may not prove in accordance with facts.

Having, I trust, cleared myself from the slightest imputation of untruthfulness in my letter of 1st inst., which I kindly thank you for inserting.

Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

1331.

NON-QUALIFIED MEMBERS AT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In response to your invitation for suggestions for improvement in the present system of admitting members to Grand Lodge, I should like to say a few words. At present the notices of Grand Lodge meetings are sent to the Masters of lodges, addressed to the place of lodge meeting, and as the notices reach the place of meeting often, very often, between two lodge meetings, the Master does not get the notice until after Grand Lodge meeting; entailing useless expense to Grand Lodge for printing and postage. My suggestion is that the notices should be sent to the Secretaries of lodges, direct to their registered address it should be their duty to give each qualified member a notice of the meeting, which could be done, with little trouble, on printed post-cards. They should also send to Grand Secretary's office, for the use of the scrutineers, a post-card (with number and name of lodge at the top) giving a list of qualified members with a * against those names (or all that can be got in time) of brethren who cannot be present. These cards should be placed by the scrutineers opposite the signature lists, and referred to when a brother signs; they will at once see if a brother offering himself is entitled to attend. If a brother signs for an absent member he can be charged as a forger, and if his name is not on the Secretary's card he has ceased to be a subscribing member or is an impostor.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN, Sec. of 452 and 1719.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In one of your articles in the *Freemason* of the 24th inst., you invite suggestions to improve the system of non-qualified members getting into Grand Lodge.

This being a difficulty the Grand Lodge of Scotland (which I am an humble member of) had to contend against, and which it has overcome by the following method, may be of service to the Grand Lodge of England.

Our most worthy Grand Secretary issues tickets of membership annually to all qualified members of Grand Lodge as per tickets enclosed, changing the colour of ticket every year; at all meetings of Grand Lodge the Scrutineers appointed examine the tickets of members when entering the hall, and on being satisfied, allow them to enter the body of the hall.

Master Masons now members of Grand Lodge remain behind the bar at the back part of the hall.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. H. BICKERTON.

P.G. Secretary, Glasgow.

Glasgow, 26th January, 1880.

ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will some of your correspondents or yourself kindly answer a few questions on the above subject and oblige several young Arch Masons.

1. Can a W.M. sign a petition and become, say J. of a chapter, or must all Three Principals be Past Masters.
2. Can a companion join a chapter, and if qualified, be elected J. the first night of joining.
3. Is it right for Provincial Grand Officers, Royal Arch, to wear their collars of office in a Craft lodge.

Yours fraternally,

SCRIBE N.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am anxious to know of some short humorous piece or sketch on Masonry, or otherwise suitable subject adapted for recitation at banquets or festive meetings of Masons, and I have no doubt that some brother would be able to furnish me with such through the *Freemason*, if you would kindly insert this and oblige,

Yours truly and fraternally,

M.M.

THE RATING OF LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

[We are requested to publish the following.]

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Vestry Hall,

Bridge Road West, Battersea, S.W.

January 26th, 1880.

Mr. Evill has asked me to correct what was an inadvertent error on my part as to the valuation of his house.

Our return in the valuation list, as supplied to Bro. Cox, was £120 gross. Rateable value £100. But since 1875 an addition was made by which the current rate was charged on a gross of £137. Rateable £114.

You may make whatever use you like of this.

Yours truly and fraternally,

Col. Creation.

THOS. HARRAP.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ADJOURNED QUARTERLY COURT.

An adjourned Quarterly Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Lieut.-Col. John Creation, Grand Treasurer, presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, L.G.; James Stevens; R. Warner Wheeler, V.P.; Griffiths Smith, V.P.; G. Bolton, V.P.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, L.G.; Raynham W. Stewart, V.P.; A. A. Richards, L.G.; R. G. Shute; Samuel Rawson, V.P.; A. H. Tattershall, L.G.; Colonel Peters, L.G.; W. H. Myers, L.G.; William Musto, L.G.; W. J. Musto; L.G.; W. W. Baxter; A. Durrant, L.G.; E. Letchworth, V.P.; George Weeks, L.G.; Herbert Dicketts, V.P.; H. T. Thompson, L.G.; Henry Venn, L.G.; James Mason, L.G.; James L. Stothert, L.G.; T. Foxall, L.G.; William Roebuck, L.G.; Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., and Trustee Sustentation Fund; E. J. Barron, V.P.; A. J. Duff Filer, V.P.; H. A. Dubois, L.G.; John Sampson Pierce, L.G.; E. Cox, V.P.; Rev. D. Cox, L.G.; G. R. Shervill, L.G.; Thomas Meggy, V.P.; John A. Rucker, V.P.; Edward Austin; J. H. Matthews, V.P.; T. F. Peacock, John Walker; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., V.P.; D. Ferguson; Leopold Ruf, L.G.; W. Williams; A. D. Lowenstark, L.G.; Samuel Hill, L.G.; F. Adlard, L.G.; George Kenning, V.P.; A. E. Gladwell, L.G.; H. J. Johnson, W. Carrington, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., L.G.; W. F. C. Moutrie, L.G.; E. C. Woodward, V.P.; A. H. Diaper, L.G.; W. Cunningham Glen, L.G.; Louis Hirsch, L.G.; Henry Speedy; Dr. R. T. Pigott, L.G.; Col. Somerville Burney, L.G.; Thomas Massa, L.G.; J. M. P. Montagu, V.P.; F. Rath, L.G.; Edward Clark, L.G.; A. A. Pendlebury, L.G.; Chas. Hammerton, V.P.; E. H. Stammwitz, L.G.; Hy. Potter, L.G.; Peter de L. Long, L.G.; W. Browne Kidder, L.G.; F. W. H. Ramsay, M.D., L.G.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., L.G.; J. M. Klenck, E. C. Mather, V.P.; S. Rosenthal, V.P.; Thomas Fenn, V.P.; J. J. Cattle, L.G.; Rev. Dr. Brett, V.P.; Charles John Perceval, V.P.; A. Tisley, L.G.; A. Woiter, L.G.; William Dodd, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary); and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Secretary having read that portion of the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of the 10th January which refers to the adjournment, and the minutes of the Special General Court of the 3rd January,

The Chairman said before putting the minutes for confirmation he wished to say a few words on the subject matter which they proposed to discuss. He assumed it would not be necessary for him to travel over the ground again, explaining why the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds had been proposed and recommended by the Committee. The most important and great reason was that they should increase the number of children in the School by twenty-five. Since the last meeting he had fully explained to his co-Trustees all that had taken place, and had also consulted Mr. Horace Davey, Q.C., and Mr. Hollis. Counsels' opinion would now be read by the Secretary.

The Secretary then read as follows: "Copy of opinion.

"1. We are of opinion that the Trustees of the General Fund (as representing this Voluntary Institution) can hold land in trust for the Institution, but that all such land must be vested in their names for the general purposes thereof (see Law VII.)

"2. Assuming that all the formalities prescribed by the

laws with reference to an expenditure exceeding £500 are duly complied with, we are of opinion that it is not ultra vires to apply the sum of £6500 out of the General Fund for the purchase of the land and premises of Mr. Evill for the purpose of converting and applying the same to the use of the Institution.

"3. We think that the Special Court of the 3rd of January, 1880, was duly convened under Laws XXXI. and XXXIV., and that the objects for which such Court was held were valid accordingly. We see no reason for supposing that the meeting was otherwise than legally held. The minutes of the proceedings at such meetings can, in our opinion, be validly confirmed at the adjourned General Court to be held on the 24th inst.

(Signed) "HORACE DAVEY.
GEORGE HOLLIS.

"Lincoln's-inn, 21st Jan., 1880."

Col. Burdett then moved that the minutes be confirmed. Bro. Edward Cox rose to a point of order. This was an adjourned meeting, and this was the first time he had heard that at an adjourned meeting the minutes of the former part of the meeting could be confirmed.

The Chairman said they were confirming the minutes so far as regarded the adjournment and the purchase of Lyncombe House.

Bro. E. Cox asked if it was possible to confirm the minutes of a meeting which was not concluded?

The Chairman replied that the meeting was called to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd January. The last Quarterly Court was adjourned for that purpose, in order that he might refer to his co-Trustees and have an opinion. An "opinion" had been obtained, and they now met to confirm the minutes.

Bro. E. Cox: Is it proper to confirm the minutes of a meeting which is not over?

The Chairman: This is part of the Quarterly Court when we confirm or otherwise the minutes of the Special Court.

Col. Burdett: I am not out of order in moving that these minutes be confirmed.

The Chairman explained that the minutes of the 3rd of January were read for the information of those present. They would have been confirmed at the Quarterly Court, but it was found politic to adjourn that Court.

Col. Burdett said he moved that the minutes be confirmed for several reasons—principally because it was of the utmost importance to the Institution that they should have the land in question. Though the price (£6500) which they were going to give for it was high, yet the value to the Institution was equivalent to the price which they were about to give. If they did not take the land others would. Rumours were going about that it might be taken for a Boys' School to be built there. If so, they would have to build a high wall, and lose an entrance to the main road. The matter had been thoroughly considered, and he believed there was no doubt about the legality of the transaction. In this view they were supported by the opinion of eminent counsel. It appeared to him that if they let this opportunity slip they would probably be placed in an awkward position. There was no necessity for him to say anything about the object in view in purchasing this land. Without further preface he begged to move—"That the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd of January be confirmed."

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded. He believed it was of great importance to them to acquire this property, and failed to see any good reason for opposition, except on the ground of expense. Surely it was worth their while to pay a little more money than the land was worth rather than run the risk of having their property spoiled. The house which they proposed buying could be turned into a preparatory school for the education of twenty-five children. By so doing they were increasing the benefits of the School.

Bro. James Mason enquired whether there were any vacancies, and how many, in the School at present?

The Chairman: None.

Bro. T. Mason: No vacancies?

The Chairman: None; unless you agree to admit more. I may say that if the minutes are confirmed I intend giving notice of a motion for increasing the number at the next Quarterly Court. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. J. Mason: If the minutes are not confirmed you cannot do so.

The Chairman: Certainly not.

Bro. Edward Cox, in what he believed to be the interests of the School, rose to oppose the confirmation of these minutes, and moved, as an amendment, "That it is not desirable at the present time to increase the grounds and premises of this Institution." He had no hostile feeling to any of the brethren, to the Building Committee, the House Committee, or the General Committee of the Institution, but he did not think it necessary at present to make any addition to the premises of the Institution, and if they made this purchase they would increase their premises at an exorbitant price. He did not agree with Bro. Thompson that they should rush into Chancery, for he thought that would be a serious difficulty to get into. It would, in his opinion, have been very much better if Bro. Thompson had mustered his friends and ousted the proposal at once, than have pursued a course which led to the antagonistic opinions of two eminent counsel, namely, those of Mr. Locock Webb and Mr. Horace Davey. Still, he had no doubt that the reasons which occurred to Bro. Thompson for going to the Court had arisen to the minds of many of the brethren who knew the peculiar way in which the Committee had conducted their proceedings. He (Bro. Cox) thought that the Committee should have applied to the General Court for permission to increase the number of children, and then to buy land, if it was necessary in the interests of the Institution that more should be acquired. He also thought that there was an irregularity in the Building Committee recommending the purchase,

as he thought that that should have been for the subscribers. These were the grounds of his opposition, and he thought the Court was now in a position to determine whether or no the ground should be purchased, and the proposed addition made to the School premises. On the last occasion he told them that the house was of much less value than the Committee imagined. Mr. Evill himself declared its actual gross annual rental to be £120 only.

The Chairman: Mr. Evill told me he wrote to Mr. Har- rap, from whom you derived your information, that its value was £130.

Bro. Cox: Mr. Har- rap wrote me the following letter:—"Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, Vestry Hall, Bridge-road, West Battersea, S.W., December 27th, 1879. Dear Sir and Brother,—I must ask you to forgive my apparent negligence and discourtesy in not replying to your letter, asking for information respecting Lyncombe House. That property belongs to one who is a very valued friend of mine, and, as I gathered from the tone of your letter that you were inclined to endeavour to upset an arrangement I knew had been entered into for the purchase of his property, I felt that in common fairness I ought to know how far his interests might be affected. Having seen him, and knowing now the exact state of the case, and having also his permission, I freely give you the information you wish. Lyncombe House is rated gross £120."

The Chairman (interrupting): Mr. Evill told me it was £130. He said you were misinformed.

Bro. Edward Cox continued reading:—"Rateable £100. This is of course only the residential value. If the house and grounds were laid for building, as I have good reason to believe they are, they would realise a great deal more, and if the price that has been offered is correct, I should think that the Court have been able to get the property at a cheaper rate than they acquired other land in the rear. Although only a subscriber to the Schools of a small amount, I, like you, take a great interest in their welfare, and should be sorry to see the funds at all wasted, but if all is to be done that I hear of I think that the executive have acted wisely. I can only further add that the assessment is of five years' standing, and would in all probability have been increased at the next revision.—Believe me, yours truly and fraternally, THOS. HARRAP." Now, allowing a fair increase on the proposed estimate, the gross annual value of the property for the next five years would be £140. What, then, would be the value of property rented at £140 a year? They had been told that this was a very valuable house. The chairman called it a mansion, and said it might be converted into an infant school for the education of twenty-five additional children. If that were so it would require a great deal of money to alter it. He would presently deal with that part of the subject. It was said that Mr. Evill had recently spent £700 in decorating the house, and if he contemplated destroying it he would not have spent that sum in decorations. His mode of dealing with the property showed that he did not intend building. He could not build in the front for want of frontage. The property was so peculiarly situated that it was only about the square of the frontage which could be built upon, because no builder would have the temerity to build on the bank of the railway with so large and steep a slope. He could build nothing but mere sheds on that triangle—not permanent and lasting edifices. It would therefore be only the small piece at the back of the Institution's present laundry that would be applicable for building. Now, no man in his senses would think of destroying a house worth £140 a year for the purpose of building houses on land at a ground rent of the total value of under £40. Under these circumstances he thought it would be great folly to give £6500 for the property. He had heard that buildings detrimental to the Schools might be erected there. It had been suggested that a public house might be built. He did not think that there was any fear of that, there being plenty of public house accommodation close by. The situation, also, was against it. Again, it was not likely that another licence would be granted in that neighbourhood. Then it was said that a boys' school would be erected. Every person with property near might compel them to purchase by the mere threat that they would build a boys' school if they did not give the price asked. He did not think that these matters should materially influence them. Then, again, if they gave £6500 for the property they would not have done with the whole of their expenditure. If these minutes were confirmed to-day, the Chairman would give notice immediately of a motion for making an addition to the number of the girls in the School. Did they think that they would get the necessary funds. He was not an alarmist, but he did not think that the next festival would be a prosperous one for the Institution. He thought Bro. Clabon made a great mistake the other day when he said we could afford to give a large sum for this property because we had plenty of money. He thought it would be folly to confirm the minutes at present for the expenditure of £6500 on property which it was clear was not worth more than £4000. For these reasons he moved that the minutes be not confirmed.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the amendment, at the risk of being in a minority and of being chargeable with "obscure stupidity and vulgar personality." He supported the non-confirmation of the minutes on the score of value alone. He agreed that where a fair opportunity occurred for purchasing property at a fair price they should avail themselves of it. But this was not such an opportunity. He had had thirty years' experience of property in the neighbourhood, and he averred that the outside price for the Lyncombe House and grounds was £4500. They must bear in mind that the frontage was only sixty-six feet frontage on the main road, and that before the owner could do anything in turning his three-quarters of an acre to account he would

have to make an approach road of forty feet wide out of that sixty-six feet. Of the rest, how could he get ground rents for houses, which if capitalised would produce £6500? But that was not all. Bro. Cox had struck the key note when he said that if they gave an outrageous price for the property they would in the future have proprietors around them speculating on getting "fancy prices" too for their properties; they would threaten what they would do with their lands and premises if we did not buy them up. Would it not be better to make some other arrangements for the education of orphan children of deserving Masons?

Bro. J. M. Klenck supported the amendment. He, like Bro. Cox, failed to see why a gentleman who was going to turn his house and grounds into a building speculation should spend nearly £700 on structural decorations. After the ground was laid out so as to meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Board of Works, the plans would show that only fourteen plots of land would be available for building purposes. But there was a fatal objection to the whole building scheme, and that was if they had a forty feet road, there must be an outlet at the other end, as the Board would not sanction a blind road. As to the value of the property, take the house at a rental of £150 a year, and put on a thirty-eight years' purchase to make it a fancy price (eighteen would be nearer, and twenty would be a very, very good price to pay), and they would not come near the figure the Institution was proposing to pay. After having bought it they would be open to surrounding neighbours putting fancy prices on their property if the Institution wished to buy it.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk felt sure that the addition of twenty-five girls to the School would be satisfactory to the Craft. Brethren who had sufficient influence to carry in their children might be satisfied with the present number of children, but those who had not that influence would consider the admission of an additional twenty-five children a great boon. He gave credit to Bros. Cox and Stevens for an earnest desire to promote the good of the Institution. He knew they had a thorough knowledge of the value of pounds, shillings, and pence, but he thought they had put that value in the wrong place on the present occasion. The land was of more value. It was a surprise to him how the Institution had done so much with the ground they had got. If they could obtain the extra piece it would be a great advantage.

Bro. J. L. Stothert, as a provincial brother, took a great interest in the Charities. He had been told that half an acre of land was bought by the Institution not long ago for £2000. They had now to deal with three quarters of an acre, placed under very advantageous circumstances, because it gave an entrance from the high road. Taking the price of this piece of land at £4500, he did not think it a high price. That left £2000 for the house, which was admirably adapted for the purposes of the Institution. £2000 for this house was very small. He thought the whole sum of £6500, instead of being high, was exceedingly small, and the Committee had done very wisely in endeavouring to secure it. He was sure he carried a large number of the brethren in the provinces with him when he said they were willing to entrust the interests of the Institution in the purchase of this property to a Committee who had so carefully considered the subject.

Bro. James Mason also considered that the matter had been well considered by the Committee who stood in the relation of Trustees for the Charity. If any imputation of wrong doing could be laid to the Committee the scheme would fall to the ground. They had acted honestly and *bona fide*. For the benefit of the Institution land must be considered before price. The money they could well afford. If they could not it would be a different affair. The land was worth more to the Institution than to a private individual. The Committee were entitled to support, and he hoped that the brethren who had brought forward the opposition would vote with the majority in favour of the motion. He deprecated Chancery proceedings, which, while being un-Masonic, might lead to those who indulged in them burning their own fingers. If they attempted to upset the scheme on the grounds set forth that day they would fail.

Bro. H. T. Thompson argued that the ten days' notice of the meeting of the 3rd of January prescribed by the laws of the Institution had not been given, as the notice was only published on the 27th of December. He also submitted that the meeting had not been called upon the recommendation of the General Committee, as directed in the book of rules. He further contended that the Chairman having had notice of the opinion of Bro. Locock Webb ought to have informed the Special Court. He dissented from the opinion that the provincial brethren were in favour of the new purchase. On the contrary, they were averse to it, and one province was strongly protesting against it, and proposed to resolve never to subscribe another penny to the Institution. He informed the meeting that he did not intend to vote.

Rev. A. F. A. Woodford would not have spoken on this occasion but that he was anxious to keep before the brethren the *bona fides* of the gallant Chairman. Col. Creaton did not submit the opinion of Bro. Locock Webb to the meeting because, whatever Bro. Moss might say in his letters to the press, he gave the information to Col. Creaton in confidence. How then could the Chairman use the information? He stated he had seen an opinion. Bro. Thompson had said the provinces were against the proposed outlay. Now he (Bro. Woodford) could state for one of the provinces, the province of West Yorkshire, that its excellent Grand Secretary was heartily in favour of it. He ventured to say that the prophecies of discomfiture at the next annual festival would be proved to be wrong, and that the Craft as a body would rally round the Institution and support the Committee, who had endeavoured to do their duty in increasing the efficiency and maintaining the usefulness of one of the most admirable charities the country could boast of.

The Chairman said he would only add, with regard to the opinion of Bro. Leacock Webb, which Bro. Moss said he (the chairman) ought to have read to the meeting, that Bro. Moss took it away with him. It was an impossibility he should have read it to the meeting, because Bro. Moss took it away before the meeting commenced.

The amendment of Bro. E. Cox was then put, when there appeared—

For the amendment 8
Against... .. 61

The amendment was therefore lost, and the motion to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd of January was put and carried.

The Chairman then gave notice of the following motion: "It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls in addition to those already in the institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements necessary for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C., and seconded by Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., closed the proceedings.

A WESLEYAN MINISTER ON FREEMASONRY.

At the installation meeting of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, the following address was delivered by the W.M., W. Bro. the Rev. G. Kennedy:—I am pretty well accustomed to public speaking, as you know, and contrive, as a rule, to be at home when on my legs. But for once I feel that your excess of courtesy and kindness has almost taken from me the power of adequately addressing you. My position to-day is somewhat singular. I am, I believe the first minister of our religious body who has occupied a Masonic chair in the British dominions. I need make no apology to the Church with which I am associated nor to society at large for occupying this position. (Applause.) I regard myself as being a kind of pioneer, and feel assured that when Masonry is better understood the unnatural and untrue distinction which at present exists in some men's minds between it and religion will be swept away, as something out of place and decidedly in the road of human progress. (Hear, hear.) It would be mere affectation to say I am not proud of the position. To be master of a Masonic lodge is an honour which any true-hearted man may covet. But to be master of such a lodge as the Cornubian, one of the foremost in the West of England, is a distinction which falls to the lot of only a favoured few. Rest assured that I am not insensible of the honour which you have this day done me. I am no candidate for fancy Degrees in Masonry, and am inclined to regard them as to some extent rather violating the spirit of genuine brotherhood and equality; but should it ever be my fortune to possess the adornments of even the highest grades in our Order, I will never esteem them so highly as I do the Master's symbol which you have hung around my neck. (Applause.) I take the chair of this lodge under several very favourable circumstances. I cannot forget, dear brethren, the spontaneity of your action in electing me. I came among you a total stranger, as it were, but yesterday, and you have accorded to me the highest honour it is in your power to give. I could not, of course, in honour, promote my own election, and you did not expect me to stoop to unworthy cringing or canvassing to secure the Master's office; the brethren will bear me witness that neither by word or hint have I paved the way to my own exaltation. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Another very happy circumstance is the unanimity of the vote which has placed me at your head. Unfortunately, sometimes there is a divided vote, which I have known to rend a lodge in twain, and leave behind it legacies of heart-burning and jealousy, which made harmony impracticable for years. I hold my place to-day without one adverse vote, a circumstance in which I heartily rejoice. I am happy also in the recollection of your financial condition. You are more than solvent, having not only paid all current expenses for the year, but reduced the outstanding debt upon our premises. To keep our finances in a healthy condition; to secure a continuance of perfect harmony in the lodge; to maintain its honour unsullied and its usefulness undiminished, will be the object of my constant care during the year of my incumbency. (Applause.) I cannot forget that as Masons we are associated with an institution possessing and exhibiting singular vitality. It reaches, we know, far back into the hoary past; and is venerable with age and antiquity. It comes to us, not with the flush of untried novelty, but with the adjuncts of history, experience, strength, and fruitfulness. Many institutions which sprang up side by side with Masonry have been weighed in the balance of human want, and, being found wanting, have been swept aside in the progress of ages. They were not bound up, in any vital sense, with the life and interests of humanity. But Freemasonry, with its eye undimmed and its natural strength unabated, shows no sign of failing energy. On the contrary, it bids fair to live as long in the future as it has done in the past; an evidence of the soundness of its constitution. It may not be generally known that some twelve hundred lodges have been chartered and consecrated within the past two and forty years. Now, I cannot but ask myself, to what is this vitality and progress owing? Certainly it is not to any ostentatious parade on our part. We do not boast, although we might, that our Order has numbered kings and princes by the hundred, and dukes and nobles by the thousand. We are not for ever publishing the fact that, from the middle and upper classes, we attract officers by tens of thousands,

and we number faithful brethren all over the world by millions. We do not engage in the work of proselytizing. Freemasonry has no missionaries, no propaganda; it wins men to it by its own inherent beauty and goodness—a fact which stimulates every Freemason to a life which shall illustrate and adorn his principles; and covers every unworthy member of our Craft with shame. It is only too true that for centuries many have joined the Order to satisfy what, I fear, was little better than an unworthy and prurient curiosity, and having done so, cease to be numbered with us. Nor can we forget that numbers of men bring a reproach upon us, by making Masonry synonymous with idleness, intemperance, and excess. Still Masonry survives and flourishes. Time, which annihilates so many things, spares it. While other institutions labour to be heard for their much speaking, and make music like that of the cuckoo, always repeating its own name, Masonry, like the lark behind a cloud, is content to sing unseen, so long as its voice gives greeting at the gate of heaven and falls with a gentle influence upon lonely hearts below. Brethren, Masonry owes its place and power to the principles upon which it rests. It has for its centre, faith, truth, and honour; it has for its circumference, virtue, purity, and charity. More particularly, it owes its position and influence to the true view which it cherishes of our human aspirations. It is in strict harmony with the perennial instincts of the human heart. Look where we will, humanity shows us one thing springing like hope within it eternally, the consciousness of, and the desire for, immortality. That there is for man another life when his present existence has run its course Masonry proclaims with no uncertain voice. I regard this primary element in our organisation, this tenacious hold on immortality, as one of its highest and most helpful functions. Take away the conviction of an after-state, and you reduce man to the level of a soulless animal. Strike out of the common heart this conception, and you destroy all intelligent and operative distinction between vice and virtue! Practically, you abolish the very spring and reason of moral rectitude in man. Freemasonry is a power just in proportion as it tells us that while we seem to stumble over other men's graves until at last we stumble into our own, above the emblems of mortality there is an immortal mansion, to which the pure in heart will at last ascend, and in which the just will find their reward. I trust the day will never come when, as Masons, we shall be ashamed of our loyalty to this great vital instinct of the human heart. Freemasonry is powerful also, because it gives a true answer to the deepest of all human needs. Looking at society, both in its natural and artificial aspects, we discover one great need, that is God. Every kind of existence has something which is essential to it. Find out that which conduces to its welfare, and you discover what belongs to it. Ascertain what destroys or injures it, and you may conclude that, whatever that may be, it does not belong to it. Now, brethren, if I look at society as a political economist, merely seeking to promote the greatest good of the greatest number; or, if I regard it merely as an artist, having respect to its symmetry and stability, I see no hope for humanity either actual or possible apart from God. You can throw no hand around men strong enough to knit them together, save that which unites them to God. Herein Masonry is again strong. It tells us that men are not poor voyagers over the sea of life, with no hand at the helm of affairs, and no haven for which to steer. It gives the assurance that our prayers are not idle wails flung to the winds of heaven, but cries which evoke from the heart of the Infinite a quick and sure response. And in these days when the battle is set in array between faith and no faith; when, after ages of fencing, we have to face the naked issue, is there a God or is there not, shall we pray or shall we forbear, this institution stands out in direct conflict with Atheism. When men missed those signs by which, from the beginning, the Great Architect of the Universe has announced his existence, and obliterate his hand-writing upon the inner walls of our universal consciousness, Masonry takes its stand upon the dear brink of a universe denuded of God, and warns us back. Masonry does all its work beneath the sacred symbol, and its light would be quenched and the glory gone from its scutcheon did our lodges cease to be to us from that hallowed association, Holy ground. Further, Masonry retains its place and power because it holds the only true and rational conception of human life. It recognises the level of equality which runs through life; the level from which we all alike start. Below that level men may sink, and above it they may rise into rank and eminence. But, in essentials, Masonry contends for manhood, free and equal beneath the canopy of Heaven. It teaches us to see in every man a copy of ourselves, and we see in the race one's-self only multiplied by millions. The man, no matter in what land he first drew breath, or however mean his garb, who advances to a Mason, the claim of a common nature is assured beforehand of a prompt and brotherly respect. In looking at it, Masonry takes into account the accidents and inequalities of life. We find human beings trampled down by many waysides, and stricken down upon many battle-fields, with their lives overshadowed with sorrow and overburdened with misfortune. For these, our Order has a voice that cheers and a hand that helps, as witness our magnificent Schools for the orphan, standing side by side with charitable Institutions for the aged, the widowed, and the poor. In addition to this, Masonry contemplates a coming unity when, as Burns, himself a Mason, says—
Man to man the world around,
Shall brothers be, and a' that.

As faithful Craftsmen we play our part in bringing about this welcome consummation, but how? Not by framing a world-wide political programme, or hurling Governments from power, nor by formulating a world-wide religious system. In order to blend the race into oneness Masonry confronts the world with this for its motto everywhere, the

common Fatherhood of God above, and the common Brotherhood of Man below. It is because our Order cherishes these views of life that the world pays it reverence, and concedes to it its place and power. There are two standing popular objections to Freemasonry. From time immemorial it has been objected to on the score of mystery, and of its symbolism. Upon these grounds, and specially the first, superstition has decried our mystic art, and ecclesiastical stupidity has risen in wrath to launch its thunders against us; while the popular mind has judged us with suspicion and disfavour. Now, we frankly admit that our institution has its mysteries. What then? Is Masonry alone in this respect? Can we go anywhere without verging upon the region of mystery? Is not our life hemmed in with it on every side? Nature has her mysteries, only told to those in harmony with herself. Knowledge has its mysteries, only yielded up to patient study. Science has its mysteries, jealously guarded from any but the most reverent inquirer. Why should not Freemasonry also have its mysteries, kept under wise guardianship from idle and prying eyes? We keep our mysteries under seal only from him who exhibits neither the will nor the worthiness to know them. We use them to inspire that teachability and respect for those who are wiser than ourselves, which it is the purpose of all genuine education to impart. Again, Masonry in its symbolism is equally far from being singular. The language of signs enters very freely into human life. Royalty has its symbolism, with which to impress the common mind. Law has its pageantry, and chivalry its endless devices. Scholarship proclaims itself in hood and degree, and religion itself clings fondly to its symbols. Every corporation has its seal; every city its coat of arms; and every branch of industry its distinctive badge. Nay, the universe itself shows us but glorious symbols of Him who piled it in beauty, strength, and wisdom. Our imputed love of what is fantastic and showy in attire is but an illustration to the public eye of what we may not communicate to the uninitiated public ear. In conclusion, brethren, I cherish an ambition, a conviction, and a purpose. My ambition is to make the year before us at least equal to all that have preceded it for efficient, harmonious, and fruitful Masonic work. My conviction is, that should divisions arise among us, the same votes which placed me in the chair will sustain me in it, provided that my ruling is for the wisest ends, and in accord with our constitution. My purpose is, if possible, so to bear myself as your Master at all times and in all things, that I shall, when my term of office expires, lay down the symbol of my authority, untarnished by one unwise word, or one unworthy act of mine. When the W.M. had resumed his seat, the applause was loud and long-continued.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda paper of the Quarterly Convocation to be held on Wednesday, the 4th of February next.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES:—

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October, 1879, to the 20th January, 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To balance, Grand Chapter	1231	4	6
„ „ Unappropriated account	170	10	1
„ Subsequent receipts	341	16	11
	£1743	11	6
By disbursements during the quarter	£251	4	6
„ Balance	1328	6	11
„ „ in unappropriated acc unt	164	0	1
	£1743	11	6

Which balances are at the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Edward Rosenbusch as Z.; Charles Edward Coffey as H.; Harry Gardner as J.; and twelve others for a chapter to be attached to the Union Lodge, No. 407, Malta, to be called the William Kingston Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

2nd. From Comps. Edward Pitt Youell as Z.; William Dods as H.; Joseph Tomlinson as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorleston, to be called the St. Andrew's Chapter, and to meet at St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.

3rd. From Comps. James Henry Gratton as Z.; Thomas Braithwaite as H.; John Bustard as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, to be called the Friendly Chapter, and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

4th. From Comps. William George Lemon as Z.; the Rev. William Taylor Jones as H.; Charles William Thompson as J.; and eleven others to be attached to the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, Catford Bridge, to be called the Ravensbourne Chapter, and to meet at the Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham.

5th. From Comps. James Terry as Z.; John Howroyd Sadler as H.; John Edwin Cussans as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Highgate Lodge, No.

1366, Highgate, to be called the Highgate Chapter, and to meet at the Gatehouse Tavern, Highgate, Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

With reference to the petition for a chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, Aldershot, the consideration of which was deferred at the last Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Committee have to report that the Grand Superintendent for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, having since withdrawn his recommendation to the petition, they do not now feel themselves justified in recommending that the prayer of the petition be granted, but leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee have also to report that a complaint was preferred by Comp. Edward Jacobs, of the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, London, against Comp. John Palmer, P.Z. and Treasurer of the chapter, for having on two occasions (on the latter while presiding as the acting M.E.Z.) used his influence to prevent the election of Comp. Jacobs to office in the chapter. The Committee having summoned the parties before them, and having fully investigated the case, are of opinion that the first charge is not proved, but that, on the second occasion, Comp. Palmer made a statement to the chapter, while acting as M.E.Z., which was calculated to influence the votes of the companions, and in doing which he was not justified.

The Committee have further to report that by a mistake in taking the date of initiation for that of raising, the Hwlfordd Chapter, No. 464, Haverfordwest, exalted a brother, after only eleven months' service as a Master Mason, contrary to article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations. The Committee have therefore admonished the chapter to be more careful in future, and have directed that the candidate be re-obligated before his Grand Chapter certificate be issued.

The following notice of motion has been received for the next Quarterly Convocation:—

By Comp. William Smallpeice, P.Z. No. 21:—

"That clause five (5) page five (5) of the Book of Regulations of the Royal Arch be repealed, in order that all companions may be present at the opening of private chapters."

(Signed), JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
21st January, 1880.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE REV. WILLIAM TEBBS.

A presentation was made on behalf of the inhabitants of Caterham Valley and the neighbourhood of an address of beautiful design and exquisite workmanship, together with a splendid purse containing £100.

The following is the address:—

"St. John the Evangelist, Caterham Valley.

"To the Rev. William Tebbs.

"Reverend and Dear Sir,

"We, members of the congregation and other friends at Caterham are unwilling to allow the occasion of your departure from us to pass without some expression of the feelings of regret which we have for you.

"We desire to express our warm and grateful sense of the zeal and ability with which you have discharged your ministerial duties in this district, and also of the kindness, courtesy, and thoughtful consideration which all classes have received from you during the time, now nearly six years, of your ministration and residence amongst us.

"Nor would we forget how much the congregation of St. John's are indebted to Mrs. Tebbs for the generous manner in which she has presided at the organ and trained the choir, nor how largely the great musical ability of Mrs. Tebbs has contributed to the bright and hearty nature of the services.

"You are now called to a higher position in the Church, and to more onerous duties in a distant land. You carry with you our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself and family, and our earnest prayers that God may preserve you from the perils of the sea, and that He may bless your labours in His service in that distant land.

"With these feelings we ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse of money as a token of our affectionate esteem and regard.

We remain, Reverend and Dear Sir, yours very truly,
on behalf of the Congregation,

"CHAS. ASPREY,

"RICHARD MARTIN,

} Churchwardens.

"24th January, 1880."

On Sunday last he preached his farewell sermon to a crowded and sympathetic congregation from II. Cor. xiii. 2.

Bro. the Rev. William Tebbs, M.A., of Queen's College, Cambridge, was a scholar, and for some time both Librarian and Precentor of the College. Was ordained both Priest and Deacon by the late Right Rev. Dr. Samuel Wilberforce, then Bishop of Oxford, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. His first and only curacy was South Banbury, Oxford, on leaving which he was presented with an illuminated address signed by the Mayor of Banbury and a large number of inhabitants on his preferment to the Vicarage of Ashwick, Somerset. This living he gave up for the Incumbency of St. John the Evangelist, Caterham Valley, Surrey, in order to obtain more work. He is now selected out of a very large number of candidates for the Vicarage of St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, a post next in importance to the Bishopric.

Bro. Tebbs was initiated into Masonry in lodge Love and Honour, 285, Shepton Mallett, of which he was Chaplain, and also successively J.W., S.W., and W.M. He was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch, in Chapter 285 Royal Cyrus, in which he served as P.S., and subsequently

passed into the three chairs, still being, until the chapter in this month, M.E.Z.

When the Stuart Chapter was consecrated at Bedford, Comp. Tebbs having accompanied our late lamented Comp. Little and officiated as Chaplain, on the request of the companions of the chapter, joined it, and has served as Chaplain, P.S., and J. He was to have been elected to the chair of H., but his approaching departure compelled him to decline the honour, and his place is taken by Col. William Stuart, of Tempsford House, a Past Grand Senior Warden of England, and the first M.E.Z. of the Stuart Chapter.

Bro. Tebbs has been a regular attendant at, and on one or two important occasions, a speaker in, Grand Lodge.

Bro. Tebbs has been (and will still, if all be well, remain) a constant member of the staff of the *Masonic Magazine*, and an occasional contributor to the *Freemason*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, H. A. Dubois, Col. James Peters, E. Spooner, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, J. A. Rucker, T. F. Peacock, W. F. C. Moutrie, Joshua Nunn, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed and the minutes of the Special and Quarterly Courts had been read for information, together with the minutes of the House and Audit Committees, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for £1300 odd for various expenses of the Institution. Bro. Joshua Nunn's motion of which he had given notice, was brought on and passed—to give a prize of three guineas' value annually to be called "The Wentworth Little Prize," £100 having been sent by Bro. Buss, the Honorary Treasurer of the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, for that purpose.

Two candidates were then ordered to be placed on the list for election, and the Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC BALL AND PRESENTATION AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

The last meeting of the brethren of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, which took place on the 22nd inst., at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, was specially interesting, as the opportunity was taken of presenting the lodge with a splendid banner and sword. The lodge was called for three o'clock, and punctually the W.M. and his officers opened the lodge, when there were present Bros. H. D. Williams, W.M.; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; W. H. Hodgkin, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; W. B. Bates, Sec.; W. S. Elers, P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Treas.; A. Boorman, Org.; C. Graham, D.C.; S. A. Cheale, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; P.M.'s B. S. Wilmot, P.G.R. Kent; J. Roper, F. W. Stone, W. F. Elers, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; George Langridge, P.P.G.R. Kent; G. Beckley, R. A. Beeching, E. Durrant, H. Clifford, R. Everest, E. Copland, G. Farrer, T. W. Simpson, W. Langridge, E. Richardson, Rev. L. S. Tugwell, and others. Visitors: W. Hale, P.M., P.G.S.D. Sussex; H. T. Naylor, P.G. S.B. Kent; J. J. Pattison, W.M. 1678; T. H. Plummer, 177; F. Crocker, J.W. 185; and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., and Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., were announced, whereupon the P. Masters and P.G. Officers, accompanied by the Directors of Ceremonies (Bro. B. S. Wilmot and C. Graham), formed a deputation to receive his lordship. On their returning the R.W.P.G.M. was conducted to the chair, the W.M. vacating it, when he was saluted with grand honours, as also was Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. His lordship then vacated the chair, and Bro. Williams opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, when Bro. Richardson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being rendered in such an impressive manner as to call forth the admiration of the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of consecrating the banner took place, which was quite a novelty, and the first of the kind in this district. The idea occurred to several that as they had a remarkably nice lodge room, it would be well to further ornament the walls, and so the officers of the lodge subscribed amongst themselves a sufficient sum to present the banner, which is a most handsome one, and which was worked by the ladies of the St. Margaret's Masonic Institution, Queen-street, London, and cost upwards of twenty-five guineas. The banner was presented by the Senior Past Master, Bro. F. M. Elers, P.P.G. J.W. Kent, in the name of the lodge, and handed by the Worshipful Master to the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, who, having unfurled it and placed it in the position it is destined to fill, made a few well-chosen remarks, in the course of which he expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present, and to take part in a ceremony of such a pleasing description, and he trusted that the Holmesdale Lodge would long continue to hold its meetings under the sway of the new and beautiful banner which had just been presented. Bro. L. S. Tugwell, the Chaplain, then addressed the lodge, and gave a description of the coat of arms, and delivered a most impressive prayer of consecration. The Prov. G. Master and his Deputy were then elected honorary members of the lodge. A collection having been made for the Charities, which realised a considerable amount, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Calverley Hotel, when a splendid banquet was served by Bro. W. Pawley. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the Prov. Grand Master expressing him-

self much pleased with his visit to the Holmesdale Lodge.

Later on in the evening a grand Masonic ball took place at the Great Hall, in aid of the Masonic Charities, and we should say from the number of tickets taken, viz., 221, a handsome balance will be handed over to the Institutions.

The ball room was very tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, and at certain points flowing folds of drapery were introduced with good effect. In the place of honour were the two banners of the chapter, and also the new banner which had been presented to the lodge that day. On the arrival of Lord and Lady Holmesdale they were received by the Stewards, and a procession was formed. First came the banner of the lodge, then the Past Masters and officers of the Holmesdale Lodge, the W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge (Bro. H. D. M. Williams), the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. J. S. Eastes), and the Prov. Grand Master (Viscount Holmesdale). It was a most imposing spectacle to witness the procession enter the room, and Lord and Lady Holmesdale were conducted to the chairs of office, which had been brought from the lodge room. The W.M. and the officers of the lodge having been introduced to Lady Holmesdale, the ball was then opened, Lord Holmesdale taking Mrs. Williams as a partner, while Lady Holmesdale had the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. D. Williams, as her partner.

The orchestra was occupied by Messrs. May and West's Quadrille Band, and the dancers were particularly well pleased with the music they had to dance to. The following was the programme of the music:

Polka, Bonne Bouche; Quadrille, Madame Favart; Valse, Toujours ou Jamais; Galop, Zingari; Lancers, United Service; Schottische, Rainbow; Valse, Tres Jolie; Polka, Holly Bush; Lancers, Blue Beard; Quadrille, The Times; Valse, Engaged; Polka, Plui D'or; Circassian Cir.; Schottische, Our Boys; Lancers, Congress; Valse, Dreamland; Polka, Tout a Fait; Lancers, Trial by Jury; Valse, Amaranth; Galop, Saucy Kate; Sir Roger de Coverley. Supper dances: Valse, Le Roi de Lahore; Galop, John Peel; Polka, Kutschke.

Light refreshments were served in the hall on this occasion, a draped screen dividing it off, as usual, from the ball room, and the supper was laid in the restaurant, the menu including all the delicacies of the season. Great praise is due to Mr. H. Pescod, the proprietor, for the admirable manner in which he carried out his arrangements in this department. The company separated about five o'clock, there having been several extra dances, and every one appeared delighted, the general opinion being that it was the best ball ever known in Tunbridge Wells.

The patrons were the R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent, Viscount Holmesdale, and the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart.

Amongst those who took tickets we noticed Lord Holmesdale and Lady Holmesdale; Bros. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Lord Henry Nevill; Lord George Nevill; Lord Richard Nevill; Major Horrocks, and party; J. Abney, 1678; R. A. Beeching, 874; J. Burton, J.W. 874, and party; W. B. Bacon, I.P.M. 874, and Mrs. Bacon; J. F. Bates, Sec. 874, and Mrs. Bates; J. Beckley, P.M. 874; S. A. Cheale, I.G. 874; C. Graham, S.D. 1540, D.C. 874, and Mrs. Graham; Fred Crocker, J.W. 185; W. H. Cronk, W.M. Knowle Lodge; H. Clifford Dickenson, 874; E. Durrant, 874; J. Dunkley, S.D. 874, and Mrs. Dunkley; W. S. Elers, Treas. 874, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; F. W. Elers, P.M. 874, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; G. Farrer, 874; G. Glanville, 874; W. H. Hodgkin, P.M. 1678, S.W. 874, and Mrs. Hodgkin; W. Hale, P.G.S.D. Sussex, P.M., and party; Capt. Huth, P.M. 874, and party; W. Langridge, 874; T. B. Lansdell, 874; H. T. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Kent; J. J. Pattison, W.M. 1678; F. H. Plummer, 177; J. K. Pain, 874; E. Richardson, 874; J. W. Roper, P.M. 874; T. F. Simpson, 874, and party; F. Stone, P.M. 874, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, and party; Chas. Tomkinson, P.P.S.B. Sussex; B. S. Wilmot, P.M., P.Z. 874, P.G.R. Kent, and party; A. D. M. Williams, W.M. 874, and party; H. Willicombe, 874; and others.

Reviews.

THE LANCASTER MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1880.

These local Masonic Calendars are very useful to the brethren, and Bro. J. D. Moore has done good service to the brotherhood by issuing for a seventh year his compact pocket calendar.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. James Coward, so many years organist of the Crystal Palace. He expired on Thursday, the 22nd inst., after a long illness.

On Wednesday week, the 21st inst., Miss Helen Hopekirk gave a most successful pianoforte recital in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, before a large audience. The programme was judiciously varied, and was certainly well contrived to test Miss Hopekirk's powers in the interpretation of representative music of all the principal schools, the accomplished lady playing with entire precision, her phrasing being true and finished.

The eighth annual ball in aid of the Masonic Charities at Barrow-in-Furness, will take place on the 5th February. We trust it may prove as great a success as on previous years.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no ages secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes for rendering their attack less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspirations, and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which had assailed persons previously and at the prime of life. [ADVT.]

CONSECRATION OF THE FERRUM LODGE, No. 1848.

A new lodge was consecrated in Middlesboro' last week by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. The North York Lodge, the only one in the town, was established in 1852, and since that time the members of the Craft have grown very numerous. For a considerable period it has been thought desirable that there should be a second lodge. In September last active steps were taken with the view of opening a new lodge, and a charter was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to form the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848.

At the ceremony of consecration there was a large attendance. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, assisted by the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., and the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. R. Mitford Taylor. The ceremony of consecration having been completed, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with, and the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. A. Farmer, P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; J. T. Balk, S.W.; S. A. Sadler, J.W.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., Sec.; S. Walker, S.D.; W. Patchell, P.M., J.D.; and R. Davison, P.M., I.G.

An address on the history and privileges of Masonry was then delivered by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. R. Mitford Taylor, P.M. 643, after which the lodge was closed.

Amongst the visitors present were Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Meek, P.M., Prov. G. Reg. (Durham); J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; Rev. J. Stephenson, P.G. Chaplain (Durham); and numerous influential brethren from the Provinces of North-east Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland.

About ninety of the brethren afterwards dined at the Queen Hotel. The W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by the D.P.G.M. the P.G. Chaplain, and others. The evening's enjoyment was considerably heightened by a trio from the choir of Durham Cathedral, who sang several glees, songs, &c., in beautiful style.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

The following has been addressed to the Masters of Lodges by the P.G. Sec. for Warwickshire:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.
9, Temple Row, Birmingham,
23rd January, 1880.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

I am requested by the P.G. Master to forward you copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting of Freemasons of the Province of Warwickshire, convened to consider the above, and shall be glad if you will be so good as to bring it before your lodge at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly and fraternally,

GEORGE BEECH,
P.G. Secretary.

At a special meeting of the officers, present and past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the W.M.'s of the several lodges of the Province of Warwickshire, convened by circular, and held at Warwick, 17th January, 1880, the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Brother Lord Leigh, P.G.M., in the chair. After fully discussing the desirability of forming a Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, as recommended by Lord Rosslyn, it was resolved unanimously:

"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this Province would be reluctant to see a fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the managing committees of those schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by scholarships or otherwise, to those pupils who shall require such assistance upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at their disposal."

UNITY OF RITUAL.

The following circular from Bro. Stevens has been sent to us for publication. See leader.

Clapham, S.W.
January 20th, 1880.

To the Prov. Grand Secretary for the Province of "—,"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In accordance with the vote of Grand Lodge on the 3rd December last, I shall be required to nominate, on the 3rd March next, a Committee for the purpose of "enquiry into and report upon the respective systems of working throughout the several lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England."

I beg respectfully to enquire if it may be the wish of the Province of "—," to be represented on that Committee?

If so, I shall be pleased to receive the name of a Past Master willing to serve as such representative, and to include him in my list of nominations.

Your reply at early convenience will be greatly esteemed by, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Music.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Mr. Carl Rosa produced the opera of Goetz, *Taming the Shrew*, at the above theatre on Tuesday week last. It had already been essayed last year at Drury Lane, but had no success. However, Mr. Carl Rosa determined to try it here, and the enthusiasm with which it was received, rewarded his most praiseworthy efforts. Miss Minnie Hauk in "Katarina" was admirable, both by her acting and singing. Mr. Bolton acted as "Petruchio" with great talent. The other artists acquitted themselves excellently with their different parts, and the chorus was very good. That excellent performance was frequently interrupted by roars of applause.

On Saturday evening *Maritana*, by Vincent Wallace, was performed before a crowded and enthusiastic audience. Miss Burn, the heroine, sang "La Harp in the Air," and "Scenes that are blighted" the most admirably, and produced a delightful impression. The last romance was encored with thundering plaudits. Miss Josephine York's "Lazarillo" was also encored. Mr. Maas both sung and acted "Don Caesar" with great talent, and frequently encored. So was Mr. Ludwig as "Don José." The minor parts were well sustained, and the band and chorus most excellent and admirably conducted by Mr. John Peur.

A series of twenty concerts is to be given at the Grosvenor Hall, under the conductorship of the Earl of Dunmore. The first of these concerts took place last week, and was enthusiastically received by the distinguished audience. A symphony in C minor by Beethoven, was performed. Mr. Sainton played the violin concerto of Mendelssohn, and Mr. Lasserre was also heard. Altogether it was a delightful performance and admirably conducted by its noble patron.

Dr. Von Bulow has returned to London, and performed at the popular concert last Saturday, in a trio of Beethoven in B flat, with Madame Norman Neruda and Signor Piatti, he also took part with Madame Neruda in a rondo for piano and violin of Schubert's. The vocalist was Miss Annie Marriott, and all the artists were enthusiastically received.

A splendid concert was given under the direction of Bro. Stedman, at the Installation Banquet of Bro. H. Hoadley, W.M. 172, Old Concord Lodge, at the Freemasons' Tavern, a few weeks ago. Bro. Stedman was supported by the Misses Elene Webster, Clara Perry, and Mr. Snazelle (from Mr. Carl Rosa's Company, Her Majesty's Theatre). Bro. Henry Parker (P. Prov. Grand Organist, Middx.), was the pianist and accompanist, and Bro. Stedman's choir boys, Masters Manning and Dunster. The programme was opened with the National Anthem, sung by Miss Elene Webster. Mr. Snazelle was enthusiastically applauded in his song "The Brave Old Temeraire," as also was Miss Clara Perry in the air "I dreamt that I dwelt," from the Bohemian Girl, by Balfe. Mr. Henry Parker performed a "Valse de Concert" with great brilliancy; and several duets and romances were sung by Bro. Stedman, Mr. Snazelle, and the Masters Manning and Dunster, with great effect. All the artists were received with the greatest enthusiasm, especially in the last song "Good Night." The brethren separated after having enjoyed a beautiful *soiree musicale*.

(Signed) VIOLINO.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Eboracum R.A. Chapter, No. 1611, took place on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, the ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. Dr. Bell, Grand Superintendent of the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has consented to lay the foundation stone of the Oxford City High School on Tuesday, April 13th.

Bro. J. L. Toole made his appearance at the Folly Theatre on Wednesday last, when he was very warmly greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W.P.G.M. of Cornwall, has taken the house of Mr. Villebois in Belgrave-square for the season.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold was, at the meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, unanimously re-elected Worshipful Master. During the meeting the sum of £10 10s. was unanimously voted to the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland.

The Installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 1524, was held on Thursday last at the Moorgate-st. Restaurant. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Lord Bishop of London will consecrate the new church of St. Simon, Uxbridge-road, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657, who is one of the trustees, will preside at a luncheon following the ceremony.

The Second Annual United Masonic Ball in connection with the Finsbury Park and Crusaders Lodges, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday next, the 4th proximo, dancing to commence at nine o'clock. Bro. Dan Godfrey and his celebrated band have been retained. Craft clothing and jewels may be worn. As the Committee have determined to limit the number of tickets, early application should be made to the Treasurer, Bro. T. Goode, 62, Hatton road, Canonbury, or to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. S. Rothschild, 8, Bull and Mouth-street, E.C. Bro. T. Meekham, P.M. 1288, is the M.C. of the evening.

The consecration of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, will take place at Bangor, on Friday, February the 13th.

A Quarterly Communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, was held on Wednesday last, at Pontefract, under the banner of the St. Oswalds Lodge, No. 910.

Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., has been elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, in succession to the late Mr. Hepworth Dixon.

The next meeting of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge will take place on Wednesday, February 5th, when a great deal of business will be transacted.

Bro. Alderman S. C. Hadley, presided at the sixth annual dinner of the Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Provident Fund, held at the Criterion Hotel, on Wednesday last.

The "Imperial Window" has been fitted to some of the frames of the Liberal Club, Walbrook, with success for ventilation and purposes of cleaning.

Bro. C. E. Cruikshanks, whose recent recital of Dagonet's pathetic ballad, "Little Billy's Rose," at Spitalfields Wesleyan Chapel, created such a sensation, read at the same place, on Tuesday evening last, the libretto of a new cantata, entitled the "Christian Martyrs," by J. Guest, the composer of the popular "Mayflower." Bro. Cruikshanks was listened to throughout with the greatest attention; his powerful and impressive rendering of the poetic portions of the work demanding and receiving enthusiastic recognition. The vocal and instrumental efforts of the choir (of 200 voices) and Organist were loudly applauded.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Ebrington, R.W.P.G.M. Devon, has, we understand, retired from his candidature for St. Ives, Cornwall, in favour of Sir Charles Reed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 6, 1880.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.

Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.

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

" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.

" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.

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

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 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, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.

Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.

" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.

Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-st., Dalston, 7.30

Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.

Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd., at 8.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.

Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30

Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.

Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.

Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.

St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.

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

" 9, Albion, F.M.H.

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

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

" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.

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

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

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

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

" 1261, Golden Rule, R.M.H., 8, Air-st., W.

" 1268, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.

" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.

" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

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

Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

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

Rose Croix Chap. 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant, at 7.30.
 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 66, Gresham-st., 7 to 9.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
 Ball (Finsbury Park and Crnsaders) F.M. Tav., at 9.
 Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox & Hounds, Putney
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Zetland, Kings' Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrew's, F.H.H.
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
 " 1351, St. Clement's Dances, 265, Strand.
 " 1361, United Service, Grayhound, Richmond.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1672, Mornington, Eagle Tav., Snaresbrook.
 " 1681, Londesborough, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Finchley.
 " 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
 " 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
 " 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
 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.
 United Mariners, Three Castles Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town-Hall, Poplar.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 Mark 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st.,
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-Hill.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 St. George's Globe, Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 7, 1880.
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

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.
 Skelmersdale Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Mark 16, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead, Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st. Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
 Chap. 751, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

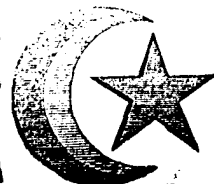
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