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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire. About 400 brethren sat down to dinner, and a large number of ladies were also entertained at a collation and a concert, which, as usual, was given in the Temple. The list of Stewards for the festival comprised the names of, many of whom were present, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, R.W.G.M. Sussex; R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Grikqualand; Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. W. Yorks; Major-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, J.G.W., Presidents. Comp. Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., P.Z. and S.E. 177, Acting President. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Essex, P.M. 1000; Reginald Bird, M.A., S.G.D., Dep. P.G.M. Oxon; J. H. Scott, Dep. P.G.M. Sussex, Prov. of Sussex; Col. Hy. Basevi, P. Dep. Dist. G.M. Punjab, P.P.G. Reg. Gloucester; R. J. Critchley, J.P., Prov. G.W. West Yorks., P.M. 208; E. J. Orford, P. Prov. G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 466; J. W. Woodall, P. Prov. G.S.W. North and East Yorks., P.M. 200; Sir J. Meek, P. Prov. G.W. North and East Yorks., P.M. 236; Comp. G. Cooper, P. Prov. G.W. Essex, P.Z. Chap. 214; Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, M.A. P.P.G.W. Oxon, 357; Edwin March, P.P. S.G.W. Surrey, P.M.G. Stewards Lodge, 99, 410, W.M. 1803; N. Tracy, P. Prov. G.J.W. Suffolk, Prov. of Suffolk; J. Shilcock, P. Prov. G.W. Herts., P.M. 449; G. E. Wainwright, P. Prov. G.W. Surrey, P.M. 165; H. Day, J. P., P. Prov. G.W. W. Yorks, P.M. 203; J. Wallingford, P. Prov. G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.M. 903; H. C. Burt, P. Prov. G.J.W. Dorset, Province of Dorsetshire; Rev. Hy. Deane, B.D., P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, W.M. 357; Chas. L. Mason, Prov. G. Treas. W. Yorks, P.M. 304; C. Stephens, Prov. G. Treas. Berks and Bucks., J.W. 414; J. T. du Jardin, Prov. G. Treas. Island of Jersey; Baron de Ferrieres, J.P., Vice Patron, Prov. G. Regr. Gloucester, S.W. 82; Fentham Hedges, P. Prov. G. Sec. Oxon, W.M. 478; G. W. Greenhill, P.P. G.D. Kent, P.M. 709; Edgar Bower, V.P., P. Prov. G.D. Herts; J. T. Atkinson, P. Prov. G.D. N. and E. Yorks., P.M. 566; H. W. Moore, P. Prov. G.D. Kent, P.M. 20; Wm. Watkins, P. Prov. G. Supt., Works Mon., P.M. and Treas. 1429; W. Clarke, Prov. G. Dir. Cerms. Suffolk, P.M. 114; John Thompson, P. Prov. G. Dir. Cerms. North and East Yorks., P.M. 250; Joseph Boddington, P. Prov. G.A. Dir. Cerms. Warwick, P.M. 567; John Brittain, Prov. G. Asst. Dir. Cerms. Herts, 1385; John Corbett, Prov. G.S.B. North Wales and Salop, P.M. 1477; William Hicks, P. Prov. G.S.B. Kent, P.M. 77; Edward Hopwood, P. Prov. G.S.B. Midx., P.M. 141; William Bausor, Prov. G. Purst. Herts, W.M. 1471; Herbert C. Lambert, Prov. Asst. G. Purst. Herts, W.M. 198; W. C. Beaumont, G. Steward, W.M. 266; William Henry Clarke, P.G. Steward, P.M. 5; Francis Farnan, jun., P.G. Steward, P.M. 29; F. Richardson, P.G. Steward, 1615; Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., Vice-Patron, Treas. 1777; John Henry Leggott, V. Patron, P.M. 145; E. C. Woodward, V.P.; C. J. Perceval, V.P., W.M. 1607; C. H. Webb, V.P., P.M. 1607, W.M. 174; J. A. Farnfield, V.P., P.M. 256, 907, 1464; George Martin 1; Charles O. Tagart 2; Rev. George W. Weldon, M.A., 4; Frank Green, P.M. 1445 and 1567, 8; G. J. Palmer, P.M. 11; Eugene Monteuis, S.W. 14; Edward P. Barlow P.M., 15; William Henry Heath 21; Edward Nixey 23; J. B. Poole P.M., and Sec. 27; J. T. Thomas, W.M. 28; Alfred Lefeaux, P.M. 30; Asher Barfield, W.M. 35; Samuel Pownceby, W.M. 55; Comp. George Higgins, P.Z. Chap. 62; Bro. Charles Daniel, P.M. and W.M. 65; Macrae Moir, P.M. 66; Benjamin Isaacs, J.W. 73; William Barlow, W.M. 77; Thomas Janeway, J.D. 87; H. W. Ruff, S.W. 95; William George, W.M. 101; Joseph Spencer, W.M. 139; Comp. F. Statham Hobson, 1st Asst. Soj. Chap. 142; Bro. C. Buckhurst, W.M. 157; Jeremiah Lyon 162; H. Hoadley, W.M. 172; E. W. Allen, W.M. 173; Comp. Theophilus Hallett, Chap 174; Bro. H. A. Lovett, W.M. 179; William Hughes, P.M. and Sec. 179; Ernest Farwig, W.M. 180; Henry Charles Archer, I.G. 183; Comp. J. Smith, P.M. 201, Chap. 183; Bro. W. H. Hook, W.M. 186; W. W. Collier, 193; Dr. Benjamin Horatio Paul, 197; Theophilus Dunkley, 201; S. Gamman, Z. Chap. 435;

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We also noticed Bro. Col. Creation, Grand Treas.; Col. Sha-well H. Clerke, T. Fenn, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; E. Cox, George Lambert, John Constable, F. R. W. Hedges, Neville Green, W. Mosely, J. White, George Briggs, F. A. Kelly, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The banquet was admirably provided by Bro. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, who was ably assisted in his supervision by Bro. Best, of the Horse Shoe, and Bro. E. Dawkins.

After dinner grace was sung by the professional vocalists, and the toasts were then proposed, Bro. Wilson acting as toastmaster.

The Earl of Zetland, in proposing "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," said: Most Worshipful Sir, ladies, and brethren, in every assembly of Englishmen and Freemasons there is one toast which is always first on the list, and wherever that toast is proposed it is most heartily and loyally received. I am sure I am not only the mouthpiece of every Freemason in this assembly, but of every Freemason in England and in the world, when I say that it gives us all pleasure to see Her Majesty still blessed with health and energy to discharge the duties which devolve upon her. I know I am not presuming too much when I say that Her Majesty, though unacquainted with the mysteries of Freemasonry, has at heart most sincerely the welfare of those Institutions which are connected with our Order.

The toast having been most heartily drunk, was followed by the singing of the "National Anthem."

The second toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Freemasons." In giving the toast the Earl of Zetland said: The second toast I have to propose requires, I am sure, very few words from me to ensure for it an enthusiastic reception. In an assemblage of Freemasons like the present the health of His Royal Highness, the most popular Grand Master England has ever seen (cheers), will, I know, be received with more than ordinary honours, especially as His Royal Highness also holds the post of President of the Institution whose anniversary we are met to celebrate. I beg to give you "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.)

In proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the Earl of Zetland said: Most Worshipful Sirs, ladies, and brethren, I now come to propose to you the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., and the Past and Present Grand Officers." I give you a toast which you will all heartily receive. We all know that the Earl of Carnarvon and other brethren, in whatever sphere of life, whether military or naval, or in any other pursuits of life, support our charities. As Freemasons we are remarkably well off for men who take an interest in the Craft, and who lead us. But this meeting is indebted to Grand Officers for the able support they give to Freemasonry. We are much indebted to those brethren, whose ability is well known, for the interest they take in

Freemasonry, and to those Grand Officers who do so to a very large extent I beg to propose this toast. I beg to couple with the toast the name of Sir Walter W. Burrell, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex.

Sir Walter W. Burrell, in replying, said: My lords and brethren, I have the pleasure of responding to this toast, and I may say I do so most readily and heartily. Though I have not the honour of the acquaintance either of the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale, yet I do know this, that they are Masons who delight in Masonry, and who are ever ready to do what they can to aid and assist the great power that we have to do good, and support through the whole kingdom our Masonic charities. I know perfectly well that all the Grand Officers are willing and anxious to do the same. I am not going to detain you beyond saying these few words, and I shall, therefore, merely thank you for the very kind manner in which you have received the toast of the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers.

The Earl of Zetland then rose and said: The next toast which, as chairman of this assemblage, it is my duty to propose, is one which must of necessity commend itself most favourably to your notice. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the Institution for whose benefit we are assembled here on this occasion is one of the most charitable of Institutions, and an Institution which is worthy of as much support as any in this country. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons has now existed and prospered for some years. It has for many years continued to do good work, and I am now going to ask you to drink to its present success and its future prosperity. I am perfectly well aware that there are many in this room who are more experienced in Masonry than myself, who are no doubt better able to speak with regard to the merits of this and the other Institutions than I am, but, at the same time, as chairman of this festival, it behoves me, in a very few words—if I can do it—to go slightly into the origin, the history, and the objects of this Institution. The objects of this Institution, I may say, are twofold, or rather they have two branches. One of them is to provide annuities to aged Freemasons, the other to provide annuities for the widows of Freemasons. I find, on referring to reports, that the fund for giving annuities to aged Freemasons was established in the year 1842 at the suggestion of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, who was then Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Since the time it was established 509 brethren have been elected on its funds. After the last election there were 145 male annuitants, each receiving £45 per annum, or altogether the sum of £5800. The permanent income of this branch of the Institution is derived from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, £600 a year, and from dividends from funded property of the Institution, £920, making a total of £1520 per annum. The residue of the income, for providing for working expenses, &c., is made up by donations and annual subscriptions from the public, and among those who give are many outside our Order who contribute largely and handsomely to the Institution. With regard to the other branch of the Institution, that was established by the sanction of a relative and predecessor of my own, the late Lord Zetland, who was then Grand Master of England. It was established in the year 1849. Since that time there have been 278 widows elected on this branch of the funds of the Institution. After the last election there were 145 widows receiving £32 per annum, or an aggregate of £4640. In addition to these there were nineteen widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, which they are entitled to by the rules of the Institution, or £427 10s. The permanent income of this branch consists of £350, derived from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and £525 interest on funded property, making a total annual income of £875. There are forty-five candidates at the next election and only eleven vacancies. The Institution has an asylum at Croydon which affords a home for thirty-two annuitants, who have also their coals given them. With these facts before you, I think I may fairly leave to your consideration whether or no this is an Institution worthy of your most hearty support. I have given you in a few words a brief summary of the present condition of the Institution, and, I am sure, you will agree with me that it deserves the support of every individual Freemason, as well as of Freemasons as a body. With regard to the Masonic Charities, there are two other noble Institutions connected with our Order, viz., the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Those Institutions, together with this one, for whose benefit we are assembled here to-night, are the three great Masonic Charities in which we are interested. The two Schools which I have mentioned are for the education and culture of the children of Freemasons. The Benevolent Institution is for the support of Freemasons in their old age. This circumstance brings to my mind the words of one of the most glorious of English poets, who says:

I came to the beach when the morning was shining,  
 A barque o'er the waters moved gloriously on;  
 I came when the sun o'er that beach was declining—  
 The barque was still there, but the waters were gone.

Ah! such is the time of our youth's early promise,  
 So fleeting the spring time of joys we have known;  
 Each wave that we danced on at morning ebbs from us,  
 And leaves us at eve on the bleak shore alone.

Now, if it is, as it undoubtedly is, the duty of charitably disposed persons and Masons to interest themselves in the culture and education of children in the spring time or morning of life, when it is morning or shining, so also most undoubtedly must it be the duty of us Masons, Charity being one of the principles of our Order, to keep the vessel from destruction when the evening is waning. I feel deeply grateful—and it is extremely pleasing to myself—to see so large and influential an assembly on this



Lodge 1638	Henry William Linton	...	55	13	0
			£69	5	0
SUSSEX.					
Province,	Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.	...	600	0	0
			£600	0	0
NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.					
	The Chairman, V.P.	...	105	0	0
	Bro. John P. Bell (M.D.), V.P.	...	325	13	0
Lodge 100	John W. Woodall	...	105	0	0
Lodge 236	Sir James Meek	...	81	10	0
Chapter 236	Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett	...	34	17	6
Lodge 250	John Thompson	...			
Lodge 312	W. H. Marwood	...	52	10	0
Lodge 566	John T. Atkinson	...	25	18	6
Lodge 1605	R. Boggett	...	73	10	0
Lodge 1611	J. B. Whythead	...	26	5	0
Lodge 1611	J. S. Cumberland	...			
Lodge 643	J. Johnson Field	...	25	0	0
			£855	4	0
WEST YORKSHIRE.					
139 Bro.	Joseph Spencer	...			
139 "	S. Linton Swann	...			
208 "	R. J. Critchley, J.P., V.P.	...			
208 "	Henry Day, J.P.	...			
289 "	J. D. Kay	...			
290 "	Wm Harrop	...			
	Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., M.P., V.P.	...			
302 "	Benjn. Broughton	...			
302 "	W. H. Barlow	...			
302 "	Thos. Hill	...			
304 "	Charles L. Mason	...			
304 "	Samuel W. Newsam	...			
380 "	Capt. Wordsworth, V.P.	...			
910 "	Thos. W. Tew, J.P., V.P.	...			
910 "	W. S. Simpson	...			
974 "	Wm. Firth	...			
974 "	Wm. Chas. Lupton	...			
1019 "	Herbert G. E. Green	...	371	0	0
1513 "	Friendly Lodge, Barnsley	...	20	0	0
			£391	0	0
SOUTH WALES.—WESTERN DIVISION.					
	Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P.	...	10	10	0
			£10	10	0
WILTSHIRE.					
663 Bro.	Wm. Nott	...	15	15	0
			£15	15	0
WARWICKSHIRE.					
567 Bro.	Joseph Boddington	...			
567 "	George Hall	...	21	0	0
			£21	0	0
EAST INDIES.—PUNJAB.					
District	Punjab.				
	Bro. Mjr. Marmaduke Ramsay D.G.M.	...	52	10	0
			£52	10	0
PROVINCIAL LIST.					
SUMMARY.					
Berks and Bucks	...	...	£215	3	6
Cheshire	...	...	69	1	0
Cornwall	...	...	63	0	0
Derbyshire	...	...	132	3	0
Devonshire	...	...	191	13	0
Dorsetshire	...	...	230	15	0
Essex	...	...	89	13	6
Gloucestershire	...	...	88	8	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	...	...	100	12	0
Hertfordshire	...	...	218	8	6
Jersey	...	...	57	15	0
Kent	...	...	236	9	0
East Lancashire	...	...	56	5	0
West Lancashire	...	...	157	10	0
Middlesex	...	...	356	6	0
Monmouthshire	...	...	46	15	0
Norths and Hants	...	...	115	10	0
North Wales and Salop	...	...	10	10	0
Oxford	...	...	231	18	6
Suffolk	...	...	95	3	0
Surrey	...	...	69	5	0
Sussex	...	...	600	0	0
North and East Yorkshire	...	...	855	4	0
West Yorkshire	...	...	371	0	0
South Wales (Western Division)	...	...	10	10	0
Warwickshire	...	...	21	0	0
Wiltshire	...	...	15	15	0
East Indies (Punjab)	...	...	52	10	0

tesy and kindness for which he is so remarkable. He has also not only presented a very handsome gift to the Institution, but his province, which is not a rich one in itself, because, as you are aware, it is an agricultural province, and one which, for several years, has suffered very severely, and especially during the last year, has brought very nearly £1000, in order to increase the funds of the Institution which we are met to benefit. I have, therefore, very much confidence in placing before you the toast of our worthy and noble Chairman, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire.

This toast having been honoured, The Earl of Zetland, in reply, said: Most Worshipful Sirs and brethren, I beg to thank you most heartily and sincerely for the very kind and much too flattering manner in which this toast has been proposed, and for the very kind and cordial reception which you have given me on the present occasion. It would, I think, be somewhat strange if, after the very long connection my family have enjoyed with Freemasonry, it did not give me pleasure to come and take the chair on an occasion like this. For the very kind and cordial manner in which I have been invariably received, owing no doubt to those of my predecessors who have gone before me, whenever and wherever I have gone in Masonry. I have to express my deepest thanks. Before I sit down it gives me much pleasure to propose another toast. We must remember there are in Freemasonry other Charities besides this one; and I have to propose "Health and Prosperity to the Boys' and Girls' Schools." There is an old saying, and a very true one, that "comparisons are odious." It is impossible to say which of the three Charities is most worthy of support; but I may most truly and fairly say that neither of the three Charities clashes with the other in any way. They all work well with each other. I beg to propose "The Boys' and Girls' Schools," whose festivals are, the former on the 15th June, and the latter on the 16th of April. I couple this toast with the name of Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Hedges, in reply, said: My Lord, Grand Officers, and brethren, it is with much pleasure that I rise on behalf of the R.M.I.B. and the R.M.I.G. to thank you for the warm reception you have accorded to this toast, and at the same time permit me to tender my most sincere and grateful acknowledgments for the unprecedented liberality with which they have, notwithstanding the adverse times through which we have been passing, been supported during the past year. The work which is being carried on by these Charities in the education, clothing, and maintenance of the 420 children of our deceased and distressed brethren now under their charge is too well known to warrant my taking up your time with any detailed statements, and I cannot but express the hope and confidence that when their respective festivals shall take place the Craft will mark their approval of that work by according them a similar success to that to which we have just listened. With reference to the two festivals of those Institutions, I have the honour to remind you that that for the Boys in June next will be presided over by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; while for the Girls H.R.H. Prince Leopold has graciously consented to take the chair; and I have further the honour to inform you that H.R.H. has just been pleased to name Friday, April 16th, as the date on which it will be held. I cannot sit down without tendering my hearty congratulations to the R.M.B.I., the Board of Stewards, and Bro. Terry on the grand result of their labour, with best wishes for the continued prosperity of this Institution. Allow me to thank your lordship for the honour of connecting my name with this toast.

Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, next rose and said: My Lords and brethren, we have just been congratulating ourselves this evening on the very successful result of this festival, presided over so ably by our noble Chairman, the Earl of Zetland; but, my lords and brethren, I think that it is only right and fair that we should now acknowledge the great merit and services of those very charitable and energetic brethren who have helped towards making the festival such a success. We have, my lords and brethren, either in the flesh or in the spirit, 228 good brethren who have been Stewards for this festival. We, most of us, know practically what is the amount of labour and trouble entailed by being a Steward for one of these Institutions; therefore, when we consider that these 228 good brethren have between them collected the magnificent total of over £12,000, I am sure that we must accord them our utmost thanks and congratulations. At this late hour of the evening I will not detain you further than by asking you to drink the toast of "The Stewards of this Festival," coupling it with the name of a good and worthy brother, Bro. Cottebrune, the President of the Board of Stewards this evening. I am sure you will all join with me in expressing the hope that in the future there may be a similar number of good brethren always to be found, who will emulate the services of the Board of Stewards this evening in the hall till time shall be no more.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in reply, said: My Lord, ladies, and brethren, I rise with a great deal of pleasure to respond on behalf of the Stewards of this festival. I can assure you, my lords and brethren, that we have endeavoured to do our best for this very admirable and noble Institution. We are glad our labours have been crowned with success. By the kind remarks that have been made, and the kindness the brethren has shown to us this evening, we are amply rewarded, and, on my behalf and on behalf of the other Stewards, I beg to thank you.

Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Prov. G. Secretary Oxford, in proposing "The Ladies," said that all Masons were devoted to the ladies, but it was very seldom they were able to say so in their presence, as they were not admitted to lodges. The present, however, was one of those rare occasions on which the ladies were able to show their faces among assemblages of Masons.

Bro. Quartermaster Brighton, No. 569, responded. The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a concert was being given. The selection of music was under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, Org. 1319, &c., and was performed by Miss Annie Sinclair, Miss Trevenna, Miss Bateman, R.A.M., Mdle. Helene Arnim, Madame Poole; Bro. Hanson, Mr. Harper Kearton, Bro. Chas. E. Tinney, and Mr. Arthur Oswald. Pianoforte—Bro. W. Henry Thomas, and Mr. G. Jeffreys.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The February meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. Charles Arkell, W.M.; Rickwood, S.W.; Lucas, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Chillingworth, jun., S.D.; Lorkin, J.D.; Pratt, I.G.; Davies, Organist; Taylor, Fisher, Cobb, Bright, Kent, Hunter, Agutter, Fraser, Copelin, Parker, Perkins, Quay, H. Legg, I.P.M.; Thos. Cohu, P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the W.M. and Treas. for the ensuing year, the result being unanimously in favour of Bro. W. T. Rickwood as W.M. and Bro. George Kenning as Treas. Three brethren were appointed for the Audit Committee. By the wish of the W.M., the bye-laws were read in open lodge. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved with the sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds. The brethren afterwards dined together. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. The charity box was passed round, and the contents were given to the widow who had been relieved in lodge, in consequence of her pressing necessities, she having been left with a large family totally unprovided for.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 3rd inst. at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, which was numerously and influentially attended. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Kohler, S.W., W.M. elect; Speedy, J.W.; Reeves, I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas. elect; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Webb, S.D.; Marsden, J.D.; Stokes, D.C., acting I.G.; Stranger, W.S.; Bolton, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M. Domestic, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Brooks, W.M. 1839; Farwig, P.M. 180; Fenn, P.M. 243; Parsons, P.M. 749; King, P.M. 857; Saul, P.M. 1201; Appleton, 861; Foot, 1194; Weeks, 1641; Cooper, 1660; Gimmingham, 1707; and Bissit, 1851. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Mann to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken on behalf of a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting, and it proving to be unanimous, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Kohler, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. was then performed by the W.M. in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Walls, I.P.M.; Speedy, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Mann, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Marsden, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Honeywell, Org. (by deputy); Bolton, D.C.; Higgins, jun., W.S.; and Stephenson, A.W.S. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony of installation the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed in brief, but pertinent terms, the customary preliminary toasts. "The Health of the W.M." having been proposed by the I.P.M., and received with the usual honours, Bro. Kohler duly responded to the effect that he had accepted the office with a great deal of diffidence, but he hoped with their kind indulgence and the assistance of his very excellent staff of Past Masters and officers to carry out the duties of the chair satisfactorily. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the members of the lodge upon the number and status of the brethren who had done them the honour to visit them that evening. Some of their visitors had achieved a high position in the Craft, and many of them had distinguished themselves by their excellent rendering of the ritual of the various ceremonies. One of the visitors that evening had been initiated in the lodge, namely, Bro. Brooks, who held at that moment the dignified position of first W.M. of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. He was also pleased to notice among the visitors Bros. Farwig, Saul, and Parsons, who were well known as most excellent exponents of Craft Masonry. In conclusion, as time passed he could only hope that all the visiting brethren had been pleased with the reception accorded to them. This toast having been received most warmly, Bros. Brooks, Farwig, Saul, Parsons, and King acknowledged the compliment thus paid them. "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer" followed, and, at the conclusion of the W.M.'s speech upon the subject toast, he presented Bro. Walls with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, who duly responded to the pledge, and also expressed his thanks for the testimonial conferred. "The Past Masters" followed, and drew from the W.M. some very flattering remarks upon the respective merits of the brethren forming that body. The toast having been duly honoured, Bros. Mann, Koch, Everett, and Drysdale briefly replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order. Bro. Mann, in the course of his response, said that, in the discharge of the duties of Treasurer, he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of their late lamented Bro. Page, who held the position from the foundation of the lodge to his death, which occurred a few months since. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that the W.M. would leave the lodge in as influential a position, financially and otherwise, as their I.P.M. had done. Bro. Stuart,

Bro. R. H. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said: Ladies and brethren, the duty imposed on me is a very pleasant one, and one that is, perhaps, the more easy, because from the very start I am perfectly assured of your hearty response to it. The toast which I am about to propose to you is the health of one who already possesses a passport to the heart of every brother present. He comes to you not only as a scion of the house of Dundas, but as a worthy descendant of a brother who, for twenty-five years and more, ruled the Craft which we are proud to be members of. Lord Zetland, as I have mentioned, has a passport to us if he had not commended himself to us by taking the chair this evening, and filling it with that cour-



the Secretary, having replied, the toast of "The Officers" was proposed, and it was acknowledged by Bros. Speedy, Webb, Marsden, Stokes, Stranger, and Bolton. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—Saturday last was the fourth anniversary of the consecration of this Lodge, and, in response to the call from Bro. Secretary, a large number of members and their friends assembled at the lodge-rooms, situate in the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham High Road, to do honour to the incoming W.M. Since the consecration ceremony was performed in 1876, the Master's chair has been occupied as follows:—1876-7, Bro. W. B. Woodman; 1877-8, H. Keeble; 1878-9, W. Simmonds; 1879-80, Louis Beck, and during the whole of these reigns Bro. E. H. Thiellay has sat behind the S.W.'s pedestal, having been ineligible on account of his occupying the chair of other lodges. His turn to rule the New Cross brethren has, however, come at last, and on Saturday he was duly installed as the fifth Master of the lodge. Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Louis Beck, P.G.O. Middx., P. M. Rothsay, who was supported by his officers, viz., Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 73, P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; J. M. Docker, P.M. 1687 (acting in the absence of Bro. Green, S.W.); H. Keeble, P.M., Sec.; Ernest E. Smith, S.D.; W. Cowley, J.D.; T. Grummant, I.G., Church, Tyler; J. Moss, D.C.; Hiram Henton, S. Wise, A. Priest, W. Cropley, W. Waters, J. Ross, F. W. Cash, G. Whichlow, W. Bull, jun.; and among the visitors we noticed Bros. J. T. Moss, P.G.R. Middx., P.M. 1923; E. J. Bumstead, P.M. 548; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687, and others. We heard with deep regret that Bro. A. Macgillivray, W.S., had met with an accident of such a grave nature that amputation of the leg had been necessary. The announcement of this sad news was received among the brethren with deep regret, Bro. Macgillivray having made himself universally popular in the lodge, and earned the esteem of all connected with it. Lodge having been opened up to the Third Degree, and closed down again, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were duly read and passed, and the Auditor's report presented and adopted. Two candidates for raising were announced on the summons, but neither being present, the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. Bro. H. Keeble, P.M. 1275, 73, and 1559, Treasurer, then presented Bro. E. H. Thiellay, S.W., the W.M. elect, who was then installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. Beck performing the rites and ceremonies in a thoroughly efficient manner. The brethren in Degrees having been re-admitted, saluted their new chief in the customary manner, and the W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Ernest E. Smith, S.W.; W. Cowley, J.W.; H. Keeble, P.M., Treasurer; W. Simmonds, I.P.M., Secretary; T. Grummant, S.D.; A. Macgillivray (by deputy), J.D.; Hiram Henton, I.G.; S. Wise, W.S.; A. Priest, D.C.; W. Scurr, Asst. W.S.; Church, Tyler, all of which appointments evidently gave the greatest satisfaction. Bro. Moss then brought forward a motion "To alter the day of meeting from Saturday to Tuesday." Bro. Bull seconding, whereupon Bro. Smith, S.W., proposed as an amendment "That the day of meeting remain as it is," which was seconded by Bro. P. M. Keeble, Treasurer, and upon being put to the brethren was declared carried. A similar notice of motion was given by Bro. Bull to be brought forward at the next meeting of the lodge. Bro. Ernest Smith, S.W., then proposed a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. Beck, for the praiseworthy manner in which he had installed his successor, and this being seconded by Bro. Cowley, J.W., was carried unanimously. Bro. Beck made a suitable reply. It was likewise decided unanimously to address a letter of condolence to Bro. Macgillivray, J.D., who, as before alluded to, has met with a severe accident. The W.M. then presented Bro. Beck with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he has rendered the lodge, and the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office for the past twelve months. Bro. Beck, in acknowledging the honour bestowed upon him, assured the brethren that his interest in the lodge would continue in the same measure as before, and that as a founder he was proud of having worked through its chair. The Secretary then read a letter from Bro. H. J. Green, P.M., announcing his resignation through increasing ill-health. On the motion of Bro. Beck, P.M., the resignation was accepted with general regret. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form. An adjournment now took place to the banqueting hall, where the lodge purveyor, Mr. G. Leidig, and his attendants had for some time previously been extremely busy. The upshot of their labours was in the first place an effectively decorated table, and in the second the dispensation of an excellent menu, which from start to finish apparently excited the liveliest interest amongst all present. No need then for us to expatiate on the merits of "thick" or "clear;" no need to dilate on the seductive properties of certain entrées, and it is unnecessary to dwell upon the excellence of boiled and roast, capons and turkeys, or the idoneous supply of "trifles light as air" in the shape of jellies, snow and ice puddings. There exists a section of our brotherhood who would do away with the conviviality of the Masonic banquet. There are some who would advocate "sandwiches and hale" as sufficient and satisfactory refreshments after the labours of the evening. Perish the thought; away with such iconoclasts; the Masonic banquet—particularly on installation occasions—is a great and glorious institution, and so it is considered at 1559. Well, having reached that normal period of indigestion, i.e., when the flippant nut and luscious grape appear, the W.M., having assumed the perpendicular, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which it is needless to say were cordially

honoured. The I.P.M. followed with the toast which is one of the emoluments of his office, that of his successor, and in giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Beck remarked that he trusted Bro. Thiellay would enjoy a prosperous year of office. The brethren received the toast with "New Cross fire," and the W.M. replied. He observed, that having been connected with the lodge since its consecration, he had been afforded every opportunity of watching its rise and development. It had during this time devolved upon him to occupy the chairs of other and older lodges, and in consequence had remained in his original position of S.W., but now he found himself in the proud position of W.M., and he might observe was the last of the line of founders of 1559 to occupy the chair. He was convinced that the brethren, one and all, took the deepest interest in the welfare of the lodge, as he himself had done in the past. As regarded the future he considered himself doubly, aye, trebly, beholden to evince the same active and not a passive interest in all that concerned the wellbeing and prosperity of the New Cross Lodge. Before sitting down he would ask them to drink to the health of their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Beck, who had that afternoon installed him in the chair of K.S., this being, he believed, the first instance of an occupant of the New Cross chair installing his successor. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Beck, in the course of a lengthy reply, referred to some observations he made upon the occasion of his installation. He then stated that he hoped to leave the position in the possession of their fullest confidence. Well, he had made way for his successor that afternoon—and a worthy successor he was—and after the presentation he had received at his hands in the name of the lodge he was satisfied that his hopes of a twelvemonth back had been fully realised. "The Visitors" was acknowledged at length by Bros. J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx.; Bumstead, P.M. 548; and Docker, P.M. 1687; each of whom referred to previous enjoyable visits to New Cross. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was enthusiastically received. Bro. Keeble, P.M., Treasurer, in reply, spoke of his long connection with the lodge. He had entered heart and soul into the business connected with it from the very first, having filled in succession the offices of Secretary, Worshipful Master, and now that of Treasurer. Bro. P.M. Simmonds likewise replied. In giving "The Officers" the W.M. expressed his thorough conviction that he had invested the proper brethren with the proper collars. His S.W. had devoted much time and attention in perfecting himself in the several duties through which he had passed, and he could not say less in connection with his J.W. The Deacons were likewise through workers, and indeed the W.M. who could command the services of such a staff had good reason to be proud of the fact. He looked upon the officers as virtually responsible for the well-being of a lodge, inasmuch as it was indispensable that they should co-operate with the W.M. in all his duties. Bro. Ernest Smith, S.W., mentioned that he had been privileged to share in the reply to this toast upon previous occasions, but hitherto from a much less exalted position than that in which he now found himself. In the past years New Cross Lodge had been most ably officered, and, although both himself and colleagues were individually and collectively young Masons, he ventured to say that they would not be found wanting in their several duties during the ensuing twelve months. It was a matter of the greatest satisfaction to all present to see Bro. Thiellay at the head of the lodge, and he wished him a prosperous year of office. Bro. Cowley, J.W., followed on, and, thanking the W.M. for the honour he had bestowed upon him, declared that his colleagues would leave no stone unturned to assist their chief in the well ruling and governing of the lodge. Personally he took an intense delight in all matters Masonical, and experience had proved that his conferees had ever done the same. "The Masonic Charities" and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the remainder of the evening was given over to harmony.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. H. Dodson, P.M. 55, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Woodbridge, J.W.; Dwarber, P.M., acting I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary; G. Manners, S.D.; Low, J.D.; Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; Farrington, jun., Organist; Farrington, W.S.; Wellsman, P.M.; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. W. H. White, 55; Gibbs, 1613; Goodyear, 1708; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., Treasurer. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Downer, Freeman, and Edwards to the Degree of M.M. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. H. G. Harris, and, it proving to be unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into Craft Mysteries. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Turner. Bro. Praed was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert re-appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Bro. Dwarber, P.M., moved, and Bro. Wellsman, P.M., seconded, "That the usual Past Master's jewel be voted to the outgoing Master, Bro. Dodson, in recognition of his valuable and efficient services to the lodge during his year of office. The resolution having been carried *nem. con.* the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by the Bros. Clemow. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and heartily received. The "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" having been sung, Bro. Dwarber, P.M., proposed in very warm terms "The Health of the W.M." This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M., in reply, expressed himself as highly

gratified with the success that had attended the lodge during his year of office. There had been plenty of "work" to do, and he believed that every member of the lodge would agree with him that in every respect the affairs of the lodge had prospered most excellently. He could not, of course, claim for himself the entire credit for those agreeable results, but he had conscientiously endeavoured to discharge the responsibilities of his position as far as in him lay, and he was vain enough to believe that in that endeavour he had been fairly successful. (Hear.) "The Initiate" followed, and in response to that pledge Bro. Harris made a speech which was characterised by its modesty. "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and in acknowledgment Bro. Gibbs, Goodyear, and White made exhaustive replies. In proposing "The Past Masters" the W.M. made some very flattering allusions to the three brethren constituting that important body. He was sure that the members all regretted the absence through illness of Bro. Dalwood, the I.P.M., and he (the W.M.) was also sorry that Bro. Wellsman, P.M., had been compelled to leave early in consequence of the indisposition of some members of his family. In conclusion he expressed his thanks to the Past Masters for the valuable assistance and advice that they had given him upon all occasions. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Dwarber, P.M., briefly replied. "The W.M. elect" followed, and in response Bro. Turner made an able speech. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed in very eulogistic language by the W.M., and, in the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Tisley replied in very witty terms. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were throughout greatly enhanced by the excellent instrumental and vocal contributions of Bros. Farrington, jun., White, Harris, Tisley, Dodson, and others.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 9th inst., and the brethren present, including visitors, numbered over 100, nearly all of whom were installed Masters. The members of the lodge are few, and were nearly all present, and a large proportion of visitors attended in response to invitations from the W.M. elect. The alteration of the date originally fixed for the R.M.B.I. festival from the Wednesday to Monday prevented a still larger number being present, but, as it was, the gathering was unprecedentedly large.

The lodge was opened punctually at 4.30, the chair being occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. J. Altman, there being also present:—

Bros. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.M.; George Kenning, S.W.; Dr. H. Alder Smith, J.W.; Rev. Rich. Lee, Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treas.; Thos. Jones, Sec.; W. S. Chapman, S.D.; Alfred Brookman, J.D.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Dr. Samuel Benton, I.G.; S. White, W. H. Froom, and E. Y. Jolliffe, Stewards; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex; George Sims, C.C.; H. C. Levander, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.

Visitors: Bros. John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes, W.M. Alliance Lodge, 1827; Col. Francis Burdett, G.M. Middx.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G. Deacon; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Hon. J. Gibbs, P.D.G.M. Bombay; H. A. Dubois, 142, P.G.W. Middx.; Capt. H. E. Colvill, P.G.S.W. Cornwall, P.M. 330; Dr. A. Great Rex, P.M. 22; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; H. Rose 46; W. M. Newton, W.M. 766; Magnus Ohren, P.G.J.W. Surrey, P.M. 33 and 1293; C. J. Harmsworth, P.M. 956; H. G. Picken, P.M. 1536; James Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 177, 720, and 749; Henry Roberts, 53; A. J. Protheroe, 22; Col. James Peters, P.G. Warden, Middlesex, Herbert Dicketts, 23, P.G. Steward; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; P.P.G.S. of Works; F. Keily, 1293; P.G. Treas. Middx.; Lewis Alexander, P.M. 188; F. E. Price, S.W. 1228; George Abbott, P.M. 192; D. W. Pearse, P.M. 1293; Joseph Tanner, 101, 453, 1457, 1707, P.M., P.P.S.D. Essex; W. E. Gompertz, 169, 1475, P.Z. 141; G. Everitt, P.M. 177 and 1381; James Freeman, P.M. 1426; W. G. Jennings, 1580; N. B. Heaton, P.M. and Treas. 1426 and 1669; Wm. Poore, P.M. 1506; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 907; J. H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415; M. W. Rust, 28; T. Kingston, P.M. 862; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; Dr. W. Wallford, C.C., 193; J. Dixon, P.M. 1728; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. H. Crowden, W.M. 1297; James Crowden, 1297; Dr. C. Hogg, P.M. 92; C. Jolly, W.M. 913; H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317; P.G.D.C. E.L.; L. F. Littlell, P.M. 860, S.W. 1827; E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 145; C. Hainsworth, 28; J. Farmaner, P.M. 280; C. Bishop, 615; W. McNeill, 101; Altman, jun., 101; C. E. Soppet, P.M. 1627; Dr. W. H. Kempster, M.D., W.M. 890; A. Bullock, 101; Charles Arkell, W.M. 192; E. Letchworth, 2; Captain T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 21; F. Adlard, P.M. and Treas. 7, P.G.S.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. Boys' School; T. Deleliva, 1426; A. Tisley, J.D. 8; Rev. W. Taylor Jones, 181, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; P. Saillard, 22; John Larkin, 3; G. R. Steel, 1; John Corke, C.C., P.M. 1613; T. C. Walls, P.M. 1381, G.S.B. Middx.; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M. 1381, 869, P.G.S.B. Herts; Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715; Albert Venn, 51; Seymour Smith, Org. 742; Arthur J. Thompson, 1507; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

Letters expressive of regret at being unable to be present were received from Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, W.M. No. 1; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; Eneas J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Capt. Nath. Geo. Philips, P.S.G.D.; E. Dresser Rogers; J. H. Townend; Ex-Sheriff Burt, A.G.D.C.; Thomas Sanders, 905; Alderman S. C. Hadley; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Grand Master of Griqualand; James Willing, junr., P.M. 177,

1507, 1740; W. T. Rickwood, 192; C. Rook; W. Ramsey, 1745; J. Thompson; W. Roebuck, C.E., J.W. 29; F. A. Faithfull; Wm. Stephens, P.M.; Donald M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; W. James Hughan, P.S.G.D.; John While, P.M. 228; Louis Hirsch, W.M. 1818; George Newman, P.M. 766 and 192; Capt. G. S. Kain, P.M. 766; C. J. Perceval, W.M. 1607; Frank Richardson, P.G.S.; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; George Lambert, P.G.W. Herts; J. J. Cantle, 1721; R. J. Pawley, Treas. Alliance Lodge, 1827; Dr. James Keene, F.R.C.S., P.M. 1635; D. Bindoff; J. Leech, John Clarricoats, Treas. 1572; T. W. Ockenden, Sec. 1656; and A. Lucking, P.M. 1000.

At the conclusion of the formal business the chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., who, on the presentation of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., proceeded to instal the W.M. elect in the chair of King Solomon, performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Bro. Kenning having previously filled the chair of another lodge, it was not necessary to carry out the whole of the prescribed ritual, but in the hands of the acting W.M. it lost nothing by curtailment.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Albert J. Altman, I.P.M.; Henry Alder Smith, M.D., S.W.; W. S. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Alfred Brookman, S.D.; Samuel Benton, M.D., J.D.; S. White, I.G.; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; Geo. Sims, C.C., and Joseph Lavender, Stewards; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.S.; and W. Steedman, P.M. 754, Tyler.

The W.M. then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present the retiring W.M., Bro. A. J. Altman, with a P.M.'s jewel. This he did in the name of the lodge, and hoped he would live long to wear it, and to render good suit and service to Freemasonry in general, and to the Aldersgate Lodge in particular. Bro. Altman briefly returned thanks.

The Treasurer then proposed that a sum of ten guineas be voted to the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of Irish distress; this was seconded by the Senior Warden, and carried unanimously.

After the reading of a statement of accounts by the Treasurer, showing a satisfactory balance, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The W.M. Bro. George Kenning presided, and was supported on the right and left by many Grand and Past Grand Officers, and other distinguished visitors.

In giving the first toast Bro. Kenning asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," the first toast properly at all Masonic and patriotic assemblies, the daughter of a Mason, the mother of three Masons, and the Patroness of their Order. "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft."

After the singing of the National Anthem, the W.M. said it was with sincere pleasure he gave them "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Masonry." By his genial attributes, his attention to Masonic business, his readiness to oblige, and his kindly consideration, he had merited both the thanks and confidence of English Masons. The toast met with the heartiest reception.

Bro. Kenning on rising to propose the next toast, said it was his duty now to ask them to drink "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of their Grand Lodge." He need not there dilate upon their Masonic merits or personal worth; they were known to them all. They had every confidence in those who administered the often intricate affairs of their Order, and, thanking them for past valuable services, he asked them to drink their good health, coupling with the toast the name of their esteemed brother and honoured guest whom they were all happy to see, Colonel Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

Bro. Col. Burdett in responding, thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers for their hearty reception of the toast. He felt much difficulty in doing full justice to the subject of the toast, surrounded as he was by so many Grand Officers. He could assure them that the Grand Officers, from the highest to the lowest, aimed at doing their duty, and that their Grand Master was thoroughly satisfied with them. Many were scattered throughout the provinces, and the influence they exerted in provincial lodges was of great benefit to the Craft. They were all proud of their Grand Officers, and that feeling was not confined to English Masons, but it was shared in by foreigners who were always impressed with the general working in this country.

Bro. Altman, I.P.M., next gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He felt that in a large assembly like this such an important toast should be placed in the hands of the brother best able to do justice to it, but although, as Immediate Past Master, it was placed formally in his hands, he begged the brethren to believe that it was in no formal spirit that he proposed it. Their present W.M. was well known throughout the length and breadth of Masonry, and as well respected. In everything appertaining to their great Order he had taken a position which commanded their warmest praise as a true, good, and honest Mason. He asked them to drink this toast in a bumper.

Bro. Kenning, in response, thanked the brethren very sincerely for the kind way in which they had received the toast proposed in such complimentary terms by their good brother, the I.P.M. He was not, as they were aware, in the habit of making very long speeches, and he would not, therefore, too much trespass on their wanted goodwill that evening. But this he would say, and felt bound to say, that he would honestly and loyally endeavour to perform properly the duties of the chair, and advance the comfort and concord of the brethren, and endeavour to uphold the fame and honour of the Aldersgate Lodge. He thanked them once more for the honour they had conferred upon him and for the fraternal manner in which

they had received mention of his name. At this stage of the proceedings the W.M. announced that he had just received a telegram from Bro. Terry, to the effect that at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, then being held at Freemasons' Hall, the Stewards' lists amounted to £12,005, 16s. 7d., a statement that called forth great cheering.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and Bro. Kenning, in proposing it, said that the Aldersgate Lodge, amidst its many virtues, and they were many, in his opinion, held to one as second to none, namely—hospitality. On their behalf he welcomed their numerous and distinguished visitors that evening; he thanked them for their attendance, and hoped that it was not the last time they should see them in their social circle. He gave them a very hearty greeting, and trusted they had found the same pleasure in meeting the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge as the brethren had in welcoming them. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, &c., &c.

Bro. Monckton, in responding, said he felt overwhelmed with responsibility in representing such a large number of visitors. That great demonstration was sufficient to prove that hospitality was one of those virtues that the Aldersgate Lodge had cultivated. He was very proud of being the first Master of a young city lodge, and of representing that lodge on this occasion. He looked upon hospitality as next to charity, and the announcement they had just heard of the amount subscribed for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution proved that Masons not only preached charity but practised it. On behalf of the visitors he thanked the members, if any could be found, for there were none hardly to be seen, and wished them long life and success to the Aldersgate Lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and the W.M. said that was a toast which was so bound up with the prosperity of a lodge that it needed no words of his to recommend it to their notice. The Aldersgate Lodge had but few Past Masters at present, but those it had it was very proud of. With this toast he coupled "The Health of Bro. Altman, I.P.M.," whose recent services to the lodge they all gratefully remembered. "The Past Masters and Bro. Altman."

Bro. Altman said that he had not the audacity to stand there and represent such a distinguished body of Past Masters, and hoped that each would answer for himself. Although they were only three in number they were a band of brothers, and he was proud of having been one of the founders and Past Masters of the Aldersgate Lodge.

Bro. Kenning then gave "The Health of their excellent and esteemed Bro. the Installing Master." They all knew his virtues and worth as well as he did, and praise, he knew, was distasteful to him. He would only add that in the Rev. Dr. Brette they possessed one of the best of Masons, the warmest of friends, and the truest of men.

Bro. Dr. Brette thanked the W.M. most heartily for his kind expressions. It had given him the greatest possible pleasure to instal so worthy a brother in the chair of the Aldersgate Lodge, and he wished him the greatest prosperity and happiness during his year of office.

The W.M. then gave "The health of the officers of the lodge." They were, as all knew, absolutely the "life" of every well organised lodge! He was very fortunate in his officers, and he felt sure that they and he would work together during the next twelve months with the utmost cordiality, sympathy, and Masonic goodwill. He gave then their healths, and coupled with the toast the names of the Senior Warden and the Treasurer.

Bro. H. Alder Smith, S.W., in responding, thanked the brethren heartily for the reception which had been accorded to this toast. He could assure them that he, as well as the other newly fledged officers, were looking forward with great pleasure to working under so distinguished a brother as the W.M.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M., Treas., next responded, and said that he did not know why they had chosen him as Treasurer, unless it was because he was employed in that capacity in another place, endeavouring to turn naughts into ninepences. He was now a Treasurer with money in his pocket, and hoped to do something that would be an honour to the Craft, and that they should go on from prosperity to prosperity, and from duty to duty. He was very pleased to be present at the installation of his good friend, Bro. Kenning, that day, and trusted that his connection with Masonry would increase, and that Christ's Hospital and his Masonic duties would ever hold a prominent place in his daily life.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. During the evening a musical party consisting of Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Marian Burton, Bros. A. Thompson, A. Hubbard, and Seymour Smith, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens rendered some excellent solos and part songs.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened at 4.35 by Bros. P. Braham, W.M.; F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M., S.W.; W. Hunt, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; J. Rubie, as D.C.; C. W. Radway, Sec.; R. B. Cater, S.D.; E. J. Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Brown and Peach, Stewards; W. Baldwin, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler. The Past Masters present were Bros. Capt. Peel Floyd, Col. Ford, 53, P.P.G.R. Somerset; T. B. Moutrie, 906, &c.; R. Carey, S. G. Mitchell, F. J. Brown, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset. Visitors: Bros. Williamson, P.M. 906; L. Howes, W.M. 906; J. H. Young, 906; E. L. Hill, P.M. 906; Dr. Partridge, P.M. 702, &c.; W. Gill, 53; Col. England, W.M. 53; E. T. Payne, P.M. 53; J. Stothert, 53, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M., Sec. 379; H. Brumby, New York; Rev. Saun-

derson, S.W. 369. Members: Bros. F. Baldwin, P.M. 335; F. W. Willis, and Jas. Robinson. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and a vote of a sum of money passed to a brother for services rendered to the lodge, and several letters of apology for absence from various brethren read, the only other business was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year and the appointment and investiture of the officers. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. P. Braham, who, having delivered the preliminary addresses, called on the Secretary to read the ancient charges, to which assent having been given, the W.M. elect took the usual obligation as such. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and all below the chair having been dismissed, a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, and Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P. G.S.W. Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958, &c., was briefly installed in the chair of K.S. in this old lodge, founded in 1733, the same year as his mother lodge, No. 43. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, the M.M.'s were admitted, who saluted the W.M., and he was then proclaimed and greeted. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the F.C.'s were admitted, and the usual greetings and proclamations were given. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and the E.A.'s admitted. Again the usual forms were gone through, and the warrant was entrusted to the W.M., who proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Hunt, S.W.; C. W. Radway, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., &c., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M., D.C.; R. B. Cater, Sec.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.D.; A. Holmes, J.D.; T. Ames, I.G.; W. E. Peach and Wilton, jun., Stewards; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler. The W.M. then asked permission to leave the lodge, Bro. Braham taking the chair. Bro. Ashley read a letter from Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, W.M., enclosing a donation of thirty guineas to the funds of the lodge, for the purpose of completing the purchase of a Vice-Presidentship in the Royal Masonic School for Boys, explaining that this was profit derived by Bro. Dr. Hopkins from the sale of his Masonic and ecclesiastical photographs, taken from charts designed and executed by himself, which have been, by permission, dedicated to several eminent Masons. He also presented a new windlass and pulley, with perfect ashlar, for Senior Warden's pedestal, and an elegantly carved column for the Master's light. A most cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation, and the Secretary was directed to write a letter to Bro. Dr. Hopkins, acknowledging the gift. Bro. Ashley gave notice of motion that he should propose that a sum of money be voted from the funds to add to this donation to make up a sufficient amount for the purpose referred to above. After votes of thanks and "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting lodges had been given, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 6.30. The brethren then adjourned to the Castle Hotel, to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Rubie, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, some excellent songs being rendered by Bros. Cater, Harry Brumby, W. Baldwin, Org., and J. K. Pyne, Organist of Bath Abbey. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Davey responded in his usual happy manner to the toast of "Grand Lodge." Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, W.M., gave an interesting resumé of his Masonic career of thirty-two years (which we hope to find space for next week), and the brethren separated at eleven p.m.

**SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. The lodge was opened by Bro. Frampton, I.P.M., supported by Bros. Pearson, Henderson, and Surtees, P.M.'s; Hawdon, W.M. 80; Clay, 97; and Douglass, P.M. 80 (Freemason). The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Thos. Hutton, a candidate for Masonry, and Bro. John Sutherst, P.M. 561, Zetland Lodge, as a joining member, and both were unanimously elected. Mr. Hutton was introduced, and made an E.A. Mason. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Heon was examined, previous to taking the Third Degree, and gave satisfaction. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Heon was introduced, and received the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then regularly reduced to the First Degree. Bro. Henderson, P.M., gave notice that a balance sheet be produced for last year and every succeeding year, which was seconded by Bro. Sutherst, S.W. All business being done the lodge was closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).**—The regular meeting of this splendid lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; Henry Walley, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. Neild, P.M., acting S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; T. Senior, S.D.; G. F. Smith, J.D.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; H. D. Waddell, Sec.; J. H. Greenwood, Organist.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; G. F. East, P.M.; J. Mackie, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Child, P.M.; W. T. Dunn, T. H. Wolfensberger, Murray Thomson, Thomas Mather, P. Kein, Bridge Standen, W. Hilton, C. Allison, W. Cowell, Wm. Livesey, J. Campbell, James Lowndes, John B. Bennett, John Quance, J. A. Gee, W. Stott, Robert Cryer, Phillip Casper, E. Henry, Thomas Sutcliffe, John Studd, Matthew Owen, and R. McMillan. Visitors: Bros. W. Owen, P.M. 30 and 36; J. W. Simonds, P.M. 1288; E. Raines, 645; A. P. Graves, 1375; J. W. Nowell, 521; Arthur Middleton, 645; W. H. Landless, 126; Robert A. Eldershaw, P.M. 204; H. F. Warren, P.M. 44; M. Peak, S.W. 993; W. Nicholl, S.W. 317; T. R. Peel, P.M. 1147; S. A. Cooper, J.W. 1637; J. L. Hart, 172; J. C. Goodchild, 1247; J. Buckley Seel, 1147 and 1730; S. O. Belfort, 1017; F. H. Davidson, 667 M.L. and A. R. Peacock, 1357. The lodge was

opened at five o'clock prompt, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Donald David Macpherson, John Foster, Adolph Hoffman, and George Butler Kershaw to be members of the lodge, and being in each case unanimous, those gentlemen were declared elected. Bros. Oliver, 999, and J. F. Kellas, 50, were next balloted for as joining members, and were elected. Mr. John Foster was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. At six o'clock the brethren adjourned for tea, of which some fifty-seven partook. At seven o'clock they re-assembled in the lodge room, and Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., assumed the chair, and initiated Mr. G. B. Kershaw into Freemasonry. The W.M. afterwards resumed his functions, and initiated Mr. D. D. Macpherson into Freemasonry. The W.M. presented and explained the working tools to Bros. Foster, Kershaw, and Macpherson collectively; and Bro. J. M. Sinclair gave the charge to them in a very impressive manner. Considering this was the first meeting since the installation of Bro. J. E. Williams, the greatest praise must be awarded to him and his officers for the efficient manner in which they worked the ceremony, and no stranger would have thought this was the first time they had filled their respective offices. One other candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. At the social board the brethren were kept merry by the unapproachable vocal and instrumental talent of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, whose appearance is at all times hailed with delight, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close about 10.30.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, February 5th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; John Roger Leder, I.P.M.; W. Nicholl, S.W.; H. Walmsley, J.W.; J. Wilson, acting S.D.; R. R. Lisenden (Freemason), acting J.D.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treasurer; R. Tomlins, Secretary; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; P. Holmes, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. W. Edwards, Steward; Cunliffe, Organist; Ellis Jones, Daniel Donbavand, P. M.; W. Smith, S. Henson, P.M.; Dr. Rix, and James Gooden. Visitors: J. A. Birch, 287, and a brother from Canada. The lodge was opened at 6.20 with prayer, and after the confirmation of the minutes and the raising of the lodge to the Second Degree, Bro. James Gooden, who was ready to take his Third Degree, was in the most masterly manner raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., whose maiden effort it was, and who performed the whole of the ceremony unassisted, to the unbounded admiration of all present. On the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was duly lowered, and Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., proposed, and Bro. John R. Lever seconded, "That a gold P.M.'s jewel be presented out of the funds of the lodge to Bro. Daniel Donbavand, P.M., for his services as W. M. during 1878. The motion was unanimously carried. After some discussion on various lodge matters, the visiting brethren expressed their "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30.

**BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).**—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, summoned for 8 p.m. on Monday, February 9th, but the lodge was not opened till half an hour later by Bro. Thomas Johnston, W.M., supported by Bros. Dickenson, I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. and Secretary; H. Gore, P.M.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 43 and 958, and W.M. 41; Rev. Sanderson, S.W.; Braham, P.M., as J.W.; Robinson, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then announced that Bro. Lieut.-Col. England, W.M.; Bro. Stothert, P.M., and many other members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 54, were at the door, desiring to visit the lodge. The W.M. having given orders for their admission, they entered, and were received with the usual salute. A ballot was then taken for four candidates for initiation, namely, Messrs. D. C. Ingle, G. H. Bernard, J. L. Hamilton, and F. C. Barry, which proved unanimously favourable in each case. At the request of the W.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, the candidates were admitted properly prepared, and were duly initiated into the Order. They were also instructed in the symbolism of the working tools and received the charge. The W.M. again took his chair, and, no other business offering, closed the lodge at a quarter to ten. The brethren adjourned to supper at the Grand Hotel.

**NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).**—The installation of Bro. Samuel Neave Berry as W.M. of this lodge took place on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles'-street, and the ceremony of installation was conducted by P.M.'s Berry and Baldrey. P.M. Campeling acted as D.C., and among the brethren and visitors present were Bros. Madge, Barnes, Jeary, J. W. Browne, Baldrey, Santy, Green, Weyer, Rosling, Butters, Offord, Thirkettle, Youngman, Barwell, P.G.S., G. J. Berry, A. Berry, S. N. Berry, Installing Master; J. Berry, Reeves, Campeling, Nockall, Dunsford, F. Mills, E. Pankhurst retiring Master; E. Baldwin, G. Kersey, G. Baxter (the indefatigable Secretary), D. Mannings, Bridgman, Vince, Cooper, Marshall, and others. After the ceremony the following officers were appointed: Bros. Green, S.W.; Butters, J.W.; J. Hunt, S.D.; Chambers, J.D.; Rosling, I.G.; J. Lacey, Treas.; G. Baxter, Sec.; Madge, Org.; and Murrell, Tyler. After his installation the W.M. passed two brothers in an impressive manner. The banquet then took place, and was served in a recherché style, showing that at the Steward of the club, Bro. Wilkins, although new to

of the evening then commenced, and the installed W.M. kept up the prestige of Cabbell Lodge in its social gatherings, and during the evening presented the I.P.M., Bro. E. Pankhurst, with a jewel, in recognition of the way in which he has during the past year conducted the proceedings of the lodge. The installed Master is thoroughly well up to his work, and thanks to the school of instruction his officers are able to give him every support. Without doubt the installation of Bro. S. N. Berry and the banquet to the retiring W.M., Bro. E. Pankhurst, will henceforward be considered a red-letter day in the annals of Cabbell Lodge.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. W. B. Lloyd, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and visitors:—T. D. Hayes, I.P.M.; W. Tongue, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Ellis Fermoer, P.M.; J. McDougall, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; H. Butter, P.M.; and James Chapman, S.W.; R. J. Cook, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Treasurer; H. Mason, S.D.; H. Pryce, I.G.; and T. Reid, D.C.; C. Cooke, Organist. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Sanderson, 700; John Aillud, St. John and St. Paul's; H. De Gray, 706; C. Jolly (Freemason); and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bros. C. Ellis and T. R. Richardson to the Second Degree, which, being happily effected, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of supper, served nicely and with care by Bro. Tucker at the social board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Lloyd with that quiet and effective neatness that is so acceptable to all Masons. He paid a deserved compliment to the genial-hearted and good and noble brother who presides over the province, Lord Holmesdale, and his equally popular colleague, Bro. Eastes, the D.P. Grand Master. The toast of the rest of the Grand Provincial Officers, Present and Past, was coupled with the names of Bros. Coupland and Tongue, the latter of whom, at the request of Bro. Coupland, replied to the toast. He said that he thanked them very much for coupling his name with so important a toast. His lordship, their esteemed Grand Master, was an excellent Mason and a good man. He had had the pleasure of seeing him both in that lodge and in P.G. Lodge, and he had always expressed his satisfaction at the progress made by the Pattison Lodge, and the pleasure he felt at hearing of their prosperity. Bro. Hayes, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," making a very pleasing reference to the fact that he had that night passed his son-in-law, Bro. Richardson, who held a high position in Woolwich, to the Second Degree, and from what he could gather, there was some one nearer and dearer to him yet to come into the lodge at their next meeting. Bro. Lloyd briefly returned thanks, and said they could better imagine than he could express the pleasure it afforded him, as W.M., to be the means of introducing his son-in-law, Bro. Richardson, into the lodge, but, as Bro. Hayes had said, at their next meeting he hoped to be able to introduce his son, who had just arrived at mature age, into the secrets and privileges of Freemasonry, and when that night arrived, and he initiated one son into Masonry and raised the other to the Sublime Degree, he should feel proud of his Masonic career, of the high position he held as Master of the Pattison Lodge, and the feeling that would inspire his heart, namely, that he had not lived and worked as a Mason in that dear old lodge of theirs in vain. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Ellis Fermoer said they, as Past Masters, were very happy and fortunate men to meet with such good feeling as was continually evinced towards them in that lodge. The true instincts and teaching of Masonry were paramount there, and nothing afforded him so much pleasure as to see it promoting at every meeting of the Lodge a good and hearty feeling of friendship and brotherly love; might it long continue. Bro. Vincent, P.M., said he could not allow the occasion to pass without drawing the Master's attention to the fact that there were at that moment nine Past Masters of the lodge present. The next toast was then of "The Visitors," and Bros. Hutton, De Gray, and Aillud responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Keswick Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. W. Lamonby, P.M., in the chair (Bro. Hinks, W.M., being unavoidably absent); D. Pape, S.W.; D. Crowder, J.W.; J. Wales, Sec.; W. Hodgson, S.D.; T. Usher, W. Wilson, M. Nelson, C. Thompson, Tyler, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed the W.M. in the chair invited Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 (an honorary member of the Greta Lodge), to take the presiding officer's position, when Bro. M. Nelson, having given proof of his proficiency as a F.C., was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the candidate being re-admitted he was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, when Mr. George Stamper, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted and initiated into Masonry. Bro. T. C. Robinson, a P.W. of Lodge No. 1002, delivered the E.A. charge, and also acted as Deacon through the two ceremonies. After a vote of thanks had been passed to Bros. Lamonby and Robinson the lodge was closed in form. The installation of Bro. Wales, W.M. elect of this lodge, is fixed for Tuesday, March 2nd, when Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 (Freemason), will officiate.

**WIDNES.—Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at 1, Alford-chambers, on Thursday night, the 5th inst. Amongst

J. Coxhill, W.M. 758; Charles Gerrard, I.P.M. 758 W. R. Mass, P.M. 758; R. Evans, jun., 758; Edgar Humphreys, S.D. 220; Samuel Chambers, 220; S. Dickinson, 724; and J. Taylor, 897. Bro. J. W. Wareing, P.M., installed Bro. James White as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. White then invested the following as his officers for the next twelve months:—Bros. W. M. Thompson, I.P.M.; J. W. Carlile, S.W.; Jonas Foster, J.W.; J. S. M'Tear, Treasurer; A. G. Kyle, Secretary; S. A. Foster, Organist; W. W. Copland, S.D.; George Purver, J.D.; J. Rimmer, S.S.; J. Matthews, J.S.; and F. H. Pankhurst, I.G. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Central Hotel, the house of Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, where they sat down to a splendid dinner.

**MANCHESTER.—Truth Lodge (No. 1458).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at their private rooms, Oldham-road, on Saturday, 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Edward Hiff, at 4.30 p.m. After the minutes were read and confirmed the ballot was taken and declared unanimous for Mr. J. P. Jackson, who was then introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Barton being due for raising, he retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when he was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the I.P.M., Bro. Cox, with marked efficiency. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when Bro. Cooper proposed a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded from the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire by Bro. Julius Aronsberg, Grand Pursuivant, and from Craft Lodges 185, 1161, and 1798. Charity was then dispensed to a poor and distressed brother, who had been recommended as worthy of that distinguishing characteristic in Freemasonry, by the W.M. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren retired with their (always welcome) visitors to the social board. Grace before meat was said by the Rev. Bro. Marks, 1798, after which followed a cold collation, which gave every satisfaction. After the cloth had been removed the first toast of the evening was given and heartily received, "The Queen and the Craft." Then followed other loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with harmony, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 10.30.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The regular monthly meeting of the above prosperous lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, Bro. W. T. Turner, W.M., in the chair. The following officers and visitors were present:—Bros. A. J. Manning, I.P.M.; W. Vance, S.W.; J. W. Burgess, J.W. (pro tem.); J. Ives, P.M. and Sec.; E. West, P.M. and Treas.; B. Brayshaw, P.M.; J. Palmer, J.D.; C. J. Lewis, W.S.; and W. Page, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. E. Ayres, 742, and W. May, 1091. The only business before the lodge was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Vance, S.W., was unanimously elected to the chair, and returned thanks. Bro. Manning, P.M., was elected Treasurer without a dissentient voice. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of £10, was voted to the W.M. for his services during the past year. Bro. Page was re-elected Tyler, each brother returning thanks in suitable terms for the honour conferred upon him. It was mentioned during the evening that Bro. Manning would represent the lodge at the next festival of the Old Men and Women's Festival with a nice little Stewardship of about £85. Bros. Ayres and May returned thanks for "The Visitors," and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the meeting broke up.

**FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).**—A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Railway Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. H. Pearson, W.M.; J. Mason, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middlex.; J. R. Nichols, I.P.M.; T. W. Clarke, S.W.; F. Jacob, J.W.; R. Jones, Chap.; W. H. Goodall, S.D.; H. Randle, J.D.; T. D. Dutton, I.G.; J. Dixon, W.S.; R. Potter, Tyler; and the following members of the lodge:—Bros. J. Harris, G. R. Nichols, J. A. Chilvers, E. W. Winter, S. Best, H. G. Sanders, W. W. Elliott, R. T. Fennell, Dr. Wilkins, J. W. Bellamy, R. C. Smith, F. Wadson, G. T. Church, R. A. Fraser, A. Stephenson, J. Hatry, W. H. Collbran, and E. E. Crombie. The visitors present were Bros. Somers, P.M. 1602; Adams, 1194; Bradford, 862; Mc Laren, 1805; and Snow, 1623. The lodge was opened by the W.M. in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Collbran and Hatry were raised to the Sublime Degree in a manner which elicited the approval of both members and visitors. The lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Bros. T. J. Bird and R. H. Dillon were initiated into the mysteries or the "Entered Apprentice," which ceremony also was most efficiently performed. The Worshipful Master announced the intention of himself and Bro. Fennell to represent the lodge as Stewards at the forthcoming annual festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Notice having been given of gentlemen who will seek to be initiated at the meeting of the lodge in April next, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren sat down to a banquet at which the viands were all that could be desired, but the staff of waiters being very small or inefficient, many of the brethren withheld that praise which otherwise they would have accorded to the worthy host, Bro. Harris, who had catered, as he always does admirably. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity. Bro. John Mason responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained by the province by the death of our lamented Bro. Sabine. "The Past



Masters of the Lodge" was acknowledged by the I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Nichols. Other toasts, together with songs and recitations, brought to a close another of those pleasant evenings for which the Elliot Lodge is so famous.

**BRIGHTON.**—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion. Among those present were the following, viz.:—Officers: Bros. C. Sandeman, W.M.; W. T. Nell, S.W.; S. T. Foot, J.W.; H. Payne, Treas.; A. J. Hawkes, Sec.; R. T. Nye, S.D.; W. H. Gibson, D. of C.; W. R. Wood, jun., I.G.; W. Roe, Org.; W. Smithers, Steward; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; and the following members of the lodge:—Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M.; J. Eberall, P.M.; H. S. Gates, E. Broadbridge, G. L. Fenner, G. Cole, J. M. Newnham, J. Sayers, F. Marks, and J. Lewis. Among the visitors were Bros. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; H. Davey, P.M. Royal Brunswick, P.J.G.W.; E. E. Street, W.M. Howard, 56; J. B. Hannay, Atlingworth, 182; J. Large, Windsor Castle, 771; W. Goss, P.M. Royal Alfred, 780; R. Gifford, Royal Alfred, 780; G. Smith, Royal Brunswick, 732, P.P.G. Purst.; J. H. Capon, W.M. Royal Brunswick, 732; C. J. Corder, P.M. Royal Brunswick, 732; C. J. Smith, W.M. Hova Ecclesia, 1466; C. W. Hudson, W.M., Royal York, 315; G. S. Godfree, Secretary, Atlingworth, 1821; W. Nell, Royal Brunswick, 732; J. Curtis, W.M., Southdown, 1797, and P.M. Royal York, 315; W. T. Clarke, Royal York, 315; J. W. Burrell, 1829; R. Bennett, P.M., Royal Brunswick, 732; P. W. Taylor, Royal York, 315; J. M. Kidd, P.M., Royal Brunswick, 732; J. T. Whatford, P.M., Lodge of Friendship and Royal Clarence, 271; T. Packham, S.W., Royal York, 315; A. S. Price, Hova Ecclesia, 180; E. Martin, P.M., Royal Brunswick, 732; S. P. Weston, I.G., Atlingworth; A. Crook, Royal York, 315. The lodge having been opened in the various degrees. Bro. W. T. Nell was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Eberall. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to install the officers who had been selected to assist him during the ensuing year, viz., Bros. A. J. Hawkes, S.W.; W. H. Gibson, J.W.; H. Payne, Treas.; E. Broadbridge, Sec.; W. R. Wood, jun., S.D.; G. Cole, J.D.; W. Roe, Org.; H. S. Gates, D. of C.; W. Smithers, I.G.; F. Marks and G. L. Fenner, Stewards. Bros. J. Sayers, F. Gallop, and J. M. Newnham were elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee, while Bro. J. Eberall, P.M., was chosen to represent the lodge at the meeting of the Charity Commissioners. The duties of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, whose catering gave universal satisfaction. The *post-prandial* proceedings comprised the usual Masonic toasts. The Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.;" "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Skelmersdale, V.W. Dep. G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge of England, Present and Past;" "Sir Walter W. Burrell, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Sussex;" "W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, Present and Past." To the last toast Bro. J. H. Scott responded. Bro. J. Eberall proposed "The Worshipful Master." Bro. W. T. Nell responded, expressing his determination to do his utmost to enhance the success of the lodge. The Chairman gave "The Past Masters," to which Bro. J. Eberall responded. The Chairman gave "The Visitors." His Worship the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. H. Davey, and Bros. E. E. Street and J. Curtis responded. The Chairman gave "The Masonic Charities." Bros. J. H. Scott and J. Eberall responded. The latter gave some very interesting particulars as to the great efforts made by the Freemasons of the Sussex district towards the furtherance of the great Masonic Charities. The Chairman next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," feeling satisfied they would do their utmost to benefit the working of the lodge. Bros. A. J. Hawkes and W. H. Gibson responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. During the evening the various toasts were agreeably interspersed by glees and songs rendered by Bros. J. Large, E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, and G. Cole, the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. W. Roe. Bro. Kuhe also gave one of his masterly solos, and was warmly applauded.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT** (No. 256).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. F. R. Spaul, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W.; A. C. Spaul, J.W.; W. Smallpeice, Sec.; Hodinot, S.D.; G. Drysdale, J.D.; C. L. Kemp, I.G.; Sadler, Tyler; C. A. Murton, Preceptor; T. Fenn, A. A. Richards, M. Gosset, A. Dawson, and about 20 other members. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, was then resumed in the Second, and the ceremony of raising performed, Bro. A. Duret acting as candidate. The lodge was called off for a few minutes. On resuming, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for several joining members, and declared unanimous in their favour. The W.M. having requested Bro. P.M. Gosset to take the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. P.M. Dawson that of J.W., the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Duret again being the candidate. Bro. Ockenden was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and gave notice that the work would be the First Ceremony and Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD** (No. 463).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., when the following members were present: Bros.

C. H. Woodward, P.M. and P.Z. 463, P.P.G. J. W. Surrey, P.P.G.R. Surrey, W.M.; Wm. Sharp, P.M. 463, S.W.; J. S. Streeter, J.W. 463, J.W.; Jno. Close, P.M. 463, S.D.; Byron H. Ridge, S.D. 463, J.D.; W. R. Sheadd, W.M. 720, I.G.; Herbert Saxelby, I.G. 463, Hon. Sec.; and the following brethren: Bros. Dr. W. H. M. Smith, 463; S. Clarke, 1586; T. W. Cundy, 901; F. C. Pascall, 720; H. Legg, 1790; S. E. Thornton, 901; Charles Everist, 1360; Charles Richardson, 720; G. W. Beard, 1586; W. W. Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Herts, 1327, S.D. 1538; F. Frost, 463; C. Sawyer, P.M. 1619; T. Wagner, 463; F. C. Harland, 463, J.W. 1790; H. A. Pocock, W.M. 902; John Goodman, 463; B. Brickworth, S.W. 1790; Léon A. Mesrouze, W.M. 1238; F. W. Sperring, S.W. 1139; George Yaxley, W.M. 463, P.G.S.O.W. Surrey; H. Webley, 463; Stampu W. Lambert, W.M. 1536; W. P. Robinson, Sec. 1790. Bro. Woodward said that within a few weeks of seven years ago, the lodge was removed to Bro. Goodwin's, the Fox and Hounds Inn, where the brethren had spent many pleasant evenings, and had experienced from him on all occasions the greatest kindness and attention. To meet Bro. Goodman's convenience, the lodge had been removed to the Crown Hotel, and it was felt that the best they could do would be to present him with some tangible expression of their goodwill and esteem. The lodge had, therefore, desired him to ask Bro. Goodman's acceptance of a memento of their regard, in the form of an extract from the minutes, and he had much pleasure in presenting it to Bro. Goodman. The testimonial consisted of an illuminated address, handsomely framed and glazed, containing the following inscription:—"Extract from the minutes of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463, held at the Crown Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1880. Present: Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.M. 463, W.M.; Bro. J. S. Streeter, J.W. 463, S.W.; Bro. W. R. Sheadd, P.M. 720, J.W.; Bro. Jno. Rhodes, W.M. 1328, S.D.; Bro. Byron Ridge, J.D. 463, J.O.; Bro. F. G. Frost, S.D. 1347, I.G.; Bro. Herbert Saxelby, I.G. 463, Hon. Sec.; and the following brethren: T. P. Dicken, P.M., P.G.R., 463; J. Close, 463; Léon A. Mesrouze, S.W. 1328; Edward Mitchell, S.W. 720; B. Brickworth, S.W. 1790; Samuel J. Skudder, S.D. 1139; F. C. Pascall, S.D. 720, 1790; Dr. W. H. M. Smith, 463; G. Richardson, 720; H. Legg, 1790; Charles Everist, 1360; R. H. Rogers, 463; Thomas H. Platt, 463; W. E. Rogers, 463; G. T. Hall, 463; A. G. Webley, 463; E. Cundy, 901; E. J. Thornton, 901; James Clarke, 1586. It was proposed by Bro. C. H. Woodward, seconded by Bro. Byron Ridge, and carried unanimously, "That the hearty thanks of this lodge of instruction be given to Bro. John Goodman for his great liberality in providing a room for the lodge free of charge, and for his unvarying kindness and courtesy to the officers and brethren in attendance during the many years the lodge was held at his house, the Fox and Hounds, West Croydon." It was proposed by Bro. C. H. Woodward, seconded by Bro. Jno. Close, and carried unanimously, "That an extract be taken from the minutes of the vote of thanks to Bro. Goodman, and that the same be engrossed on vellum, illuminated, and after having been signed by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, and countersigned by the Hon. Secretary, be presented, suitably framed, to Bro. Goodman. Signed, C. H. Woodward, W.M. Herbert Saxelby, Hon. Sec." Bro. Goodman, in a few words, thanked the brethren for this handsome recognition, which he should ever preserve as a memento of the goodwill that existed between the lodge and himself. Although it was with regret that his connection so far with the lodge had been severed he should still continue to take an interest in it, and he wished it every success. The business of the lodge was then proceeded with, and after some excellent working the lodge was closed in due form.

**Royal Arch.**

**ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER** (No. 2).—The meeting of this chapter took place last Thursday week at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Rowlands was exalted to the Supreme Degree, so to say, of Craft Masonry. A candidate was proposed as a joining member, and another for exaltation. The chairs were respectively filled by Comps. Brodie as Z., Middleton as H., and Woodford as J. The election of officers for the current year took place, when Comps. Middleton was elected Z., Woodford H., and Letchworth, J. Comp. Col. Creaton was unanimously re-elected, with thanks for his very valuable services, as the Treasurer, and our old friend, Comp. Muggeridge, with the same as Ezra. Comps. Captain Davis was elected N.; Hewitt, P.S.; and Sampson Peirce, M. of C. The companions afterwards adjourned to a "social gathering," which was alike festive and profitable, genial and fraternal. The companions separated at an early hour. Among those present were Past Principals Wood, Sampson Peirce, Col. Creaton, Major Molyneux; the three Principals, Comps. Brodie, Middleton, and Woodford; Comps. Letchworth, N.; Captain Davis, P.S.; Hewitt and Roman, A.S.; Batley, P.Z.; Shirley, and Fort.

**PANMURE CHAPTER** (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 9th inst., for the election of officers for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. M. S. Lardham, the chair of Z. was occupied by Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z. The candidates for exaltation being unable to attend on this occasion, the time at disposal of the chapter was utilised by discussion of sundry business relating to its affairs. The election of officers resulted as follows, viz.: Ex. Comp. T. Poore, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. R. N. Field, H.; Comp. Samuel Poynter, J.; Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. (twelfth re-election); Comp. Thomas Meggy,

N.; Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., Treasurer; Comp. B. R. Bryant, P.S.; and Comp. John Gilbert, Janitor. Comps. J. W. Watts and J. Walmsley were appointed on the Audit Committee. A P.Z. jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Lardham. After some routine business had been disposed of the chapter was closed and the companions supped together. We are requested to state that the installation of Principals will take place on the 10th May, when the duties of Installing Prindpal will be undertaken by Ex. Comp., James Stevens, P.Z., founder and Scribe E. of the chapter.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Chapter of Friendship (No. 241).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, for the purpose of installation of chiefs and investiture of officers. The chapter was opened at five p.m. by Comps. James Winsor, M.E.Z.; J. Newell, H.; and Dr. A. Samuels, J. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.M.E.Z., proceeded to instal Comp. J. Newell (ex-Mayor of Bootle), as M.E.Z., and Dr. A. Samuels, H., for the ensuing year. Comp. A. J. Henochsberg, J. elect, being unavoidably absent in consequence of a severe indisposition. The manner in which Comp. McGeorge rendered the beautiful ritual, in which he was ably assisted by Comp. Ralph Robinson, P.M.E.Z., P.G. S.N., was such as to elicit the praises of the P.Z.'s, and all present congratulated Comp. McGeorge on his efficiency. Amongst those present were Comps. T. K. Hughes, P.Z., Treas.; J. Lunt, P.Z.; McArthur (Mayor of Bootle), P.Z. 1086; and Thos. Roberts, P.Z. 673. The ceremony of installation being completed, the companions were then admitted, when several brethren were balloted for, and Bro. Copland, being present, was exalted to the Sublime Degree in the same admirable manner that has marked Comp. Winsor's year of office in this chapter. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions: Comps. Dr. Hill, Scribe E.; Thos. Salter, Scribe N.; J. Roman, P.S.; after which he presented to Comp. Winsor, the I.P.Z., in the name of the chapter, with a magnificent jewel, also a suit of Past Principal's clothing, in appreciation of the zeal and ability with which he had fulfilled the respective positions in this chapter, and he requested the companions present to endeavour to emulate Bro. Winsor in their career in the chapter. Bro. Winsor replied in suitable terms, and assured the companions it would always be his study in the future, as it had in the past, to do all in his power to conduce to the welfare of the companions in general, and more especially of the Chapter of Friendship. The chapter was then closed in solemn form, and the companions adjourned to the old lodge room, where they partook of an excellent supper, which was served in first-class style by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, and after full justice had been done to all the good things, the tables were cleared, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were rendered and received in the most enthusiastic manner. The toast of the evening, "The M.E.Z., Comp. Newell," was proposed by the I.P.Z., who in very flattering terms referred to the excellent manner in which the M.E.Z. had filled the preceding chair, and he had no doubt that under his care Chapter 241 would continue to flourish, and retain its well-won reputation. "The Visitors" was proposed by the M.E.Z., and Comps. McArthur, P.Z., and Hugh Williams, P.Z., responded. Comps. Thos. Hatton, Dr. Hill, D. Gabrielsen, J. Longbottom, and J. Brotherton enhanced the enjoyment by their musical efforts, which were highly appreciated by the companions. The last toast being proposed, the companions separated in good time.

**Mark Masonry.**

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE** (No. 238).—An emergency meeting of this new but fairly prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M. 181, P.G.S. of Works and P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Alfred Tisley, J.W.; Richnell, J.O.; Webb, J.D.; Beningfield, I.G.; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middlesex, acting Tyler. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. F. Farrington, D.C. 1589; W. E. Farrington, 1589; C. G. Brown, 1589; R. Skelton, 1589; and H. J. Leah, 193; and it proving to be unanimous in each case, the first four named candidates were impressively advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Apologies for non-attendance having been read from several of the members, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. It being only an emergency meeting the toasts were necessarily limited. They comprised "The Queen and Mark Masonry;" "The G.M., D.M., and the rest of the G.O.'s.;" "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middx. and Surrey;" "The W.M.;" "The Advances;" and "The Officers." In proposing the latter toast the W.M. expressed his very great regret that Bro. Charles Horsley, who held the dual offices of Treasurer and Master Overseer, had been compelled through severe indisposition from attending that evening. In conclusion he expressed a fervent hope, and which feeling he felt sure would be heartily shared by every member of the Prince Leopold Lodge, that their esteemed brother would be sufficiently convalescent to attend their next regular meeting. The Tyler's toast then terminated the proceedings.

We note that our well known and much esteemed Bro. Edward Clarke is among the candidates for the vacant seat of Southwark. He is, it appears, the Conservative candidate.

It is intended to give a grand ball in the Exhibition Palace at Dublin during Easter week to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

### To Correspondents.

An interesting communication about Cleopatra's Needle will appear next week.  
A Provincial Companion's communication on Comp. Smallpeice's motion in Grand Chapter stands over until next week for want of space.

The following reports stand over:—

Avon Lodge, No. 1633, Manchester.  
Adam's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 6, Sheerness.

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Edinburgh Courant," "The Masonic Newspaper," "Der Long Islander," "Broad Arrow," "Croydon Guardian," "Bulletin Official," "Die Baubutte," "Reeves' Musical Directory for 1880," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Warden," "Hebrew Leader," "Canadian Craftsman," "Keystone," "Paper Consumers' Circular," "L'Ordre Social," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India."

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

#### BIRTHS.

DOBLE.—On the 9th inst., at 11, Penn-road-villas, Camden-road, the wife of Mr. Arthur Doble, of a son.

JOHNSON.—On the 8th inst., at 379, Easton-road, the wife of Mr. M. H. Johnson, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

MONTAGU-VIGNE.—On the 5th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, by the Rev. Canon Broadley, Vicar of Bradpole, Dorset, assisted by the Rev. G. W. Heathcote, Rector of Ashe, Surrey, and the Rev. W. H. G. Mann, Curate of St. Michael's, Chester-square, John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, of Downe Hall, Bridport, Dorset, and 51, St. George's-road, Eccles-on-square, to Catherine Anne, daughter of the late Mr. Charles J. Vigne, of Westfield House, Weston, Bath.

#### DEATHS.

FORSTER.—On the 9th inst., at Highbury, Mr. J. Forster, in his 67th year.

HOPWOOD.—On the 7th inst., at 196, Sloane-square, S.W., Mr. Owen Hopwood, aged 75.

### TO OUR READERS.

THE recent demands on our space has necessitated the frequent issue of an enlarged sheet, and as the proprietor is desirous not only of maintaining the present position of the *Freemason* as the faithful recorder of Masonic doings, and the recognised exponent of Masonic principles, but of increasing its influence and usefulness, he has determined on continuing the issue of these supplements whenever necessary. The *Freemason* of this week consists of twenty pages, and amongst other matters of special interest to the Craft contains a full report of the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Monday last. With the hope of bringing the claims of this great Charity more fully into notice, the proprietor has determined on posting a copy of the *Freemason* to the Master of every lodge under the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and earnestly solicits the co-operation of each W.M. in laying it before the members of his lodge at their next meeting.

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1880.

THE result of the first great anniversary festival of our Metropolitan Masonic Charities for 1880 is now before our readers, and we have now to congratulate our readers and the Craft on this auspicious commencement of our real charitable festivals for 1880. What ever else they may like to say against Freemasonry, they cannot happily accuse it of deficiency or backwardness in charity. Bro. Terry announced the grand total on Monday night of £12,005, with several lists to come in. It seems that London has sent up 126 Stewards with £7270, the provinces 98 Stewards with £4735. Other lists have to come in, which may interfere a little with these "totals," but not much. Of the London lodges the three highest returns were those of No. 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Bro. S. Hy. Parkhouse, £400; No. 145, Prudent Brethren, Bro. John Henry Leggott, V.P., £276 5s. 6d.; and No. 1471, Islington, Bro. Wm. Bauscr, £228 13s. 6d. Of the provinces N. and E. Yorkshire sent up £855;

Sussex £600; and West Yorkshire £391. We congratulate N. and E. Yorkshire on its handsome return, which reflects the highest credit on all concerned. We shall recur to this interesting subject in our next.

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WE beg to announce for the information of those who take an interest in that most excellent and well managed Institution, the Girls' School, that the date of its anniversary festival has been fixed by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Chairman, for Friday, April 16th, somewhat in advance of the usual time. We, therefore, think it right to call the attention of our readers specially to this announcement, and venture to express the hope that Bro. Hedges, the zealous Secretary, may receive, as soon as may be, in order to facilitate the needful arrangements, the names of all brethren desirous of serving as Stewards on this interesting occasion and for so good a cause.

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WE believe we are revealing no secrets, and by no means improperly intruding upon the privacy of domestic relationship, when we say that we believe that another marriage is contemplated in our Royal Family, which will have a special interest for our Masonic body, and will greatly add to the happiness of both of the illustrious persons mainly concerned.

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OUR esteemed and much valued Bro. the Pro G. Master, who suffered some time ago from a severe attack of gout, has been sojourning at Torquay, and is, we are happy to add, greatly improved in health and strength.

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SOME anxiety has been recently felt with respect to the health of a most valued and distinguished member of our Order. We allude to our Bro. John Havers, whose services to English Freemasonry we all are sensible of. We are happy to be permitted to say that he is now considerably better and regaining strength.

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THE "situation" seems very critical, according to the *Chaine d'Union*, between the Roman Catholic Church and the Freemasons in France, until it has become not one merely of "extreme tension" but one of hopeless and irreconcilable antagonism. This we much regret to note, and beg as lovers of peace and always "amici curiæ," to counsel a little moderation and less self assertion alike for Freemasons and Roman Catholics. Properly religion and Freemasonry ought always to go "hand in hand." We fear that it must be fairly confessed that there are faults on both sides.

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IT is amusing to see what fear the "Ultramontane papers" have of the occult and dangerous designs of Freemasons and Freemasonry. We were thinking the other evening when we were assembled in a genial circle, and heard the kindly conversation of our brethren, if the Roman Catholic authorities only knew us as we really are, we should hear the last of "jeremiades" and "vituperation," which are a positive disgrace both to intellectual enlightenment and religious charity.

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THE Masonic intelligence from France is not reassuring to English Masons. The "movement party" in the "Rite Ecossais" have established a schismatic Grand Lodge, called "La Grande Lodge Symbolique Independante Rite Ecossais," and which is, in fact, composed of Master Masons. We have from the first expressed our sympathy, (though not High Grade Masons,) with the rulers of the "Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepte" in France, and we heartily deplore such unjustifiable proceedings. But the truth is, as has been most truly expressed, that this lamentable state of things arises, more or less, from the Ancient and Accepted Rite abroad "working the Symbolic Degree." This new and irregular body is not likely under any circumstances to obtain recognition from Anglo-Saxon Masonry.

THE question of the "confirmation of minutes" is one of those matters which always remain debatable points. There have always been two views respecting it. But the probability is that the truth, (as usual,) runs in a "via media" between the two. It is quite clear that one of the main objects of the reading of the minutes is to see that the same are correctly recorded, but it is as clear that some portion of the minutes, by the Book of Constitutions, require absolute confirmation at a subsequent lodge. We think there will be no difficulty in discriminating between those matters which require and which do not require confirmation according to the Book of Constitutions. A good deal, however, as always, turns in Masonry on our special lodge bye-laws. This is a fact often overlooked in the heat of discussion.

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WHAT course it may please Grand Lodge in its wisdom to take at its next meeting with respect to the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding Quarterly Communication, it is not fair to say, or even, perhaps, to speculate upon, but we think it right to remind our readers, as the lawyers say, "without prejudice," that there is a question involved in the whole of this discussion of intense importance to our body, namely, the integrity of our present ritual. From speeches we have heard in private lodges, as was indeed to be expected, and as we have always forewarned our readers, there is a sort of idea afloat that it would be a "good thing" now to "revise" the entire ritual. But that we need not say is altogether beyond the objects, as we understand them, of the present movement, and might be productive of most serious consequences in more ways than one. We are among those who are quite contented with our present ritual, and wish "to leave well alone." We ask only that the "wise toleration" of the Grand Lodge may be allowed to continue.

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THE installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge No. 1657, took place last Monday under exceptionally brilliant circumstances. Bro. George Kenning, was inducted into the Master's chair by Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, before one of the largest Boards of Installed Masters it has ever been our lot to witness. The proceedings went off with "éclat," and we refer our readers to a report of the proceedings elsewhere.

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WE have received the January-February number of the *Monde Maconnique*, a very interesting one, to which we shall call attention in our next.

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WE rejoice to note that at the Aldersgate Lodge a vote of ten guineas was unanimously carried for the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund through our Bro. the Lord Mayor. We hope that many other lodges and chapters will at once assist to such needful claims on our best feelings of sympathy and humanity. We call attention to the letter of our distinguished Bro. the President of the Board of General Purposes elsewhere.

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OUR noble Bro. the Earl of Zetland, who presided so well at the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Monday last, received a most markedly warm reception from the crowded gathering, not only for his own Masonic work and merits, but for the always happy "souvenirs" which are unchangeably connected with the name of his lamented uncle, our old and admirable Grand Master, through so many long years.

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BRO. Hubert, in the *Chaine d'Union* for January, gives an account of the establishment of a separate Grand Lodge of the "malcontents" of the Rite Ecossais in Paris. It seems that as the symbolic lodges were not a majority in the governing body, a large number of Master Masons of the Rite Ecossais commenced an agitation which has led to so deplorable a result, from a Masonic point of view. We have always



said that "Craft Lodges" cannot legally, in our opinion, exist under warrants from the A. and A. Rite, and we see no reason to change our opinion. We think that as regards the system of procedure of the A. and A. Rite in Great Britain and America, there can be no possible complaint. We wish other and similar jurisdictions were as wise and prudent.

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.]

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
In again drawing attention to the subject of the "Royal Pupils' Fund," permit me to say that my reason for so doing is because I believe that the present Institutions of the Craft will suffer if the formation of the new fund is persisted in by its energetic Secretaries. Of course, it is quite true that a like result was prognosticated of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but cases are very different. The latter was to supply a long felt want, whereas the "Royal Pupils' Fund" is to add considerably to the aid already granted, and will tend to create a body of Masonic beneficiaries beyond the age that we should be, as a society, in any way responsible for them. Let those who are so anxious—as they say—for indigent and deceased Freemasons' children evidence their practical good sense by increasing the funds of the two Institutions, and thus enable the Committee to arrange for more candidates to be elected. Argue as we like, to raise a special fund, distinct from the present Institutions, to aid the children in after life, more than the laws of such Institutions provide for, after they have been well clothed, fed, and educated, and may receive grants to assist them in apprenticeship, &c., up to £20 each, is to overdo our charity for the few admitted in each year at the expense of the much larger number excluded. To my mind, the most fitting thing to do is to increase the number elected in each year rather than to do still more for those who are the fortunate candidates, and I am surprised to find Masons like Bro. Binckes and other well-known advocates of our Institutions lending their names to this new movement, which in no way adds to the funds of the present Institutions, but in all probability will lessen their incomes in years to come. I take it that this new fund is not, as Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, puts it, to aid candidates not elected, but to help those who have left the Institutions.

M. P.

JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
In your issue of the 23rd December, 1876, there appeared a letter from "An English Mason" enquiring "whether a P.M. under the I.C. who had never been a member of an English lodge, could sit in an English lodge, open and conduct the proceedings, or, if asked to do so, has a right to accept." To this you replied, "Not if he has not been a regularly Installed Master; if he has been, yes, if asked by the W.M."  
This does not appear to be the opinion of all, for the question as to whether a Scotch P.M. can confer a Degree in an English lodge has been before two District Grand Masters under the E.C. (both, I believe, members of the legal profession), and each have decided differently—the one that a Scotch Past Master can do all and sundry in an English lodge that a P.M. under the E.C. can do; the other that none but Masters or Past Masters under the E.C. can do these things in an English lodge (vide Masonic Record for W.I. for August and September, 1879). I have also heard that it has been ruled by one D.G.M. that a Warden of an English lodge (the lodge in which the said Warden was initiated), who is also Past Master of a Scotch lodge, is not eligible to temporarily occupy the E. chair of his English lodge when he happens to be ruling it in the absence of the W.M., and consequently he cannot confer a Degree if required. I may remark that there are no English Past Masters in the lodge.  
There appears to be no known ruling by the Grand Lodge of England to meet these cases, and they are decided very much according as the sympathies, or perhaps prejudice, of the D.G.M. for the time being may direct.  
It is urged by those who object to a Scotch Master or Past Masters occupying the E.C. in an English lodge, that the Scotch Constitutions do not require them to have served as Warden to qualify for the office of Master; but in fact a large number of Masters of Scotch lodges do pass one of the Warden's chairs before reaching the East. Moreover, the same objection cannot be urged in the case of Irish Masters or Past Masters.  
The question is an important one and should be treated in a broad and liberal spirit, and not with narrow-minded prejudice. It is important because in our colonies there are lodges of the three Constitutions working side by side, and it seems desirable, and also expedient, that the utmost harmony and good feeling should exist between all members of the Craft to ensure a hearty co-operation in carrying out the noble works of our Order, and this, I opine, can hardly be obtained by intimating to a Master or Past Master of a sister Constitution when he joins or visits an English lodge that he has no status as a W.M. or P.M., and is only acknowledged as such as an act of courtesy—he is on sufferance as it were, and it is open to any W.M. to refuse a seat on the dais, or any other honour usually accorded a Past Master, and which is considered due to that

rank in the Craft. Indeed I know of a case of this kind. Now, it often happens in out-of-the-way places in the colonies and in India that the W.M. is unavoidably absent from several meetings, there may be no P.M. of the E.C. in the lodge, and no work can be done, as of course the Wardens cannot confer Degrees; but suppose there is a Past Master of either the Irish or Scotch Constitution a member of that lodge, it would certainly seem expedient that he should be able to carry on the work, otherwise the lodge would suffer; indeed, I believe many lodges have had to go into abeyance for want of a Past Master. Of course in such a case the Warden should summon the lodge and rule it, seeing that the ceremonies were conducted according to the English form.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of England (R.A.) has recognised regularly installed Masters of foreign Constitutions by declaring them eligible to be elected to a Principal's chair in an English chapter (paragraph 52, Regulations for the Order of R.A. Masons, E.C., edition of 1875), and I have no doubt the Grand Lodge of England would do so, if it has not done so already; that is to say, recognise their rank and status and their competency to perform the various ceremonies of our Order. This recognition need not involve membership of Grand Lodge or P.G. Lodge, nor eligibility for election to the Eastern chair (unless qualified by service as Warden of an English lodge), as each of these privileges demand special requirements. Now if these points are kept distinct it seems to me and to many others that there would be no difficulty in according to Masters and Past Masters of the Irish or Scotch Constitution that recognition to which their rank in the Craft seems to entitle them, and to deny which seems inconsistent with the practice of admitting Masons made by these foreign Masters to membership in English lodges; moreover, it would seem to be in accordance with the universality of Masonry that the rank and position of a regularly installed Master or P.M. of either the English, Scotch, or Irish Constitution should be recognised and acknowledged in all lodges working under the three Constitutions throughout the world; to decide otherwise seems very like exclusiveness.

I shall be glad if you will inform me if there is any ruling by the Grand Lodge of England on this point, and if not, perhaps you will kindly inform me what the custom in England is.

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable time,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
ENQUIRER.

ERRATA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—  
Let me call attention to two mistakes in my little review of "Who Took Shem's Common?" "Forum" should read "power," "on" should read "in," "novel" should also be put within inverted commas, and a comma should come after "about it." Most spell it "euphonious," but I am willing to leave that an open question.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I think you rightly wish your readers to be acquainted with all matters of Cosmopolitan interest, and not merely those affecting our own "tight little island," with your kind permission, I venture to send you a few lines ament French Masonry.

The "ghost" of change, insubordination, misrule, and revolution, which from the sad days of the "Commune" has haunted French Freemasonry, is not yet laid, either by the exorcisms of Monsigneur Dupanloup or the more "positive" dogmata of Bro. Littré.

The Rite Ecossais is now going through a crisis, very trying, and, in my opinion, very unfair to its rulers, who deserve the sympathy of all loyal English Masons. A section of that body, larger or smaller matters nothing, as I care nothing for numbers when opposed to principles, being only Master Masons, dissatisfied with the preponderance of the 33<sup>d</sup> in the Administrative Council, as was necessary, and, indeed, imperative, from the very idea and constitution of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, after much "talk talk" and a good deal of personal attack, has formed itself into a "Grand Lodge Symbolique Independante," an independent symbolical Grand Lodge. This is, of course, a spurious Grand Lodge, a schismatic body, and has not, I venture to believe, the slightest chance of recognition in Great Britain, America, or Canada. It is, in fact, a meeting against authority, and a most objectionable and un-Masonic proceeding, on any theory you like to adopt.

The Grand Council of the Order has acted with vigour in the emergency, as the subjoined extract shows, and which I translate lower down:

"Le Suprême Conseil, informé par de nombreux imprimés, distribués de tous côtés, qu'un groupe, composé principalement de Maçons justement radiés de la Maçonnerie Ecossaise, usurpe le titre de 'Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté,' et a établi un centre Maçonnique irrégulier sous le titre de 'Grande Loge Symbolique Independante';—Après en avoir délibéré;—Décrète: Art. 1er. Tout Maçon appartenant ou ayant appartenu au Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepté sous l'Obédience du Suprême Conseil de France, qui fait ou fera partie, soit de cette prétendue Grande Loge Symbolique independante, soit des LL. qui y ont adhéré ou y adhérent, est et sera, par se seul fait, déchu de ses droits Maçonniques et radié des contrôles du Rite.—Art. 2. Il est interdit aux Atel. de l'Obédience, sous peine de suspension ou de mise en sommeil, de affilier ces Maçons irréguliers ou de les admettre à leurs travaux.—Art. 3. Le Gr. Secrétaire Gr. Chancelier est chargé de l'exécution et de la notification du présent décret aux Atel. du Rite, aux

Suprêmes Conseils confédérés, ainsi qu'à toutes les Obédiences régulières reconnues.—Vu et approuvé: Le Souv. Gr. Commandeur Gr. Maître, Ad. Crémieux, 33<sup>e</sup>.—Pour extrait: Le Gr. Chancelier du Rite, G. Guiffrey, 43<sup>e</sup>."

The Supreme Council, informed by numerous publications, distributed on all sides, that a group, principally composed of Masons justly excluded from "Scottish Masonry," have usurped the name of the "Rite Ecossais," and have established an irregular Masonic centre under the appellation of "Grand Loge Symbolique," after deliberation, has decreed: Art. 1.—Every Mason belonging, or having belonged, to the "Ancient Scottish Rite," under the obedience of the Supreme Council of France, who forms, or shall form, part of this pretended Grand Lodge, &c., or the lodges which adhere to it, or shall adhere to it, is, and shall be by this act alone, is fallen from his Masonic rights, and is excluded from authority in the Rite. Art. 2.—It is forbidden to the lodges of the obedience, on pain of suspension or of being placed in "slumber," to affiliate these irregular Masons, or to admit them to their meetings. Art. 3.—The Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor is charged with the execution and with the notification of this present decree to the lodges of the Rite, to the Supreme confederated Councils, as well as to all "regular recognised" obediences. Seen and approved: The Sovereign Grand Commander Grand Master, A. Crémieux, G. Guiffrey.

I note that the Lodges 135, Les Hospitaliers de Saint Ouen, and 187, Union and Bienfaisance, have been dissolved.

The following brethren—Rochette, Master of Lodge 147; Clement, Master of Lodge 19; Rouget, Master of the Fidele Amitie, and Braun, Master of Lodge 166, have been excluded from the Rite Ecossais.

All this is very disheartening to those who hope to see "better days" for French Freemasonry in all respects.

Yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a somewhat old Mason, I am every day rather surprised at the new crochets which are started by some of our brethren whose admission into our Order rather savours of ignorance than of sound judgment. For years past I have been labouring under a belief—perhaps it was only an unfounded one—that, until a resolution passed in one lodge was confirmed by another, it ceased to have any effect, and was not binding upon any one to conform to it; that it was, in fact, but a declaration on one side what should be done by the other, and until that confirmation was agreed to the former resolution had no force whatever, and, comparing small things with greater ones, until a bill that had passed both branches of the legislature had received the Royal assent, it was only, or hardly, worth the paper on which it was printed. It seems now that this is all a mistake, and all that is required or expected in the confirmation of the minutes of one lodge by a subsequent one is a declaration or certificate that the minutes of a former one have been properly recorded. Was ever such a position taken as this, for the Grand Lodge of England to be called upon, seriously and solemnly, to declare by a resolution that the Grand Secretary had done his duty, and that the minutes of the last lodge had been duly and properly recorded? Such a theory must startle many English Freemasons, when it is well known that in many cases, where improper influence has been brought to bear, that the election of a Master carried at one lodge has been negated by the votes of another, that the minutes as regarded the election of the Master have not been confirmed, and the lodge has at once proceeded to a fresh election. I am not aware what may be the practice in Scotland, but this I look upon as common sense, and no possible value could attach to the confirmation of minutes in a lodge if it rested merely on an assertion that the Secretary had done his duty. With respect to the matter which has elicited this extraordinary opinion from the W.M. of Lodge 392, of the Scotch Constitution, I am, until set right by a high authority, of opinion that if the next Grand Lodge chooses not to confirm the minutes with regard to Bro. Stevens' Committee for uniformity, &c., that it has a perfect and legitimate right to do so, and thus get rid of, *in limine*, a profitless inquiry into some theoretical crotchet that has no vitality whatever.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Companion,—

The principle of confirmation which includes the power of rejection or non-confirmation has been recognised in every act of Grand Lodge. It has always been the practice to confirm or reject at one meeting resolutions that have been passed at the preceding meeting.

In a body such as the Grand Lodge, which consists of about 15,000 members, of whom there are rarely more than 300 present, and where, consequently, a majority of votes can easily be obtained by a combination for the purpose, the practice, which has always existed, of subjecting every resolution to re-consideration is obviously necessary as a safeguard against hasty legislation. In 1861 Lord Zealand explained, as follows, the rule with respect to motions for the non-confirmation of the minutes:—

"Although it is competent for a brother to move the omission of any part of the minutes of a previous Grand Lodge when they were put for confirmation, it was not competent to move the separation or division of a resolution. A resolution passed at one Grand Lodge must at a subsequent Quarterly Communication be accepted or rejected in its entirety; either the whole must be confirmed or the whole rejected."

The following are cases where the minutes were either not confirmed or where motions were made for non-confirmation without objection on the point of order:—

- 1817 Alterations in the rules of the Board of Benevolence.
- 1824 Election of a Deputy Master on the Board of General Purposes.
- 1825 Reversal of the previous decision on the same subject.
- 1843 Holding Provincial Grand Lodges yearly.
- 1845 Increasing the quarterage.
- 1847 Grant of money.
- 1848 Ditto.
- 1849 Expulsion.
- 1850 Alteration in a law.
- 1852 Decision on an appeal.
- 1852 Ditto.
- 1856 Adoption of the Mark Masons' Degree.
- 1857 Admission of non-Masters to the festivals.
- 1858 Decision on an appeal.
- 1858 Additional votes to lodges for Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 1858 Vote of confidence in the Grand Master.
- 1859 Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- 1859 Erasure of a lodge.
- 1860 Ditto.
- 1861 Ditto.
- 1862 Informality of a motion.
- 1862 Erasure.
- 1863 Appointment of a Committee.
- 1864 Powers to the Building Committee.
- 1870 Purchase of an Organ.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FENN, P.G.D.

14, Bedford-square,  
7th February, 1880.

#### THE IRISH FAMINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whatever we may think of "Home Rule" and those who advocate it, it seems clear that women and children are starving in the "Sister Island." Never was a better time for "Brothers" to help a "Sister," and many to whom I have spoken strongly favour the idea and cherish the hope that all our well-to-do lodges will within the next few weeks send a few guineas apiece to the fund being raised by our Worshipful Brother the Lord Mayor, (P.G.S.), and W.M. of No. 1).

Very fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.B.G.P.

#### GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you or any of your numerous readers inform me upon the following points which have lately occurred in a lodge working under the Constitutions of the G.L. of Ireland?

The dispute arose about the appointment of a Secretary to the lodge; but first, to render the point more clear to English Freemasons (Irish Freemasons of course know their own regulations), it must be understood that the lodge elects the whole of its officers, generally in October, ballots for them in November, and installs them, either in December or January, according to the by-laws of each particular lodge. This was the rule in the lodge now alluded to. The time for the nomination of officers came round, the usual summonses were issued, but with the exception of to one or two particular brethren, no notice was given of the nomination. The consequence was that only five members of the lodge were present on the night of nomination; two visitors were also present, making seven in all. One of the visitors acted as Tyler, and the other was obliged to leave long before the business of the lodge was finished, thereby leaving only the five members present in the lodge. The nomination, if such it could be called, was proceeded with, and one brother was nominated to the three offices of S.W., Secretary, and Treasurer. On the ballot in November this brother was elected S.W. by a lodge consisting of ten members, but balloted out as Secretary and Treasurer by six against four. Another brother was then proposed and balloted for, and passed unanimously.

The brother first nominated happening to be absent (sick) on the night of the ballot, when the news was told him, said the nomination was illegal, and such appears to be his influence that, on the night of installation, a telegram came from the D.G. Secretary stating that as the brother elected Secretary was a pensioner, and his wife an army schoolmistress, liable to removal at any time (which, by the way, is not quite true), it would not be advisable to appoint him Secretary, and that the Grand Lodge would uphold the former nomination.

With reference to the assertion that the Secretary elect was a pensioner, &c., it may be as well to explain that the Secretary before the present one was a pensioner, and a barrack serjeant, actually serving, and, therefore, really liable to removal, so that the argument must fall to the ground on that score. The questions I would wish to have solved are—

1st. Is it lawful for a pensioner to hold the office of Secretary to a lodge?

2nd. Has the D.G. Secretary, or any Masonic authority, power to set aside the unanimous vote of a lodge, provided that the brother appointed has always performed his work to the satisfaction of his brethren, which the brother named can bring satisfactory proof was the case?

Somewhat in extenuation of the above, it may be as well to explain that in this lodge there has not during the last two years been a W.M. that has been at all able to confer the Degrees, even in an indifferent manner, and that the W.M. prior to that was a brother who had left the place, and only returned for installation, and never

afterwards occupied the chair. The present I.P.M. was a brother that could not say one word, unless prompted, and scarcely even then, so that the lodge has been in a deplorable state with respect to its W.M., and nearly as bad with regard to its other officers, for some time back.

The whole of the work, therefore, has been performed by a lay brother for the past two years; the officers, or others acting for them, merely occupying the chairs, but doing nothing more than looking on. This has no doubt been the primary cause of the unfortunate state of affairs that now exists.

Trusting, dear Sir, you will give this somewhat lengthy epistle your best consideration, providing you do not find it to be

#### NE QUID NIMIS.

[We insert the letter, as requested, on the principle of "fair play" to all, and legitimate ventilation of "honest grievances." Perhaps some Irish brother can throw a little "light" on the case. We are in a "fog" there—*Ed.*]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have the honour to inform you that H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been pleased to appoint Friday, the 16th April, as the date of the ninety-second Anniversary Festival of this Institution, on which occasion, as you are aware, His Royal Highness has graciously consented to preside.

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

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

#### ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will Comp. Magnus Ohren kindly favour your readers with his authority for stating that "a Provincial Grand Officer cannot wear his Royal Arch collar and jewel in a Craft lodge?"

I presume he alludes to a Provincial Grand Officer in both Arch and Craft.

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.D.C.

#### QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly afford me information on the following points:—

1. Is it customary for a P.M. when attending a lodge of which he is not a P.M. or the I.P.M. to wear a blue collar with a P.M.'s jewel suspended thereto? This question was asked by the W.M. of No. 1768 in the *Freemason* of the 15th February, 1879, but I cannot trace any reply.

2. Is it right or customary for a W.M. when visiting a lodge of which he is not W.M., either alone or accompanied by his office bearers, to wear his collar and jewel of W.M., and should the junior officers wear theirs also?

3. Is it customary for Past Principals of Royal Arch chapters to wear collars and jewels as P.M.'s do?

4. What is the custom or rule as to the payment by lodges of the contributions of individual members to Prov. Grand Lodges (commonly called quarterages), that is, are they paid (a) half-yearly or yearly, and (b) are they paid in advance of, or at the close of, the period (year or half-year) for which they are due? For instance, would the contributions for 1879 be payable on 1st January, 1879, or 31st December, 1879?

Information on the above will greatly oblige, yours fraternally,

P.M.

[1. Yes. 2. Yes, as regards the W.M.; as regards the officers generally, there is no "custom" on the subject. 3. Yes. 4. Answer must depend upon the Provincial by-laws.—*Ed.*]

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. Bros. William Mann, Rev. Richard Morris, Arthur E. Gladwell, Henry W. Hunt, Don M. Dewar, Frederick Adlard, George J. Palmer, George Crow, W. Maple, H. Young, Thomas Meggy, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey, (*Freemason*), were also present.

Bro. S. B. Wilson's claim was referred back again to the House Committee and the petition of one candidate for election to the School was deferred for further information.

An outfit was afterwards granted to a late pupil of the institution, who is now in a situation, and with this the business of the meeting closed.

#### CRIPPLEGATE BALL.

This annual meeting was a greater success than ever. J. W. Eldrid, Esq., C.C., was supported by a very large number. The dancing was kept up to a late hour to the very efficient band of the Hon. Artillery, Signor Tamplini, conductor. The arrangements were carried out in an exceptionally nice manner throughout the evening, and a word of thanks is due to every one having their organisation.

The Chairman gave the ordinary toasts at supper time. Mr. Alderman Knight gave the Chairman's health. "The Health of Mr. Deputy Nind and the Hon. Secretary, W. Knell," was most heartily joined in, both gentlemen replying.

Mr. Under-Sheriff Wragg gave "The Ladies," Mr. R. Pearce responding on their behalf.

Among the company were Mr. and Mrs. Bohur, Capt.

Stillwell, Misses Knight, Mr. Child, Mr. Boyes, Mr. E. Coleman and Miss Phillips, Mr. Rayment, C.C., Miss Rayment, Mr. G. M. Felton, Misses Felton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lake, Mr. Lake, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Fulger, Mr. and Mrs. Glover, Mr. Clutch, and Mr. and Mrs. Leage, Mr. Woodman, Mrs. May, Mrs. Baker, Capt. Wilkins, Capt. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Scard, Mr. Barron, C.C., Mr. Noon, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Anderson, Capt. Doggett, Mr. and Misses Thompson, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. McBryde, Mr. Caligari and Miss Caligari, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Freshwater, Mr. Edgar Baylis, Mr. R. Pearce and Mrs. Cappe, and Mr. and Mrs. Pillely.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons for the Province of Bristol was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, recently, under the presidency of V.W. Bro. W. A. F. Powell, D.P.G.M. and P.G. Deacon of England, in the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. There was a large gathering of the brethren of the province. After the transaction of the various items of Masonic business, Bro. Dr. Bryant, P.P.G.S.W., addressing the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Powell), alluded in feeling and graceful terms to the great services which he had rendered to the province, especially in promoting the purchase of the new hall and adapting it in so admirable a manner for the purposes of Freemasonry. He concluded by calling on Bro. J. F. Norris, the Provincial Grand Registrar, who asked the D.P.G.M. to accept a beautifully illuminated copy of the following address:

To the Very Worshipful William Augustus Frederick Powell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Bristol.

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother,—At a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on the 31st day of January, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878, it was proposed by the Worshipful Bro. Samuel Bryant, P.G.W., and seconded by the Worshipful Bro. Samuel Taylor, P.P.G.W., P.G.T., and carried unanimously—"That it is desirable that a portrait of the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. William Augustus Frederick Powell, should be painted and hung in the Freemasons' Hall with those of other eminent Masons of the province, and that the Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens for the year, with the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges, be requested to act as a committee (with power to add to their number) and make the necessary arrangements to carry out this resolution."

The above resolution was in due course brought before the lodges of the province, and great gratification and pleasure were expressed by all the brethren that, after thirty-seven years' connection with the province—during five-and-twenty of which you have held the distinguished position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master—an opportunity was afforded them of testifying their high appreciation of the generous and valuable services you have so constantly rendered to the Craft in general and to the province under your government in particular.

The portrait which has to-night been uncovered will serve to remind us of one to whom the whole province owes a deep debt of gratitude.

The address, of which we beg your acceptance, will, we trust, preserve to you the memory of the brethren with whom you have been associated in kindly, cordial, and fraternal relations.

Humbly beseeching the Great Architect to grant you many years of health and strength, and to have you at all times in His Holy keeping, we remain, on behalf of the subscribers and for ourselves, yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN F. NORRIS, P.G.R.

R. MONTAGUE WORLOCK, P.G. Sec.

January 30th, 1880.

The unveiling of the portrait of Bro. Powell was greeted with hearty applause.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. S. E. Taylor (who, like Bro. Powell, had held his present office for twenty-three consecutive years), warmly supported the remarks of Bro. Bryant, and at his suggestion the brethren rose from their seats and greeted the D.P.G.M. with enthusiastic applause.

The D.P.G.M., in replying, referred at length to the circumstances under which the hall had been obtained, and, in well chosen terms, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the compliment paid to him and for the support which they had afforded him during his long tenure of office. It may be added that the portrait, which is a three-quarter length of life size, is a striking likeness, and portrays Bro. Powell in Masonic costume. It now hangs on the wall of the principal lodge room between that of the late Bro. G. Master, Bro. Major Shute, and that of the father of Bro. Powell, who for many years held the office which his son has since filled. Besides those already mentioned, portraits of many other well-known and esteemed brethren adorn the walls of the lodge, amongst others those of Bros. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of England; Dunkerley, G.M.; Joshua Springer, D.P.G.M.; Husenbeth, D.P.G.M.; and Richard Smith, D.P.G.M. The room also contains two fine pictures of Michael Angelo and St. John the Baptist, while in the ceiling of the vestibule are four paintings by West, R.A., which were removed from the former hall in Bridge-street, now the head-quarters of the Liberal Association.

The (*Masonic Magazine*) for February is now ready, price 6d. It may be obtained of any bookseller or newsagent, or direct from the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at Basingstoke, on the 30th ult., when there were present: M.E. Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.Z.; W. Hichman, H.; G. S. Lancaster, J.; R. Gue, P.P.G.J.; H. Cawte, P.P.G.J.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.E.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.G.S.N.; H. Hacker, P.G.S.N.; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; R. Osborne, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Bowyer, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Willmott, P.P.G. St. B.; F. Powell, P.G.D.C.; Comps. T. Francis, S.E. 804; H. Stone, 723; A. Portsmouth, Z. 694; J. Dew, P.Z. 694; J. W. Lamb, H. 694; F. Newman, Z. 175; Rev. J. U. Palmer, J. 175; C. B. Whitcomb, H. 903; G. P. Arnold, S.N. 342; T. P. Palsgrave, S.N. 487; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, 394; J. Gibson, 694; H. T. Thatcher, 694; J. Kearsy, 694; J. Harvey, 694; W. Parson, H. 694; G. Lear, P.S. 694; V. Brown, J. 903; and other companions. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last chapter, the accounts, showing a balance of £64, were adopted, and Comp. Frost unanimously elected as P.G. Treasurer. A sum of £10 10s. was voted to each of the three Masonic Charities, and the officers appointed as follows:—

Comp. W. Hichman, 130	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. Dew, 694	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. E. Le Feuvre, 394	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. Newman, 175	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. P. Arnold, 342	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" V. Brown, 903	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" T. Francis, 804	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" M. E. Frost, 487	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Stone, 723	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. T. Thatcher, 694	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. P. Palsgrave, 487	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Powell, 903	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. Osborne, 487	...	...	Prov. G.O.
" T. Biggs, 130	}	...	Prov. G. Janitors.
" T. Exell, 487			

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. James Brett, William Stephens, G. Bolton, C. G. Dilley, James Kench, Baron de Ferrieres, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, Nathl. Geo. Philips, H. S. Somerville Burney, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Smith (Prov. G.S. W. Yorks.), Raynham W. Stewart, William Clarke, Jno. G. Stevens, S. Rawson, Thos. Cubitt, Wm. Hilton, Wm. Hale, S. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, Fredk. Adlard, Charles Frederick Hogard, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the deaths of five male and two female annuitants. He then reported the result of the festival of Monday last, at which the Earl of Zetland presided. On that occasion subscriptions were announced to the amount of £12,005 16s. 6d. with thirteen lists to come in. Four of such lists had since been received, producing over £80. With the remaining lists he anticipated that there would be altogether £200 in addition to the sum announced on Monday.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., a vote of thanks was passed to the Earl of Zetland for presiding at the festival.

On the motion of Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, seconded by Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., a vote of thanks was passed to the President of the Board of Stewards and the Board of Stewards (228), for the great exertions made by them to insure the comfort and pleasure of the visitors, and increase the funds of the Institution.

Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.G., President, acknowledged the vote, and said the Stewards were very much gratified that their exertions had been so satisfactory.

The Warden's report was then read, in which Bro. Norris recorded the celebration of his birthday, when he attained the 90th year of his age, and informed the Committee of the presents which had been made to him on that occasion by some of the brethren. The report also stated that Bro. G. R. Green had given his gratuitous entertainment of *Enoch Arden* and *Rome*, which had been much enjoyed by the inmates of the Institution.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. G. R. Green for this entertainment.

Bro. Terry then read a letter from Bro. Norris, Warden, in which he thanked the brethren for having remembered his birthday, and expressed the pleasure he had experienced on the day when it was kept. He also stated that the enjoyment of the day would never be forgotten by him and his family.

Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Secretary West Yorkshire, enquired whether there was any possibility of getting increased accommodation for the offices of the Institution at Freemasons' Hall.

The Chairman said there was property next Freemasons' Hall which had been purchased, and the matter was now in the hands of the architect. The Building Committee would meet that week, or very shortly, to decide upon plans which would give greater accommodation.

Bro. Terry read the balance-sheet, which showed considerable funds in hand.

The Chairman then said that from the statement that had been read, and from the satisfactory result of the festival on Monday, he thought it was the duty of the Institution to increase the number of its annuitants. In

making that proposition he would preface it with the remark which he had made on a previous occasion, that of course this large number of annuitants would not be maintained if the resources of the Institution fell off. That must be thoroughly understood, though he did not anticipate there would be a falling off. He, however, threw out the observation now, lest in a year or two the funds should fall short. He would, therefore, move that ten more women be elected, which would make twenty-three vacancies for women; and five more men, which would make eighteen vacancies for men. There would then be forty-one vacancies in all at the next election, for which there were seventy-nine candidates. If the deaths of any existing annuitants took place in the meantime they would have to be filled up at the election.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded the motion, as he had always contended that it was no use having the money if they did not employ it.

Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Secretary West Yorkshire, supported the motion. It was far better to increase the number of annuitants than to raise the amount of the annuities. He hoped they would hear no more about increasing the annuities to £50.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with Bro. H. Smith, but this was the first time he had heard of the proposition to increase the annuities.

Bro. Smith said he had heard it many times. Bro. W. Hale: Not at this board. The motion was then carried.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity was granted.

Bro. Terry read the circular from the London and Westminster Bank conveying the intelligence that it had been resolved to turn it into a bank with limited liability. The Committee then separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

A few weeks ago we published an account from the pen of Comp. Whythead of the doings of Royal Arch Masons in the ancient city of York a hundred and twenty years ago, and now we have to record a grand field day of members of the Supreme Degree under the shadow of the grand old towers of St. Peter, the patron saint of that cathedral, so curiously associated with both ancient and modern Masonry.

The Eboracum Lodge, whose activity is notorious in the Masonic world, having been in existence a little over three years, has had a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it, and on Wednesday, the 28th ult., the ceremony of constitution and consecration was conducted by the Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire, Dr. J. P. Bell, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. The founders of the Eboracum Chapter had from the first looked forward to the first chair being filled by Bro. Thos. Cooper, who was the first Master of the Eboracum Lodge, and who had three times served the office of Z. in the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, but, as recorded in our columns, the G.A.O.T.U. has removed that distinguished brother during last year from the scene of his earthly labours, and Comp. T. B. Whythead, as the senior member of the lodge, was selected as the Z. designate, the second and third chairs being assigned respectively to Comps. J. S. Cumberland and P. H. Rowland, P.Z.

At 3 o'clock p.m. the companions assembled in the ante-room, when light refreshments were provided, and the Provincial Officers proceeded to open a chapter in the lodge room. The Grand Superintendent then entered and proceeded at once to perform the ceremonies of the day, in which he was assisted by Ex. Comps. Sir James Meek, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Porritt, Prov. G.H.; J. Todd, Prov. G.J.; Melvor Murray, Prov. G.N.; and other distinguished companions, Comp. T. B. Whythead presiding at the organ. The delicate state of health of the Grand Superintendent making it necessary for him to retire from the chapter at the conclusion of the consecration, he was accorded the thanks of the assembled companions, but before retiring he addressed a few remarks to those present, in which he touched upon the early history of the Degree, its origin and progress, and expressed a firm belief that the Eboracum Chapter would be worked in such a manner as to reflect credit on the province and on its founders.

The ceremony of installation of the Three Principals was then proceeded with, and was carried out by Ex. Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., Prev. G.J., with great excellence. On the re-admission of the members, the following companions were invested with their collars of office: Comps. James Kay, S.E.; Matthew Millington, P.S.; J. T. Seller, 1st Asst. Soj.; and A. T. B. Turner, 2nd Asst. Soj.

The M.E.Z. then spoke of the pleasure it had afforded them to see amongst them their Grand Superintendent, who, in spite of bad health, had contrived to be present, and read several letters from companions in all parts of the county who were unable to attend, some through illness, and others who were at the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire that day at Pontefract, and concluded by proposing the election of the Grand Superintendent (Comp. Dr. Bell), and Ex. Comps. W. H. Porritt, Prov. G.H.; J. Todd, Prov. G.J.; and M. C. Peck, Prov. G.S.E., as honorary members, which was carried unanimously. A number of names of candidates for exaltation were then proposed and seconded, and the chapter was closed.

The members afterwards entertained their visitors at a "high tea," where the good things were thoroughly enjoyed.

At 7 p.m. the party adjourned to the Masonic Hall, where the Zetland Chapter (attached to the York Lodge, No. 236) was holding its annual meeting for the election of officers. The Three Principals, Ex. Comps. Sir James Meek, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, and Geo. Balmford were

in their chairs, and two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree. The election of officers resulted as follows: Comps. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Z.; Geo. Balmford, H.; J. M. Meek, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hollins, S.E.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M., S.N.; A. Buckle, P.S. Comp. J. Redfare was elected Janitor. A committee, consisting of the Three Principals, the S.E., the P.S., and Comps. J. Todd and T. B. Whythead, was appointed to make preparations for the reception of the Prov. Grand Chapter which will meet in May next under the banner of the Zetland Chapter.

At 10 p.m. the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which a few of the principal toasts were drunk, and a pleasant time was experienced.

Among those present at the consecration of the Eboracum Chapter we noticed, in addition to those already named, Comps. Rev. W. Valentine, 236; J. Ward, Prov. G. Janitor; G. Balmford, J. 236; G. Simpson; R. Cundall, 250; J. Hanly, 555 (I.C.); T. Gibson, P.Z. 289; W. Rowley, 289; C. Pallisser, 236; J. Redfare, 236; E. Houlden, P.P.G.S.B., 236; J. Blake, 216; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, 236, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Watson, Z. 734; Qr.-Mr.-Sgt. Somerset, 555; and Sgt.-Major Harris, 555.

At the meeting of the Zetland Chapter in the evening we noticed, in addition to the above, Comps. J. G. Turner, S.E.; M. Rook, T. S. Camidge; C. D. Barstow, J. Tisserman, A. Hanson, G. Cattell, J. Fairburn, G. C. Lee, G. Kirby, T. J. Wilson, W. Draper, T. G. Hodgson, S. Border, J. Ayres, Rev. C. E. Camidge, 154; H. Smith, 137; H. Smith, 837; W. B. Jackson, 124; and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE FOREST LODGE (No. 1852.)

The ceremony of consecration of this lodge was performed at the Town Hall, Mansfield, on Monday last, by W. Bro. Watson, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Newton, P.G.S.W., and Fitzhugh, P.G.T.W.; T. Mitchell, P.G.D.C.; C. G. Wragg, P.G.S., and the other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Notts. The visitors on the occasion were very numerous, and comprised representatives from nearly all the lodges in the province, besides many from lodges in the neighbouring provinces. It is impossible to give a complete list of the visitors, which numbered more than 150, but amongst them were Bros. J. Watson, D.P.G.M., 402; M. Vawles, 411, 1405, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Newton, P.G.S.W.; A. Mitchell, P.G.D.C.; Rev. F. V. Bussell, P.G.C.; S. Job, 402, W.M.; Rev. C. G. Paget, P.P.C.D.S. 357; J. Hall, P.G.P., 47 and 1435; A. J. Field, 1434 W.M.; R. Fitzhugh, P.G.S.W.; B. Stiebel, 1434, P.M.; F. W. Brooksbank, 1434; R. G. Hanson, 411, P.G.A.D.C.; D. W. Heath, 1435, W.M.; H. Greenhalgh, 402, P.G.S.D.; W. A. Richards, P.G.R.; J. Black, 47 W.M.; Sir James Oldknow; S. Jackson, 1794, 47 P.M.; J. Farnsworth, 1493, P.M.; R. C. Sullon, 47; J. W. Turner, P.G.S.B.; C. G. Wragg, P.G. Sec.; J. Hack, P.G. Treas.; J. H. Bradwell, 1405 and 47, P.M.; W. Curtis, P.G. Steward; W. F. Bromley, P.G. Steward; H. Wyld, 1493, W.M.; W. Sibley, 1493, P.M.; G. W. Bellaby, P.M., and many others.

The musical arrangements were most excellent, and under the care of Bro. W. Wright, P.G.O. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony Bro. T. Mitchell, P.G.D.C., P.M. 1405, installed Bro. Andrew Lawson as W.M. The following brethren were next appointed to office: Bros. W. Sibley, S.W.; G. H. Hibbert, J.W.; T. Fisher, S.D.; H. T. Heath, J.D.; J. Watt, Treas.; J. Linney, Sec.; A. H. Dyer, I.G.; J. Sansom, Steward; and J. W. Fisher, J. Steward. Propositions for joining and initiation were read, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel to banquet.

After the banquet, the usual toasts having been proposed and responded to, with the usual honours given to the names of the Grand Officers, the W.M. proposed "The R.W.P.G.M., the Duke of St. Albans, the D.P.G.M. W. Bro. J. Watson, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present." He took occasion to refer to the services rendered by the Duke of St. Albans, and his readiness to assist in any work that would tend to the prosperity of Masonry in general, and the province in particular. The province was equally fortunate in having for Deputy Bro. John Watson, and after alluding to the services he had rendered at a time when the P.G.M. was not so attentive to his duties as now, concluded by wishing him many years of life and many consecrations to preside over.

Bro. Watson, in replying, said he could return thanks with pleasure indeed if it had been the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge without himself, for he felt himself surrounded by a body of Masons of which any province might be proud. The Masonic work undertaken that day, and the manner in which it had been done, must have been of the highest gratification to all present. The lecture by the Chaplain, the music by the Organist, and the ceremonial arrangements of the Director of Ceremonies—and in fact the whole of the ceremonial—had been gone through with an impressiveness and correctness which he thought it impossible to surpass. To the officers and brethren of the Forest Lodge he gave sound advice, cautioning them from the too free introduction of new members. The difficulties of a lodge in a small town like this where ordinary acts were looked upon with suspicion, and gossip often led to disunity, were great. Black-balling he detested, and it behoved every member of the lodge to give no cause for its exercise. A member of a lodge should remember that the first qualification of a candidate should be truth and honesty, and in a town like this such should be the only qualification, station in life should not be considered. He hoped the W.M. would preside over the lodge happily, and that its prosperity would repay him for his exertions on its behalf.

The W.M. in proposing the next toast referred to his



pleasure in becoming Master of the lodge, a position which was to him unsought for and unexpected. He intended to do his best to secure the success of the lodge, and hoped his officers and brethren would adequately support him. He asked leave to propose "The Health of Bro. Sir Jas. Oldknow," whose genial face was so well known, and whose character so well appreciated, that it would be but trespassing on their time to eulogise a man of whom he could say nothing that would not fall short of their good opinions.

Bro. Sir James Oldknow thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and assured the brethren he had the good of Masonry at heart and hoped the Forst Lodge would be successful and prosperous.

Bro. Newton, in proposing "The Installing Master, Bro. Mitchell" said they all knew it was a very easy matter to perform the part they had just been doing, and required no great ability to understand the duties of a Mason as to refreshment, but the other part of Masonry was not so simple. It was only those who looked upon Masonry as a science that could come to any great honour in their Masonic career. Bro. Mitchell had evidently studied Masonry with his whole heart, and the ability with which he performed the various ceremonials, and his complete knowledge of the ritual of all the offices he undertook showed great credit due to him.

Bro. T. Mitchell said that for the flattering encomiums which had been showered on his head he begged to thank them. He had only tried to perform his duty as a Mason, and if he had been successful he was pleased indeed. It was with the greatest amount of pleasure and pride he undertook any office. Masonic principles were such that would help to make every Mason a good and happy man. The sermon they had heard that day, and the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed, had, he hoped, left as deep an impression upon them as it had made on him. He would beg that the lessons taught in the lodge might not be forgotten and laid aside with the Masonic clothing. A Mason ought to show by his life that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name, or an Order that used certain cabalistic signs and symbols—that it was something beyond mere form and higher than conviviality. The lessons taught by Freemasonry were meant to be carried out in actual life, and if they were every man would be both happier and better. Masonic principles and practices were calculated to elevate mankind, and to soften down the disparities of temper and smooth the intercourse between man and man. A man who had undertaken the obligations of Masonry if he could not fulfil them should retire from a society to which he had no right to belong. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would guide the new undertaking at which they had been assisting that day.

Bro. Hibbert next proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Vowles.

Bro. Rev. F. V. Bussell next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said if there were nothing else a Mason might be proud to look upon the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the grand Benevolent Institution which he helped to support. He had told them that day, and repeated it again, that the benefit of charity was for not only those who received but those who gave.

Bro. Bradwell next proposed "The Visiting Masters of Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. D. W. Heath.

A special train was engaged to convey the visiting brethren along the route to Nottingham, and in consequence of the early hour at which they had to leave many toasts on the list were abandoned.

#### NEW CONCORD LODGE BALL.

The fourth annual ball of this flourishing lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday last, the 10th inst., and was numerously attended, about 150 ladies and gentlemen being present, amongst whom we noticed:—

Bros. R. R. Harper, W.M., President; S. George, S.W., Vice-President; W. Stead, I.P.M.; T. Bartlett, P.M.; J. Taylor, J. Thomas, W. Pierpoint, J. Stilwell, A. J. Potter, P. Harnett, B. P. Todd, Miss Todd, Bro. H. John, Mrs. John, Bro. J. Bolton, Miss Laura Killick, Bro. H. M. Levy, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Bro. J. T. Sinclair, Miss Marian Killick, Mr. R. Conder, Mrs. Clayton, F. Swales, Miss Ledger, Bros. H. J. Dean, H. J. Allardyce, and H. Blyther, Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs, Miss Fanny Johnson, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

Dancing commenced at half-past nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until half-past twelve, when the company adjourned to a cold collation, admirably served in the Crown Room, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, the indefatigable manager, and to which the company did ample justice.

Bro. R. R. Harper, W.M. of the lodge, to whose exertions much of the success of the evening is due, presided.

The usual toasts were given briefly but effectively; Mr. H. Hall acting as toastmaster. The first toast was "The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was as usual heartily received. Then followed "The Stewards," proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. Harper, who congratulated himself upon having such energetic brethren as Stewards, to them mainly depended the great success which had attended the fourth annual ball. This toast, which was responded to in neat terms by Bro. George, was followed by "The Health of the President, Bro. R. R. Harper, W.M. of the Lodge," for which that worthy brother returned thanks in appropriate terms. The toast of "The Ladies" was conjoined with the name of Bro. R. Johnson (the efficient M.C. of the evening), who responded on their behalf in a pleasing and humorous manner. The company then returned to the ball room, where dancing was continued

until the small hours of the morning, when all separated delighted with the music, and the entire proceedings of the evening.

#### RAVENSBORNE LODGE BALL.

The members of the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, brought their noble lodge room into good use by giving a Masonic ball on the 6th inst. to their friends and their wives and families. Twenty-two Stewards were appointed from the lodge members, and only the personal friends of those Stewards were admitted, the consequence being that the company was a very select one. The lodge is held at Lewisham Town Hall, Catford Bridge, S.E., and the members of the Lewisham District Board of Works granted the use of the rooms on certain conditions—to the interest of both parties. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and the refreshments were plentiful and all that could be desired. Sibold's "City of London Band," led by Bro. Sibold, gave great satisfaction to about 200 dancers.

Much praise is due to the Chairman of Stewards, Bro. C. W. Thompson, and to Bro. A. G. Hennell, the acting Secretary, for the successful manner in which everything connected with the ball was carried out.

Amongst the brethren we noticed Bros. C. W. Thompson, A. G. Hennell, Dr. Wilkinson, Wm. George Lemon, T. W. Williams, Francis Burdett (of Blackheath), Edwin Howard, Benjamin Horton, Wm. Bach Roberts, Leopold Stiebel, Alfred Thompson, F. E. Wilkinson, G. W. Murnane, Samuel Edwards, John Carline, John Claricoats, Edward Hancock, J. M. Collins, Wm. George Hunter, Wm. Wilkins, Chas. J. C. Pawley, James Waterman, Rev. Taylor Jones, A. L. Elborough, Ferrand Davies, Edward Charles Davies, Edward Terry, R. J. S. Beeton, Magnus Ohren, and many others, who with their wives and families amounted to about 200. It need scarcely be added that the ladies were highly pleased with the ball, and many a wish was expressed that it might become an annual lodge meeting devoted to the ladies, and from the favourable reception it received from the brethren it would not be surprising to find a rule added to their bye-laws to the effect that one evening per annum should be so devoted, and as all surplus is to be devoted to the lodge Benevolent Fund, which already amounts to considerably over £100, the ball meeting would be a very desirable one.

A special dispensation was obtained for Masonic clothing, but every one was cautioned that he could only wear Craft clothing, and the Stewards saw that this was strictly carried out.

The Stewards' ball favours and the dance cards were much admired.

#### THE DISCOVERIES AT CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

The following appeared in the *Egyptian Gazette*, of January 26th, a copy of which we have received through the courtesy of Mr. T. L. Smith, of this city:—

"Rumours having been circulated of interesting discoveries having been made in the foundations of Cleopatra's Needle, we addressed ourselves to Capt. Goringe, Lieut. Commander U.S. Navy, and he has been courteous enough to supply us with a very full account of the discoveries he has made, which we believe will prove of interest to a large number of our readers. The importance of the find will be evident to the Masonic world."

Alexandria, January 22nd, 1880.

Dear Sir,—In compliance with your request, I take pleasure in furnishing you with the following statement:—

The two steps next below the pedestal are hewn out of blocks of yellowish limestone, very hard, containing crystals and fossils; the steps are in six pieces, which were fastened together and to the foundation by iron "dogs," surrounded with lead. Three blocks were found enclosed by the two upper steps; two are of hard limestone; the other is a piece of Syenite granite, having all of its sides carefully dressed, and its angles right angles. It is forty-two inches square; it stood in the east angle of foundation, immediately under the east angle of the pedestal; and it was laid with a yellowish cement, while all other parts of the foundation were laid with white mortar. The lower step is formed of eighteen pieces of hard limestone; the pieces were fastened together in the same manner as those forming the upper steps. The space enclosed by these eighteen pieces contained several blocks of hard limestone and one piece of softer limestone of exceptional purity and freedom from spots. This piece stood immediately under the block of Syenite granite above mentioned, and on another piece of Syenite granite in the tier next below. Adhering to the upper surface of the hard limestone block adjoining this piece there is an iron trowel, very much oxidized, but retaining its form sufficiently well to be recognised at a glance. The block of granite on which the piece of softer limestone stood extended across the foundation; the upper part is cut to form a perfect square; the long section of the square was nearly parallel with the S.E. edge of the foundation and lay close to the pieces that formed it. The outer edges of the square measured 102 and 51 inches; the long section is 17½ inches; the short section 19½ inches wide; the block out of which it is cut is 21½ inches thick; the surfaces of the square are polished, and there is a moulding at the angle formed by its inner side with the lower part of the block. In the same tier touching the short section, in the west angle of the foundation, there was another block of Syenite granite, differing from all other pieces of the foundation and steps in having the upper surface very irregular, the sides not parallel, and the angles different. The forms and positions of the three blocks of Syenite granite leave no doubt

as to their purpose and meaning. The piece of soft limestone, differing as it does from all other pieces of the foundation in thickness, and being of such exceptional purity, must have been intended as an emblem. The trowel may have been left where it was found accidentally, but the presumption is strongly in favour of its having been placed there; and it is as well to state that it is the last of the emblems discovered up to this time. Three other Masonic emblems, less noticeable, but equally significant in their forms and positions, were found. One of the sides of the block that formed the east angle of the lower step has a diamond-shaped slot cut into it without a corresponding aperture in the adjacent block. One of the angles of a block that formed one of the tier next below the lower step has a spiral cut on each side so as to represent the capital of an Ionic column. The key stone of the tier next below this has certain marks on the sides that cannot have been accidentally cut by workmen. The obelisk was erected nineteen hundred and three years ago; all of the emblems must have been placed in the foundation prior to its erection, for to have placed them there since then the obelisk and pedestal must first have been removed. As it was raining nearly the whole time while the steps and foundations were being removed the pieces forming them were and still are covered with mud. Probably other marks will be discovered when they have been cleaned and more closely examined. The steps and foundation will be removed and replaced in New York exactly in the positions they were found, each piece having been numbered to correspond with numbers on a drawing that was made before the pieces were removed.—I am, very sincerely, yours, HENRY H. GORRINGE, Lieutenant Commander U.S. Navy.

#### Obituary.

THE LATE R.W. BRO. WILLIAM CLARK, M.I.C.E., P.M. OF LODGE STAR IN THE EAST, No. 67, AND P.S.G.W. OF BENGAL.

The death of this distinguished member of the Craft will be deeply mourned by a large number of the brethren in India, to whom he had endeared himself during a residence there of nearly a quarter of a century. Having suffered for about six months from a liver affection, the germs of which were doubtless laid in the country to which he had devoted the best days of his life, Bro. Clark died at his residence at Surbiton, on the 22nd of last month, at the age of only fifty-eight years. He has left a widow and five daughters to mourn their loss.

The deceased brother was a native of Colchester, where he was greatly respected and esteemed by a large circle who have marked with pride and satisfaction the honorable career of their old friend and townsman. Educated at King's College, London, Bro. Clark gave early promise of those eminent personal and professional endowments which won for him the distinguished place he held among those who have really laboured for the good of India. Early in his professional career Bro. Clark held for three years the appointment of engineer to the Corporation of Hull. In 1853 he was selected for the post of chief engineer to the East Indian Railway Company, and then proceeded to India. Shortly afterwards his services were transferred to the Calcutta Municipality as superintending engineer of the works connected with the drainage and water supply of that city. This was the chief labour of his most useful career, and the effect of the various schemes prepared by him and carried out under his direction was such an improvement of the sanitary condition of Calcutta, that the decrease of mortality has been estimated at over twenty per cent. In 1874 he was deputed to the Southern Presidency, where he likewise drew up a scheme for the drainage of Madras, and two years afterwards he was selected by the Colonial Office and appointed by the Government of New South Wales to advise and report upon the water supply and drainage of Sydney. During a residence of two years in the Australian Colonies he prepared several schemes of the like description, embracing the towns of Port Adelaide, Newcastle, Bathurst, Goulbourn, Orange, Maitland, Brisbane, and subsequently Christ Church, Wellington, and other places in New Zealand.

The late Bro. William Clark was an earnest and most popular ruler in the Craft. In 1863 he was W.M. of Lodge Star in the East, No. 67, and in the following year he filled one of the Principals' chairs in the District Grand Chapter. He was also a Past Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. In the discharge of all his duties, in Masonry as well as in private life, his manifold social virtues, together with his manly and generous influence and example, will be long remembered by many of all classes, European and Indian, who always found in him a valuable counsellor and friend. Our brethren of Star in the East Lodge will be interested to learn that their venerable lodge was represented at the funeral by one of their Past Masters, the Rev. Dr. George Octavius Wray, who was for many years a companion and colleague of our departed brother in Calcutta, and more recently in this country.

#### BRO. EDWARD BOOTH.

Hampshire Freemasons generally, not less than many of the Craft resident in this immediate neighbourhood, will hear with great regret of the death, at Southampton, on Friday, the 7th inst., of Bro. Edward Booth, long known as an active and one of the best read and most intelligent Freemasons in the province, of which he was made Junior Grand Warden a few years since, following his appointment to a minor provincial office some years before that. Bro. Booth was a man of iron constitution, strong will, thorough earnestness, and indomitable perseverance. It must be some twenty years ago since he attained the proud

position of Worshipful Master of the old and influential Royal Gloucester Lodge, following which he passed successively all the chairs in some of the local chapters in Arch Masonry. His extensive knowledge in these departments, as an intimate friend of the late Bro. Slade, who was a contemporary of and knew the celebrated Bro. Gilkes, one of the settlers of the Masonic ritual following the union of the Grand Lodges in the second decade of the present century, led him to be resorted to by Masons from far and near for instruction; and for some years he was generally recognised locally as one of the very few Past Masters and Past Principals who could be depended upon, at a moment's notice, to undertake the installations in Craft or Arch Masonry—a duty whose frequent discharge at Salisbury, amongst other places, several years since led the brethren to elect him an honorary member of the lodge in that city. Following a severe illness of a rheumatic character several years since, which entirely laid him aside, his Southampton brethren presented him with a congratulatory address and purse of gold in recognition of his worth as a Mason and townsman. It had long been too plain that from this illness Bro. Booth never entirely recovered, and the late severe weather no doubt hastened the end of a life which his surviving widow and large family, chiefly of daughters, have the satisfaction of reflecting was one eminently useful, honourable, and serviceable to his fellow men.

**BRO. WILLIAM HENRY LINDUS.**

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. William Henry Lindus, which happened on the 31st ult. at his residence at Penge. He was initiated in the Globe Lodge many years ago, and at the time of his death was Senior P.M. (one of the founders) and Secretary of the Stanhope Lodge, 1269, Senior P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Stanhope Chapter attached; also P.M. of Lodge La Tolerance, 538, and P.Z. of the Vane Chapter attached. He was apparently in his usual health until the Monday previous to his death, and had officiated as a Scrutineer on the Saturday on which the new Grand Secretary was invested. He had been an active working Mason, and at different times had been the Preceptor of lodges of instruction. Amongst others the Stanhope Lodge of Instruction, and the West Kent Lodge of Improvement were established by him, and the strict Emulation working was at all times insisted upon. He was formerly a regular attendant at the Emulation, and old members will learn the sad news of his death with regret.

**BRO. FRANCIS HICKSON.**

On Friday morning week Bro. Francis Hickson, S.W. Lodge of Faith, No. 581, Openshaw, near Manchester, left his residence, No. 50, Mornington-street, Longsight, apparently in his usual health, to go by early train on a journey. On arriving at the railway station he felt so unwell that he determined to return home; on arriving there he instructed his housekeeper to go for the doctor, saying he felt very ill. In twenty minutes the medical gentleman arrived, only in time to assist our brother on the couch, when he, without saying anything except, "Oh dear, I am dying," breathed his last. The body was conveyed by road from Manchester to Congleton for interment on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at St. Stephen's Church, Moor Lane. Bros. T. Tyers, P.M.; H. Darbyshire, P.M.; J. C. Brown, Treasurer; and E. Bradburn, represented the Lodge of Faith, and took leave of their departed brother in the usual Masonic manner. Bro. Hickson was in every respect a worthy man, and a Mason beloved by all who knew him. By his death the Lodge of Faith has sustained a great loss; he was ambitious in the Craft, studied well the duties of the several offices he had filled so ably and so creditably, and in him the brethren were confident they had a future good and able Master. Congleton being twenty-six miles from Manchester, and the funeral taking place on market day, is a reason why a great many of the brethren could not attend the interment. Bro. Hickson leaves only one child, a girl fourteen years old, he having buried his wife in July last in the grave he now occupies. He was forty-five years of age.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**BRO. GOULD'S "ATHOLL LODGES."**

I take the opportunity of forwarding a note on one of the above lodges. Had I known in time that Bro. Gould was wanting such a register, I should have forwarded it to him. Page 51—No. 267, Old Globe Inn, Scarborough-row, 200. The records of this lodge commence in February, 1788. Probably under dispensation, the first warrant was issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire (Moderns), and is dated 23rd August, A.L. 5788. Richard S. Milnes, P.G.M.; John Watson, G.T.; Charles Wilson, G.S. In 1791 the members petitioned for a warrant under the Ancients, which is dated 5th March, 1791, Earl of Antrim, G.M.; R. Leslie, G.S., and a dispensation bearing the same date was granted, empowering Bro. Thomas Macklin,\* Royal Archman, to form and hold a Grand Lodge for the purpose of constituting the lodge. Bro. James Dibbie was the W. Master. The lodge paid dues to the Prov. G.L. and to the G.L. "Ancients" up to 1794, and they do not appear to have thrown off their allegiance to the "Moderns" till 1796, when the No. 267 first appears in the minute books. On April 4th, 1798, a letter was sent to the G.L. "Moderns" requesting the erasure of this lodge from their books. The lodge was first named the "The Globe," and was No. 531; in 1792, altered to 440. It was not known as the "Old Globe" Lodge till 1797, though it is given as such in the lists of modern lodges before this date.

T. F.

\* Who is this Thomas Macklin? Was he one of the

shining lights of the "Ancients" in the northern counties? Perhaps Bro. Gould can tell us something about him. His name may, perhaps, be found in the G.L. Register under No. 217, Provincial Grand Lodge of York, Chester and Lancashire.

T. F.

**Music.**

**HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**—Wagner's *Lohengrin* was produced last Saturday evening with, we should say, a moderate success. The house was crowded, and the leading artistes received with great applause, but without enthusiasm. As for the orchestra, under Mr. Randegger's direction, we cannot praise it too highly; it did its work most efficiently. Miss Julia Gaylord, as "Elsa," was not as we should have desired her to be, so was it with Miss York, as "Otrude." Though she is a perfect vocalist, she did not suggest to us the "Spirit of Evil," which character she represented. As for Herr Schott, his impersonation of "Lohengrin" was admirable; this conscientious artiste, gifted with a powerful and beautiful voice, certainly deserved the acclamations and recalls which rewarded his praiseworthy exertions. The minor parts were well sustained. The next performance will allow us to give a more appreciative opinion on this opera.

*The Lily of Killarney*, by Sir Julius Benedict, was performed last week. The house was not quite so full, very likely on account of the fog, which was so dense in the theatre as to render the proceedings invisible to those of the audience who happened to be far from the stage. However, the talent of the artistes was developed in an effective manner. Miss Julia Gayford sang with great feeling and expression, and acted the part of "Eily O'Connor" admirably and powerfully. Mr. Charles Lyall, as "Myles-na-Coppaleen," was encoored, so were Messrs. Cratty and Packard, who were much applauded in that popular duet, "The moon raised her lamp on high." Miss Josephine Yorke and Mr. Snazelle were likewise very well received, and all the minor parts of the opera were admirably sung, and heartily acknowledged by an audience who gave frequent proofs of their satisfaction.

**PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.**—The opening classical concert of this society took place on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at St. James's Hall, under the direction of Mr. Cusins. The programme commenced with Mr. Walter Macfarren's overture of "Hero and Leander." This masterly composition is entitled to a high rank among the ablest productions of classical music. It has some beautiful parts and was most effective in performance. Then followed the "Second Concerto" for violoncello and orchestra, by Signor Piatti. This clever composition has a sweet touch of Mendelssohn, especially in the last movement, an "allegro vivo alla tarantella." Signor Piatti's playing deserved the highest praise, and was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. Madame Montigny Remaury performed "Schumann's Concerto" in A minor (opus 54), on the pianoforte with great brilliancy and delicacy. Miss Robertson displayed to advantage her vocal capabilities in two songs, which brought a thunder of plaudits and recalls from the audience. The last performance in the programme was Goetz Frühlings' overture, a brilliant creation, very well rendered by the orchestra, and appreciated by the public.

**THE SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY** gave a performance of "St. Paul" on Friday evening. "St. Paul" is a classical work, and one of the finest productions of Mendelssohn's genius. The orchestra and chorus were under the direction of Sir Michael Costa. The vocalists were Mrs. Osgood, Miss Julia Elton, Mr. Santley, and Mr. Shakespeare; also Messrs. C. Henry and De Lacy. Mr. Santley sang "Consume them all" with great power and energy; and the aria, "O God have mercy upon me," was delightfully rendered by this clever baritone. Mrs. Osgood sang "Jerusalem! Jerusalem!" Miss Julia Elton, "But the Lord is mindful of His own," and Mr. Shakespeare a pathetic recitative with violoncello obligato. The hall was well attended, and all the artists, chorus, and orchestra were enthusiastically applauded.

VIOLINO.

**CEYLON ITEMS.**

Our elections have just taken place in the Colombo lodges, results of which you will see below. The Craft continues in a most flourishing state, and candidates come forward in steadily increasing numbers, while the cry is still they come. The new Scotch lodge, Bonnie Doon, has proved itself an exemplary addition to the brotherhood, and has revived the good old custom of holding a Masonic ball, which had been discontinued for some years. It is rumoured that the other lodges intend profiting by the example, a report which is much welcomed by the fair sex. St. John's Day will be celebrated by a service in Trinity Church, which the Sphinx Lodge will attend previous to the installation of the Master and officers, and in the evening there is to be a grand banquet at the principal hotel here, the Grand Oriental—particulars of this and any other matters of Masonic interest will be sent you in due course. The oldest lodge in the island, St. John, has been revived in Kandy, and is well-attended, so the remarkable reaction evinced by the Craft within the last three years is evidently one of a permanent character.

**MASONIC SONGS.**—A selection of MASONIC Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post-free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master has definitely fixed on Thursday, the 20th of May (Whit Thursday), for laying the foundation stone of the new Cathedral at Truro. It will be the first ceremony of the kind ever performed by H.R.H. in England as Grand Master of English Freemasons, and will be the first ecclesiastical building ever constructed under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England. His Royal Highness will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales, and will be the guest of Lord Falmouth, at Tregothnan.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at a meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, to be held on Monday next, the 16th inst., at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. J. G. Milbourn will preside on the occasion, and the lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

The fifth anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place at the Moorgate-street Station Restaurant, on Tuesday March 2nd, at half-past seven o'clock. Tickets and particulars may be obtained of Bro. W. M. Stiles, 7 Devonshire-street, West Kensington.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., will preside at the anniversary dinner of the German Hospital, Dalston, to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on April the 28th.

The Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, and the Cornhill Lodge, No. 1803, now meet at the King's Head Tavern, Fenchurch-street.

Bro. F. B. Chatterton announces that his annual benefit will take place at the Theatre Royal Covent Garden on Monday morning, February 23, on which occasion, many distinguished artists will appear. The performance will commence at 1.30.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, accompanied by the Duchess, have left Curzon-square, as is their usual custom at this season, for Biarritz, where they will remain till Easter.

The annual grand Masonic ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution took place at the Liverpool Town Hall, on Tuesday. A report of the ball will appear in our next issue.

Bro. Charles Smith, of the *Sunday Times*, P.M. 1441, and P. Soj. 1604, has been appointed and invested as I.P.M. of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 17th ult.

A third dramatic performance in aid of the Printers' Pension Corporation will take place towards the end of March. Bro. George Dawson, S.W. 1853, Mr. Edmund Routledge, and Mr. Philip Waterlow will conduct the undertaking.

The installation meeting of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, took place on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Henry James Johnson being placed in the chair of King Solomon. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

At a Court of the Haberdashers' Company, held on Monday last, Mr. Hugh Bertram Cox, of Christ Church, Oxford, son of Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, Past Grand Chaplain of England, was elected to a Clarke Exhibition, in the gift of the company.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., has, according to the "City Press," consented to nominate Bro. Churchwarden Altman, I.P.M. 1657, for the vacancy in the Common Council of Aldersgate Ward.

Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, the present lessees of the Alexandra Palace, have given notice of their intention to terminate their tenancy in May next.

We regret to say that for the last few days the Lord Mayor has been confined to the Mansion House with an attack of congestion of the lungs. He has been strictly enjoined by his medical advisers not to perform any duties of a public nature for the present, but it is hoped that he will soon be able to resume his public engagements.

The *Freeman's Journal* announces on authority that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has determined to give the sum of half a million sterling towards the amelioration of the condition of the distressed peasantry in the West of Ireland. It is not stated how this sum is to be applied.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has consented to act as Chairman of the Council of the Charity Organisation Society for the ensuing year.

The second edition of the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book*, containing lists of lodges, chapters, and every information relating to Freemasonry of every Degree, is now ready, price, post free, 2s. 1d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—(ADVT.)

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**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**

For the Week ending Friday, February 20, 1880.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.**

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Hot., Battersea.
- " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
- " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Ken. Oval.
- Mark 234, Brixton, S.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 16.**

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
- " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

K. T. Precep. 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

**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., Amhurst-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 17.**

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
- " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
- " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
- Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domatic, 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 Bldgs., 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 Edgcombe, 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 18.**

- Gen. Com. Grand Lodge.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
- " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq., S.W.
- " 1629, United, F.M.H.
- " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- Chap. 186, Industry, F.M.H.

Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**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, S.
- 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, Alwynne Castle, Highbury, 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.
- Zeland, Kings' Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
- " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
- " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
- " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1139, South Norwood, Singapore P. H., S. Norwd.
- " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
- " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
- " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.
- " 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-st., 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 Cranes 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 20.**

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
- " 1118, University, F.M.H.
- " 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**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 Alwynne 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 21, 1880.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.**

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.**

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, 86, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

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

Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.**

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 537, Zeland, M.C., Birkenhead.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
- De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
- " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
- " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- " 1229, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.**

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

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