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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

EMULATION LODGE (No. 21).—The ordinary meeting of this ancient red-apron lodge was held at the Albion on the 16th inst., Bro. George Watson, W.M., in the chair, who, during the evening, was unanimously elected to be presented to the Grand Master as Steward for next year's grand festival. There were present Bros. W. W. Williams, S.W.; Chas. Mansfield, J.W.; Thos. Taylor, Treas.; S. P. Norris, D. Clarke, J. Pointing, W. Wing, H. J. Godden, G. Singer, W. J. Vian, Thos. Meggy, Past Masters; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.M.; J. W. Abbott, S.D.; J. W. F. Brugmann, J.D.; H. C. Barker, I.G.; W. J. Botterill, H. C. Bruning, R. M. Sewell, A. Horne, J. W. Zambra, Edge, Thos. Peacock, Saml. Hill, W. Grellier, E. Gammon, S. Gammon, E. Matteredas, A. Haworth, and Robert Taylor, some of whom were visitors. The interest of the meeting was concentrated in the presentation during the banquet of an elegant and richly-chased silver tea and coffee service and a gold pencil case to the respected Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Taylor, who has been a member of the lodge since 1848, and succeeded his father, Bro. Joseph Taylor, in the office of Treasurer on his death in 1859, after upwards of forty years' membership of this lodge. The presentation plate bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Thomas Taylor, F.R.C.S., by members of the Lodge of Emulation, as a mark of their personal regard and esteem, 1880." Bro. W. Wing, the father of the lodge (his membership dates from 1837), made the presentation in graceful language, and Bro. Taylor responded in touching and appropriate terms, expressive of the sentiments he felt at this unexpected token of good feeling towards him.

LONDON LODGE (No. 108).—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present: Bros. H. W. Green, W.M.; C. J. St. Alphonse, S.W.; W. Giles, P.M., as J.W.; Raynham Stewart, P.M., &c., Treasurer; E. H. De Philippe, P.M., Secretary; James Edell, I.G.; G. A. Berkeley, D.C.; Marsh, Tyler; Past Masters Hyde Pullen, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, F. Giles, D. Rolls, and F. Snellgrove; E. B. Holloway, C. W. Tayleur, R. F. MacSwiney, Thos. Patrick, C. Morgan, W. Winter, and Dr. Deiry Jones. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Chappel, P.M. 7; H. G. Heald, P.M. 11; L. Ruf, P.M. 12; R. G. Durant, P.M. 1056; G. J. Montefiore, Dr. Ramsay, and J. E. Shand, S.W. 1563. Bro. Wilcock was passed to the Degree of F.C. in the usual impressive style by the W.M., Bro. Green. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Hyde Pullen acting Installing Master, which was rendered in his accustomed excellent manner, and Bro. Alphonse was duly placed in the chair of K.S., who invested his officers as follows: Bros. Smith, S.W.; Davidson, J.W. (both these officers being absent, they were invested by deputy); Green, I.P.M.; Raynham Stewart, Treasurer; Philippe, Secretary; J. Edell, S.D.; Holloway, J.D.; Tayleur, I.G.; Berkeley, D.C.; and Marsh, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Green for his very efficient and zealous services during the past year as W.M. Twenty guineas were voted for Bro. Stewart's list for the Girls' School. After this business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, the menu cards, a M.M.'s apron, being much admired. The usual toasts were duly honoured, including that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Hyde Pullen." The W.M. referred to the pleasure it afforded all to see the Treasurer, Bro. Stewart again among them, after a severe illness. "The Visitors" toast was associated with the names of Bros. Shand, S.W. City of Westminster Lodge, and Montefiore, who severally returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Edell, as S.W. With some capital songs by the brethren the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHERN (No. 145).—The fifth installation since the centenary festival of this old lodge took place on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. There were present Bros. J. H. Leggett, W.M.; D. Haslett, I.P.M.; W. R. Lister, S.W.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.W.; Thos. Bull, P.M., Treas.; Geo. States, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; C. A. Woods, S.D.; J. Chinnery, J.D.; A. Dawkerrell, I.G.; J. Curtis, D.C.; J. Reed, W.S.; H. Hall, Asst. W.S.; Grant, Tyler; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Chapman, M. Hart, C. V. Smith, W. V. May, J. E. Randell, J. Detraz, H. Brock, W. Walker, J. B. Lambe, J. G. Manby, J. Kennard, D. Frost, C. Pringle, F. Toomer, W. Wayre, A. Mears, W. A. Lefever, W. F. Ackhurst, H. Brooks, W. Wright, W. A. Dawson, W. B. Newson, C. Weeks, W. N. Sawyer, H. Deares, and others, and the following visitors: Bros. A. Wing, P.M.; J. G. Byrne, W. Woodward, J. Waugh, J. T. Briggs, P.M.; F. A. Warner, S. Godden, W.M. 862; W. Dawson, H. M. Levey, P.M.; H. W. Sudlow, J. D. Yates, W. Rudderforth, W.M. 1668; J. Green, P.M.; C. R. Jardine, P.M.; W. Burns, G.O.; C. M. Matthews. Bro. W. Valentine May was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. W. Robinson Lister, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented to the lodge, was duly installed into the chair by the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Leggett, and in such an efficient manner as to raise the entire approbation of the brethren present. The Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Leggett, I.P.M.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, S.W.; C. A. Woods, J.W.; Thos. Bull, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; J. Chinnery, S.D.; A. Daw Kerrell, J.D.; J. Curtis, I.G.; J. Reed, D.C.; H. C. Brock, W.S.; Grant, Tyler. The W.M. presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Leggett, a handsome Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge in token for eminent services rendered during his year of office 1879, likewise a Past Master's square, instead of the Charity jewel (Bro. Leggett already possessing one), which according to the bye-laws is voted to the brother qualifying himself and representing the lodge as Steward. Notwithstanding the dense fog prevailing in the evening the brethren attended numerously. The lodge was closed in due form and adjourned to the Crown room for the usual festivities, heightened by the musical abilities of Madame Barth, Miss Augarde, Bros. Carter and Distin. Amongst the customary toasts was one specially to "Bro. George States, the late Secretary of the Lodge," on his retiring from the office he had filled so ably for nearly twenty years. The brethren, whilst regretting his retirement from active service, trusted to see their late Secretary amongst them for many years to come.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. George W. Blackie, W.M.; Freeman, I.P.M. (acting S.W.); Hamer, J.W.; N. B. Headon, Treasurer; and a goodly muster of brethren. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wood was questioned as to the progress that he had made, and it being considered satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and he was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W. Master performing that ceremony with his usual ability. The next business was the passing of Bro. Murdoch to the position of a F.C., which was done in an equally efficient manner. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree, Mr. Jury was introduced, a ballot previously taken resulting favourably to him, and he was impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. On the usual questions being put after the disposal of the ordinary business, Bro. Headon, the Treasurer, said he had received a letter from Bro. Moody, the Secretary, dated from Blackpool, in Lancashire, stating that as it was almost certain that during the whole of the present year he should be away from London, he felt that he could not continue to do justice to the office of Secretary, and as he should be sorry for the interests of the lodge to suffer from the want of proper attention, he had decided, after serious consideration and with much reluctance, to resign the office with which he had been invested. The announcement of Bro. Moody's resignation elicited a general feeling of regret. Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., wished to know whether the decision to which Bro. Moody had come was irrevocable, or whether the causes that had drawn it forth were only temporary. Bro. Headon, P.M., said he believed that they were not temporary, and that, indeed, Bro. Moody had for some time past contemplated retiring from the office of Secretary. Bro. H. Thompson said, that being so, he would, with the permission of Bro. Headon, who proposed merely to move that Bro. Moody's resignation be accepted, substitute for it the following resolution, viz., "That the resignation by Bro. Moody of his office of Secretary be accepted, but this lodge cannot but express its most sincere regret at the retirement of so useful and able an officer, and, although no longer officially connected with them, this lodge trusts that he may be long blessed with health, happiness, and prosperity, and continue for many years to be a member of the Great City Lodge." He said he need offer no observations in support of this motion, as he believed the kind and genial manners of Bro. Moody were so well-known and appreciated that he should find no dissident to it. Bro. Freeman said he should have great pleasure in seconding the motion, and after a few observations from one or two members, the motion was put and agreed to unanimously, and Bro. Headon undertook immediately to communicate the terms of the resolution to Bro. Moody. Bro. Headon said he had also received a letter from Bro. Catchpole, S.W., in which he also stated that, in consequence of his almost continuous absence from town, he felt compelled to resign his office as Senior Warden of the lodge. This resignation was received with regret. Bro. Headon said he had received a communication in reference

to the existing distress in Ireland, soliciting subscriptions towards the Mansion House Fund. Now, the only fund which they had available for such a purpose was the Samaritan, and he moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from it to be applied to the Mansion House Fund for relieving the distress in Ireland. Bro. Freeman, I.P.M., seconded the motion, which was agreed to with but one dissident. Bro. Headon then brought forward a motion of which he had given notice at the last lodge, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds of the lodge, to be placed on the list of Bro. Blackie, W.M., who represents this lodge as Steward at the next festival for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." After a few observations this was also put and agreed to. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. There was no banquet, but most of the members assembled afterwards, when various questions were discussed with a view of promoting the welfare of the lodge, and several practical suggestions were thrown out, having for their object the extension of its usefulness and the combination of its proceedings with economy.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1774).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. Douglass, W.M., in the chair; Willing, I.P.M., Treas., as S.W.; Jones, S.D., as J.W.; Stiles, Sec.; Smith, as S.D.; Sillis, as J.D.; Hare, as I.G.; Holt, D.C.; Daley, Tyler; Gray, Verdin, Dickey, Armstrong, Ellis, Barham, and others. Visitor: Bro. Kauffman, D.C. 1732. The lodge having punctually met at six, was opened in due form, and Messrs. W. Smith, W. T. Haycock, J. Fisher, and W. Bagley were respectively introduced, and impressively initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. announced the satisfactory amount subscribed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by the brethren of the lodge, which was then closed with solemn prayer.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Weston, who initiated Quartermaster-Sergeant Reynoldson, R.A., and raised Bro. Wishart, Sergeant-Major, R.A. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Captain Ritchie, who had at the previous meeting been re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was, with the usual ceremonies, installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G. S.B. England, and P. Dep. Prov. G.M. Isle of Wight. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Col. King, R.A., I.P.M.; H. Shaw, S.W.; Rev. C. A. Solbé, J.W.; A. Saunders, Sec.; Capt. Turner, S.D.; W. A. Watkins, J.D.; J. Scully, R.H.A., I.G.; J. Mason, D.C.; and D. C. Capon, Steward. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Col. King presented Bro. Ritchie with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in the name of the lodge, and the like compliment was paid to Bro. Weston for services as I.P.M. during the year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superior banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Among the visitors were Bros. Thomas, P.M., and P.G.S.B. England; Hamerton, P.M.; Lieut. King, 1536; C. Bishop, St. John and St. Paul's; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason), and others.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The first installation meeting since the consecration of this lodge, which derives its name from our distinguished brother, the Grand Treasurer, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday week, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened punctually at 3 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Col. Creaton, P.G.D., Grand Treas., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bro. H. J. Johnson, S.W., W.M. elect; John Williams, J.W.; E. Thurkle, Treas.; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1441, Sec.; J. Neilson, S.D.; John H. Brick, J.D.; R. G. Shute, D. of C.; W. Carrington, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; W. Williams, Steward; J. T. Woodstock, Tyler; T. Matthews, D. Ferguson, J. B. Colville, G. Kingsby, F. Kenman, E. Austin, J. R. Long, Thomas Pink, W. Murdon, A. Walter, J. H. Saul, J. Duke, and R. Rogers. Among the visitors we noticed, Bros. Heather Bigg, P.M. 1, P.G.S.; R. Allison, W.M. 186; J. Early Danks, W.M. 1101; T. Simpson, W.M. 1178; J. Hiscox, W.M. 1420; W. Vincent, W.M. 1624; G. Dyer, P.M. 186; J. Seex, P.M. 186; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; S. J. Byng, P.M. 902; J. Wyer, P.M. 1624; J. C. Flatterly, P.M. 1624; H. A. Hunt, P.M. 1624; D. McLeod, P.M. 1624; S. Carrington, S.W. 1314; J. B. Waldron, S.W. 1383; Thomas Cross, J.W. 1194; J. Gilt Fisher, J.W. 1624; C. Tayler, J.D. 1624; A. Burden, 11; R. Elliot, 23; Frank Unite, 55; J. O. Wood, 173; H. Abram, 511; W. Park, 511; S. Daniels, 704; W. Williams, 902; R. C. Pinkett, 1101; W. H. Munday, 1201; S. Lloyd, 1201; R. Palowkar, 1257; J. Browning, 1328; R. Goffin, 1395; W. G. Reynolds, 1441; H. C. Smith, 1563; J. Ashbourne, 1624; R. A. Kemp, 1706; W. Williams, 1828; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then read the balance sheet, and the auditor's report was received. The W.M. afterwards raised Bro. Thomas Pink to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This ceremony was followed by the passing of Bros. J. H. Saul, Fredk. Hensman, J. R. Long, and James Duke. The installation was then proceeded with. Bro. H. J. Johnson having been duly obligated, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when he was installed into the chair in an unusually pleasing and graceful manner by Bro. Col. Creaton, Bro. Cattle proving a most able Master of the Ceremonies, and the brethren present heartily joining in the customary greetings and salutations. The brethren appointed and invested were the following:—Bros. John Williams, S.W.; J. Neilson, J.W.

E. Thurkle, Treas.; J. J. Cantle, Sec.; Jno. H. Brick, S.D.; W. Carrington, J.D.; R. G. Shute, I.G.; James Kift, Org.; W. Williams, D.C.; D. Ferguson and R. H. Rogers, Stewards; and J. Woodstock, Tyler. The newly-installed Master at once gave proof of his efficiency for the chair by the able manner in which he initiated Messrs. Henry Johnson, William Russell, and Capt. B. J. Cowell Helden into the mysteries of Freemasonry, a fact worthy of note being that the first-named gentleman is the son of the Worshipful Master. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where an excellent banquet awaited them. At its conclusion grace was sung by Bros. Cantle, Martin, and other musical brethren, when the customary toasts were given. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Colonel Creaton congratulated the lodge on the choice made in selecting Bro. Johnson as their W.M., and felt sure that he would fulfil that office with honour both to himself and to the lodge. Bro. Johnson, in reply, thanked Colonel Creaton for his kind congratulations, and sincerely hoped for plenty of work during his year of office, when he trusted he would give the same satisfaction to the brethren as it appeared he had that evening. Bro. Johnson then referred to the great success which had attended the lodge, but which he thought was not so remarkable considering that the lodge was named after one of the greatest lights in Freemasonry, for no one had distinguished himself more than their gallant Bro. Col. Creaton. The W.M. then proposed what was to him a most pleasing toast, that of "The Initiates." He was very proud to say that his first initiate was his own son. Bro. H. Johnson made some neat and appropriate remarks in reply, as also did Bros. Helden and Russell. Bro. Heather Bigg, P.G.S., in replying on behalf of "The Visitors," said that the brilliant attendance that evening of the brethren on behalf of whom he had to respond, must be most gratifying to the W.M. This was not the first occasion upon which he had been to the Creaton Lodge. He had been present at the consecration when his gallant friend was installed in the chair. He had very pleasant remembrances of that evening. Bro. Bigg then referred to the working of the lodge, which, among the many he had visited, he had seldom seen equalled, and never excelled. He thought a brilliant future was before the lodge, possessing so respected a name as Creaton. Several other toasts were given and responded to. During the evening a choice selection of vocal music was given by Bros. J. J. Cantle, Martin, Thompson, and Kift.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. W. Corbett, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; Rev. P. Pinnington, P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., Treasurer; John Hayes, P.M.; John C. Robinson, P.M., M.C.; Thomas Whalley, S.W.; H. W. Parry, J.W.; W. Vernon, S.D.; Joseph Jenaway, J.D.; Robt. Collings, Secretary; A. B. Ewart, 241, Organist; M. Davis, I.G.; Cangle and Howarth, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; F. Cooper, R. Fitzgerald, John Pye, R. Bradley, J. N. Pendleton, A. Samuels, Johnson, Hazel, J. White, Harper, and Roberts. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Nils Ingrassi Nosted, and he being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M. in his usual able manner; the working tools being given by the J.W., and the charge by the S.W. The lodge was then opened up in the Second Degree. Bros. Harper and Roberts being desirous of going forward, answered the usual questions, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M., assisted by Bro. Hayes, raised Bros. Harper and Roberts to the Sublime Degree of M. Mason. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and after various sums had been voted for relief, and four gentlemen proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed, the harmony of the evening was enhanced by the capital singing of Bros. Davis, Ewart, Jenaway, and others. The brethren separated at an early hour.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The installation of this small but flourishing lodge was held in the lodge room at Ford's Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. The lodge was opened at 3.15. Bro. W. B. Jackson, W.M., in the chair. The following brethren and visitors were present: Bros. R. M. Taylor, P.M., P.G.C.; W. Budd, P.M.; John McFaden, S.W.; Val. Fowler, J.W.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Walter Fisher, P.M.; Robert Land, S.D.; Thos. M. Lee, J.D.; Wm. Cranswick, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler; C. Nicholson, C. Ireland, John Welborn, J. Winfindale, H. A. Darby, and the Rev. Henry Blane, P.M., P.P.G.C. Visitors: H. A. Williamson, P.M., P.Z. 200; S. Middleton, W.M. 1760; G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. 200, 1760; W. Peacock, P.M. 200; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200, 1760; W. B. Richardson, W.M. 200; J. R. Dippie, S.W. 200; J. H. Hackett, J.D. 200, 1760; C. H. Winterbottom, Sec. 734; and Geo. Woodall, 200. At the conclusion of the formal business of the lodge, the chair was taken by Bro. G. H. Walshaw, P.M., who on the presentation of Bro. W. B. Jackson, W.M., proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Winfindale, 18, in the chair of King Solomon, the full ceremony being very ably performed by the installing Master, assisted by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. B. Jackson. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Jackson, I.P.M.; Val. Fowler, 200, 1760, S.W.; R. Land, 200, J.W.; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; the Rev. R. M. Taylor, P.M., P.G. Chap., Chap.; Walter Fisher, P.M. 200, 1760, Hon. Sec.; T. M. Lee, S.D.; W. Cranswick, J.D.; C. Roberts, 200, I.G.;

the Rev. H. Blane, P.M., P.P.G.C., 200, 1760, 1248, D.C.; J. Johnson Field, P.M., P.G.S.B., 57, 250, Org.; C. Nicholson and C. Ireland, Stewards; W. Jefferson, Tyler. After the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, served in good style, at which the newly-elected W.M. presided with his usual ability, giving from the chair the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to by all present. "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, R.W.G.P.M. N. and E. Yorkshire," was then given in a deservedly eulogistic speech, and was warmly received and very ably responded to by Bros. Rev. H. Blane, P.M., P.P.G.C.; R. M. Taylor, P.M., P.G.C.; and W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The next toast was "The Installing Master," Bro. G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who, in a very telling speech, returned thanks, wishing a prosperous year of office for the W.M., and expressing a hope that the Royal Lodge would continue to increase in numbers, as it lately had done. The I.P.M. then gave "The W.M. and the Newly-Appointed Officers" in a speech which, it is needless to say, was in his usual happy strain, and which was received with great applause; being responded to with much good feeling and earnest Masonic advice to the brethren. The W.M. then gave "The Retiring W.M. and his Officers," complimenting them on the good work they had done during the past year, and stating that it would be his earnest ambition to tread in their steps, and trusting that the result would be as conclusive to the interests of the lodge. The I.P.M. most eloquently replied, saying how grateful he felt that his labours had been so highly appreciated, and that it would always be his earnest endeavour to promote the well being and prosperity of the Royal Lodge. "The Masonic Charities" were proposed by Bro. Long in a very neat and telling speech, and it was ably supported by Bro. Fisher, Hon. Sec., who, in giving the usual statistics of the lodge, said the Royal Lodge this year had given the noble sum of £53 to the Charities, which had been handed over to the Stewards for that purpose. This was responded to by Bro. the Rev. R. M. Taylor or adverting in laudatory terms to the untiring energy and ability displayed by the hard-working Secretary in procuring subscriptions to the above valuable Institutions. Bro. Darby, who is the oldest member of the lodge, being upwards of eighty years of age (and who is very much respected by all known Masons), then gave, at the request of the W.M., "The Visiting Brethren," and, in his wonted way, gave one of his witty and humorous speeches, which was well received and applauded, and very ably responded to by Bro. J. H. Hackett, 200. The proceedings of the evening were greatly enlivened by some very excellent songs from Bros. J. Winfindale, R. Land, V. Fowler, J. H. Hackett, and others, and this very joyous and pleasant evening was then brought to a close, with the heartfelt expressions of many brethren that they might all meet again at the next anniversary.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. Bro. W. Brackenbury, W.M., occupied the chair in the E., and there were also present Bros. David Jackson, I.P.M.; H. Burrows, P.M.; Thos. Roberts, P.M.; L. Herman, S.W.; Thos. Clarke, P.G.S.B., Treasurer; Wm. Thos. May, Secretary; C. Marsh, J.D.; Jas. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., P.M., M.C.; George Leitch and Geo. Godfrey, Stewards; William H. Ball, Tyler; Charles Cockbain, J. Rattie, J. W. Allinson, W. Barlow, C. Schenck, W. Percival, C. Westaway, Robert Ramsden, David Jones, James Meaker, Thomas Edwards, Thomas Simpson, H. J. Hughes, S. M. Halse, F. Schun, James Sampson, Richard Mayson, George William De Silva, Henry Weatherill, Donald Clark, Joseph Bluck, W. C. Miller, D. J. Parry, H. Noble, Joseph Ball (I.C.), W. Braithwaite, Samuel Jones, James Lowe, and William Williams. The following visitors were also present:—Bros. J. H. Stillings, 181; Thos. J. Routleff, 156; Chas. Parkes, 776; A. D. Hesketh, S.W. 1182; R. T. Manson, 241; A. Anderson, 724; John Wiatt, 1609; T. J. Avann, 1609; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; Charles Birch, W.M. 203; and Alexander Storm, 203. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., and after the minutes had been read the ballot was taken for several candidates. Messrs. Vickerman, Orme, Hunt, and Vanstone being in attendance, were duly initiated, and Bros. C. Cockbain, Robert Ramsden, Thomas Simpson, David Jones, J. Rattie, G. W. De Silva, and H. Weatherill were passed to the Second Degree. The whole of the work was remarkably well performed by the W.M. and his officers. At the close of business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—The installation meeting of this well known lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The meeting was convened for 2.30, and at 2.45 the brethren assembled in the lodge room, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. Ishmael Davies, W.M.; John Taylor, S.W.; Wm. Haddon, J.W.; T. Griffin, Treas.; J. Oliver Evans, Sec.; Richd. Bartow, S.D.; A. Ehrenbach, Org.; J. Sly, Tyler; Ellis Jones, P.M.; Thos. Robt. Peel, P.M.; Thos. Elliott, P.M.; F. Williams, P.M.; Thos. Gibson, P.M.; Samuel Naphtali, T. G. Brown, A. Harvey, M. Fairweather, G. H. Hewerdine, Isaac Wolstone, Walter Palmer, and Ellis Toobit. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Cheetham, P.P.G.T.; John Oldham, 361; Wm. Horrocks, P.M. 350; C. M. Matier, P.M. 645; H. Hatch, S.W. 220; J. Hill, W.M. 220; E. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D. W.L.; J. Barclay, P.M., P.P.G.T. E.L.; D. R. Danr, 1264; J. G. Smith, P.M. 44, P.P.G.J.W.; Chas. Heywood, P.P.G. Reg.; John Westall, 852; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the

balance sheet was presented and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Taylor, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Ishmael Davies, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The following brethren were afterwards invested officers for the year, respectively by Bros. Gibson, Elliott, and Williams:—Bros. Chas. Evans, S.W.; Frank Griffin, J.W.; A. Ehrenbach, J.D.; G. H. Hewerdine, Treas.; and A. Ehrenbach, Org. The addresses were delivered to the W.M. and Wardens by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., in splendid style, and to the brethren by Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M. This latter brother deserves special praise for the part he took in the proceedings, and for the integrity and zeal he has displayed for the last twenty years in all matters, not only connected with this lodge, but in everything benefiting the Craft. His kindness and urbanity are so well known to the Manchester brethren that it would be invidious on our part to dwell upon them here; but we will simply content ourselves by remarking that this excellent and worthy brother will well deserve any honour that may sooner or later be conferred upon him. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 4.15. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Hotel to celebrate the festival of St. John. A very choice menu was provided for their enjoyment, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," remarked that most of the brethren were acquainted with Bro. G. Mellon, their Dep. Prov. G. Master's, sterling worth and qualities, and his readiness at any time to do all in his power to promote the interests of Freemasonry. The doings of the St. David's Lodge were, he was sure, well known to both their Provincial and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he (Bro. Chadwick) should be pleased to testify to them the satisfaction he had experienced in being present there that day. He concluded by thanking the members of the St. David's Lodge for their kind invitation. Bro. Charles Matier remarked that he had hoped, after the eloquent speech from Bro. Chadwick, to have escaped from responding to the toast. At the same time he was proud to have the opportunity of wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. Their M.W.G.M., Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, remarked on a memorable occasion that the watchwords of the Order were loyalty and charity, but in his (Bro. Matier's) humble opinion there should be another word, viz., hospitality, as it was certainly one of the characteristics of Masons. For the hospitality they had extended to him that evening he thanked them again and again. Bro. J. Barker, P.P.G.T., said he rose for the thirteenth time to thank the once again for so kindly proposing "The Health of the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers," and for their kind invitation. He had heard it mentioned that evening there was to be no harmony, and he had consequently felt both surprised and sorrowful at the news, as if such was to be the case it would certainly have been the first time in his recollection that singing had been dispensed with, and it had set him wondering, in the absence of any harmony, what the brethren were going to do with themselves. He was very glad to find that within the last half hour it had gone forth that this mandate had been rescinded, and he congratulated the brethren accordingly. Bro. Barker concluded his remarks by hoping the next time he had the good fortune to be present amongst them he should have the pleasure of congratulating one of the members of the St. David's Lodge on his enrolment amongst the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. E. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D. W.L., thanked the brethren for their reception of himself as one of the Past Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire. It was scarcely necessary, he said, to eulogise the doings of the Provincial Grand Master of the province to which he had the honour to belong. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was well known as a most active and zealous Mason, not only throughout Lancashire, but all over England, in his double capacity of Deputy Grand and Provincial Grand Mastership. Bro. Harding stated that this was his fifth visit to the St. David's installation meetings, and he congratulated the lodge on its being able to produce members competent to perform the ceremony in so able a manner as he had witnessed it done that day. He was also very pleased to find they had given £40 to the Charities during the past year, and he had remarked to himself, when he read it on the balance-sheet, "this looks well," and he trusted next year they would make it £80. Bro. Harding concluded by wishing the lodge every success, and hoped on his next visit to find one of their members had been made a Provincial Grand Officer. Bro. Ishmael Davies, in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M.," said that to become the W.M. of any lodge was a position any Mason might well covet. He felt sure their W.M., albeit a very modest man, would do the lodge credit, as he knew him to be a good and true Mason at heart. The brethren with himself felt, he was sure, that their W.M. had the ability to perform the duties of his office, and he was also sure that Bro. Taylor would gain the affection and sympathy of them all. He had such a good opinion of their W.M. that it seemed as if he could ally him with that portion of the beautiful address they had heard that afternoon, wherein, in speaking of the qualities a Mason should possess, it said "That when a man is said to be a Mason, the world may know he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows." Bro. Davies concluded by calling upon the brethren to respond heartily to the toast, and drink their W.M.'s health in a bumper. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Davies for his flattering remarks, and also the brethren for their expressions of kindly feeling. It had always been and would be his study to do all in his power for the good and welfare of his lodge, and he would try and maintain the friendly relations that existed

between himself and the brethren. He felt proud of the ability he had seen displayed that day by the Installing Master and the other brethren in their working. He had long enjoyed the privilege of belonging to the St. David's Lodge, and he hoped if spared to merit the confidence reposed in him by the brethren as much in the future as in the past. At the conclusion of the W.M.'s remarks, the I.P.M., Bro. Ishmael Davies, left his seat and walked round to where Bro. Ghos. Elliott, P.M., was sitting, and with a few well chosen sentences, placed upon that worthy brother's breast, in the name of the lodge, a neat eighteen carat P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Elliott, in acknowledging the gift, said he thanked them all very much, and also Bro. Davies for his kindly expressions. He considered he had but done his duty as he had promised to do when elected to the chair. He assured the brethren he had the interest of the lodge thoroughly at heart, and he looked upon their gift not so much for what he had done, but as a token of their sincere regard, and as such should prize the jewel most highly. He concluded his remarks by thanking them once more for their present, and assured them he would do all in his power to further the interests not only of the St. David's Lodge, but the Craft in general. The toasts of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. T. R. Peel, P.M., and responded to by each and all of them, "The Masonic Charities," &c., followed, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close at 11 o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst., at six o'clock p.m. The W.M., Bro. A. Cotter, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Korn, I.P.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; J. S. Warner, acting J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; C. Fothergill, Sec.; G. Crute, J.D.; Jno. Tickle, I.G.; J. Ashworth, Steward; Ball, Tyler; Hugh Williams, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; H. Ravenscroft, T. Gill, R. Ewart, John A. Murdoch, Wm. Fish, Wm. Gardner, and others. The visitors were Bros. C. Tyrer, W.M. 1620; W. G. Chapman, P.M. 1609; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 823; M. Davis, I.G. 249; C. James, 594 and 553 (S.C.); W. S. Rayner, 935; J. O. Lawson, 594; C. J. Jones, 249; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others. After the lodge was opened in solemn form by the W.M., the ballot was taken for Mr. R. McWilliams, which proved unanimous, and being in attendance he was initiated by the W.M. in his usually impressive manner. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and several candidates for the Third Degree being present, were tested as to their proficiency in this Degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the centre, when these brethren were admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by the caterer, Bro. Chaplin. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Newly-Initiated Brother," who responded in a few, but well chosen words. Bro. Korn, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke highly of his services to the lodge; this being the second time within a short period he has occupied the chair of W.M. Bro. Cotter, in responding, thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and said no effort should be wanting on his part to make the Neptune one of the most successful lodges in the province. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bros. T. Shaw, P.M. 823, and C. J. Jones responded, and spoke highly of the working of the lodge. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A very fair gathering of the members of this thriving lodge took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Albany Hotel. There were present amongst others Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; Ashley, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. and acting Secretary, in the absence through indisposition of Bro. W. Wigginton, P.M., &c.; Richnell, Treas. and S.D.; Kennedy, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx., D.C.; Dr. Clark, P.M. Lodge of Harmony (honorary member); Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Halcomb, P.M. 90; and Dodd, 171. The minutes of the meeting of the 10th December last having been read and confirmed, the ball was taken upon behalf of Arnold Elworthy Williams, Esq., and it proving to be unanimous, that gentleman was duly and most ably initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. Previously to the lodge being closed the sum of five guineas was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The collation which followed did justice to the caterer, Bros. Bayliss. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts having been disposed of, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M.," Bro. Colonel Burdett, and the rest of the P.G. Officers," was warmly proposed by the W.M., and it having been heartily received, Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D., duly acknowledged the compliment, and then gave the toast of "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the members of the Francis Burdett upon possessing so able and intelligent an exponent of Masonry in the chair of K.S. as Bro. Taylor; he felt confident that they would agree with him that the ceremony of initiation that evening had been carried out by the W.M. in a manner that was almost faultless. In conclusion he expressed a hope that the W.M. would during the remainder of his year of office have plenty of opportunities of giving the brethren a similar amount of instruction and unqualified pleasure as he had given them on that occasion. The W.M. having modestly acknowledged this compliment then proposed in flattering terms "The Health of the

Initiate," and this toast having been warmly received, Bro. Williams in a few brief, but appropriate sentences, thanked the lodge for the honour it had conferred upon him, and particularly expressed his acknowledgment to the W.M. for the manner in which he had initiated him. In conclusion he said that the ceremony had created an impression which he believed would never be effaced from his memory. "The Visitors" followed, and in responding to this toast Bros. Halcomb and Dodd, among other matters, respectively endorsed the remarks of the acting I.P.M. as to the admirable way the W.M. had conducted the business of the lodge that evening. "The Officers" came next in order, and this toast having been acknowledged by Bros. Ashley, Richnell, and Kennedy, the Tyler was called upon to give the final pledge, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. H. Shaw, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. D. Deeves, S.W.; H. Welding, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Secretary; W. Holleyman, S.D.; H. Picken, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; and T. D. Hayes, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Hutton, W.M. 13; J. Flynn, P.M. 720; J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Hunt, 224; T. Cain, 215; W. Lomax, 913; W. Akers, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the past meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, who were, after approval, initiated into Masonry. Two brethren were then passed, and one brother raised to the Sublime Degree. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, both national and provincial, having been duly honoured, Bro. Picken rose to propose the toast of the W.M. He said that it was his pleasing duty to ask them to do honour to a toast that was always well received in that lodge, "The Health of the W.M." They had had the opportunity of seeing their W.M. work the Three Degrees that night, and notwithstanding the fact that he had been for some time past very unwell, he had done it to their satisfaction. It showed that he had determined to fulfil the promise he made them at his installation, and he felt sure that before his year of office was over they would all say "well done," and that he had been a hard working Master, and deserved well at their hands. Bro. Shaw, in reply, thanked them for their kindness. He could assure them that he had been very ill for some time past, and the first time he had left his house that day was to come to the lodge. But duty was the first call of every Master, and as such he felt that it was imperative for him to attend his duties there. He knew that he had two very earnest and able Past Masters present, who would gladly have done the work for him, but he had determined to do it himself. He then gave the toast of "The Past Masters" in felicitous terms. Bro. Picken, I.P.M., replied, and after thanking the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, said it was no doubt a matter of surprise to young Masons that the Past Masters, after they had passed the chair, and been relegated to the limbo of the lodge, should still come and take as much interest in the proceedings as ever; but he could tell them that the Past Masters took the same, and even a greater, interest in the prosperity of the lodge after they passed the chair than they did while working for its honours and its responsibilities. He was very pleased to see in the *Standard* of the previous day a subject that was exceedingly interesting to Masons. A lady recently published a book in which she told the world that Freemasonry as taught in their lodges had only a standing of some three or four centuries, and had no existence at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple; but a startling revelation had been brought to light through the uncovering and cleansing of the second Cleopatra's Needle, which had been presented by the Government of Egypt to the American people. Evidences were brought to light which showed that the signs and symbols used by them were used by the Master Masons at a time coeval or even before the building of King Solomon's Temple. That would show that there were Freemasons at the building of the Temple, a fact that evidenced the antiquity claimed by them for their Craft, notwithstanding the lucubrations of the lady, who in her book laboured to disprove it. Great credit was due to Captain Goringe, who had brought these evidences to light. No doubt further discoveries would fully substantiate the value of the statements made by him as to the antiquity of their dear old Craft. "The Initiates," were then toasted, and returned thanks. Bro. Hutton replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. Deeves for "The Officers," and after a verse of the National Anthem, the brethren departed to their various homes.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The installation meeting of this well known and highly popular lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenleys, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The members assembled shortly after five o'clock, and partook of tea. The brethren adjourned to their lodge room at 6.30, and the lodge was opened in ancient form. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Leigh, W.M., acting for Bro. Brickles, who has left England for an indefinite period; A. Painter, S.W.; A. B. Whitaker, J.W.; G. Macfarlane, S.D.; S. D. McKellen, J.D.; W. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; H. Bracewell, Sec.; W. Brown, I.G.; G. Yates, S.S.; W. Byway, J.S.; G. Burrows, Tyler; T. B. Cavanah, P.M.; T. G. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T. E.L.; Dr. W. G. Marten, W. Craven, W. Stevenson, W. A. Husband, W. D. Spennit, W. Dunkerley, A. Clark, C. Fairbank, C. S. Marshall, W. Lyon, D. Murray, and A. F. Forrest. Visitors: Bros. E. B. Harding, P.M. 317, 1496, P.P.S.G.D. W.L.; J. Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.P.G. E.L.; J. Oden, 1357; G. Wetherall, 581; J. Hayes, 1161; J. T. Watts, 852; Rev. J. E. Roberts, W.M. 1218; Rev. J. Cater, A. Harrow, 1300, J. Anderson,

P.M. 1213 and 268; W. Sturm, W.M. 1161; W. T. Norton, P.M. 1161; G. T. Mulcock, W.M. 204; J. Roberts, I.P.M. 204; J. Meyer, 1798; J. Armstrong, 1161; J. Wood, S.W. 1140; E. Nathan, W.M. 1798; E. Peisenzer, 1213; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the annual balance sheet was handed to each member of the lodge present, and a report of same having been given by the auditors, was adopted. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and the W.M. elect (Bro. A. Painter) having been presented to the Installing Master (Bro. W. Bostock) was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S. When the brethren of lower Degree were admitted, the proclamations and salutes followed, after which Bro. T. J. Hooper invested and instructed the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; G. Macfarlane, J.W.; W. Bostock, P.M., Treas. (re-invested); G. Yates, Sec.; S. D. McKellen, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; H. Bracewell, I.G.; T. B. Cavanah, P.M., D. of C.; W. Byway, S.S.; W. P. Hayhurst, J.S.; A. Clarke, Org.; and G. Burrows, Tyler (re-invested). At the termination of this portion of the proceedings the addresses were given respectively to the W.M. by Bro. T. B. Cavanah, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., and the ceremony was concluded with a prayer offered up by Bro. the Rev. J. Cater. Undeniable credit is due to the Avon Lodge for being able from amongst its members to produce three such expert brethren to perform this important ceremony as Bros. Bostock, Hooper, and Cavanah; and the first named brother being warmly congratulated for his ability as Installing Master. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured. "The Health of their absent Bro. Brickles" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. W. Brown, who dwelt upon his value as a Mason, his qualities as a man, and his general urbanity and kindness towards all those with whom he came in contact. In concluding his remarks, Bro. Brown expressed his confidence of the good feeling and best wishes of every member of the Avon Lodge towards Bro. Brickles, who he trusted was doing well, and whom, sooner or later, they might see amongst them once again. "The Health of the W.M., I.P.M., Installing Master, Visiting Brethren," &c., were also proposed and duly responded to, and some songs and recitations delivered by Bros. Andrew, Ogden, Whittaker, Hollins, Bracewell, and others, brought an enjoyable evening to a close about 10.45.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This provincial lodge mustered in good force on Monday, the 9th inst., at the White Hart hostelry. Among those present we noticed Bros. the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. Middx., W.M.; J. Bond, P.M. 889, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, S.W.; B. R. Aston, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. Middx., I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W. 1512, Sec.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, W.M. 1793, P.G.A.P. Middx., S.D.; C. Richer, I.G.; Featherstone, D.C.; R. W. Forge, W.M. elect 1793, W.S.; E. Andrews, R. Masters, J. H. Duffell, J. Murray, A. Abbott, A. Jobbins, F. Turner, W. S. White, H. Handel, C. Bonell, Gerhold, F. W. Smith, J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. D. Harrison, P.M. 227, and Beauchamp, 1793. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. T. C. Walls, J.D., and others. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of a gentleman for initiation, and it proved to be successful, but, through unavoidable circumstances, he was prevented from attending. Bro. F. W. Smith, the candidate for passing, being in attendance, he duly and impressively received that Degree from the W.M. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted in favour of Bros. Bond as W.M.; A. Nathall as Treas.; and J. Gilbert as Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed to meet on the 21st inst., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master. Previously to the lodge being closed, the bye-laws were read, and a proposition for initiation at the next meeting handed in. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Andrews and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly proposed and loyally honoured. In the intervals various vocal selections were contributed by Bros. the W.M., Hurst, Bonell, Harrison, and others. The Tyler's toast at a late hour terminated the proceedings of this very successful and enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were rehearsed at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. The presiding officers were Bros. Milbourn, D.C. 13, as W.M.; Martin, D.C. 879, as S.W.; Batchelor, S.D. 548, P.S. 79, as J.W.; Anderson, D.C. 1530, as S.D.; Ross, D.C. 700, as J.D.; Coen, 169, as I.G.; and Griffin, P.M. 933, S.W. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, Preceptor and Treas., as I.P.M. Proceedings were commenced at the appointed hour, seven p.m., the lodge being opened in the Three Degrees and resumed in the First Degree. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Lecture in the First Degree was worked as follows: The First and Second Sections by the S.D.; the Third Section by Bro. Greenwood, 1571; the Fourth Section by Bro. Duffield, 87 and 1571; the Fifth and Sixth Sections by the W.M., the questions being put by Bro. Griffin; and the Seventh Section by the S.W. A brief adjournment from labour to refreshment followed, after which the lodge was resumed in the Second

the First Section by Bro. Gloster, W.M. 1531, S.D. 1326; the Second Section by Bro. Hutchings, S.W. 147, J.W. 1531; the Third Section by Bro. Taylor, W.M. 753; the Fourth Section by Bro. Linniker, J.D. 554; and the Fifth Section by the S.W. The lodge being resumed in the Third Degree, the three remaining Lectures were worked, the First Section by the J.D.; the Second Section by Bro. Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec.; and the Third Section by the S.W. The business of the meeting having been brought to a termination, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, whereupon votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the W.M. and to the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections. Two brethren who had attended the meeting as visitors, viz., Bro. Anderson, of the United Military Lodge, 1536, and Bro. Pye, of the West Lancashire Lodge, 1403, were elected joining members. Lodge was then closed with the customary ceremonial, and the large assemblage of brethren, who had gathered together on this special occasion, dispersed. It may be stated that this was the third time within the past two years that Bro. Milbourn has presided at the working of the Fifteen Sections in this lodge of instruction, and that on each and every occasion he has fulfilled the duties of W.M. in a manner which has called forth the warmest encomiums from all concerned. The arrangements for the accommodation of the brethren who attended the meeting were efficiently carried out under the supervision of the host of the White Swan, Bro. Morgan.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—An excellent convocation of this old chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. P. Robinson, M.E.Z.; J. Mander, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G. D.C. Middx., J.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; F. B. Davage, P.Z., S.E.; P. Wagner, I.P.Z.; Moss, S.N.; Stewart, P.S.; Ellborn, 2nd Assistant; Whitley, Gispert, Serra, Smith, Pratt, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Louis Ratto, Fitzroy Lodge, and he being in attendance, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Upon the conclusion of the impressive ceremony, the election of officers took place, with the following unanimous result:—Comps. Mander, M.E.Z.; Walls, H.; Moss, J.; Harfeld, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; Stewart, S.N.; Davis, P.S. Previously to the chapter being closed, it was moved by the I.P.Z., seconded by the Treasurer, and carried with acclamation—"That a Past Principal's jewel should be voted to Comp. Robinson, for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of M.E.Z." The banquet which followed the convocation was, as usual, capably served by Bro. Best and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. proposed, in terse, but pertinent terms, the customary preliminary toasts, and they having been duly honoured, the I.P.Z. gave, in very eulogistic terms, "The M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks, he said that on his approaching retirement their First Principal would carry with him the good wishes of all the members of their old chapter. He (Comp. Wagner) had been pleased to witness that evening the excellent "working" of their worthy M.E.Z., and which exposition of the Royal Arch ceremonial of exaltation he sincerely believed would bear favourable comparison with the efforts of any First Principal in the Order. This toast having been received with enthusiasm, the M.E.Z. briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Exalted" came next in order, and this toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comp. Ratto duly responded. In proposing "The Health of the Second and Third Principals," the M.E.Z. expressed his obligations to those companions for the support they had given him during his year of office. In concluding his remarks, he particularly congratulated the chapter upon possessing so excellent a Second Principal in the person of Comp. Mander. They had unanimously elected that companion to the position of M.E.Z., and he believed that this choice could not have fallen on a better member of their distinguished chapter. The Second and Third Principals having responded to this toast, "The Past Principals" followed, and this pledge was acknowledged by Comps. Wagner, Harfeld, and Davage. In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Scribe E." the M.E.Z. particularly mentioned the great services rendered by those worthy companions to the chapter during a long series of years, and he hoped that they would be spared many years to give the old Jerusalem the benefit of their valuable assistance. Comps. Harfeld and Davage having replied, "The Officers" toast was warmly proposed, and it was responded to by Comps. Moss and Ellborn. The Janitor's toast followed, and brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—An emergency meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland, was supported by Comps. Brierly, P.Z., as H.; James Jackson, J.; Edelsten, P.S.; Galloway, S.E.; William Sharp, P.Z., as N., and unusually large attendance of members and visitors from Wigan, Manchester, and Birkenhead. The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted, the ballot was taken respectively for Bros. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., William Robinson, and Dr. Walter. The ballot proving unanimously in favour of the candidates, and they being present, were severally introduced and exalted by the M.E.Z., Comp. Edelsten, P.Z., P.S. The lectures were given by the M.E.Z., Comps. Edelsten and Jackson. After labour the

a most enjoyable evening was spent. "The Healths of the Newly-exalted Companions" and "The Visitors" were drunk very heartily, and, in responding, the companions, one and all, expressed their obligations to the M.E.Z. and officers of the chapter for the manner in which the beautiful ceremony had been rendered.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE (T.I.)—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Ship and Turtle on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. E. C. Mather, W.M.; Henry Venn, S.W.; Herbert Dicketts, M.O.; W. Body Date, S.O.; J. O. Wood, J.O.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; J. L. Mather, S.D.; John Ramsey, I.G.; Thos. Keene, D. of C.; Jos. Tauner, Steward; and a large number of brethren. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Brighten, P.G. Sec. Middlesex and Surrey; H. C. Levander, Grand Reg.; and Thos. Pargeter. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for a candidate for advancement, and proved unanimously favourable. Bro. Pickel, who had been previously elected, was then regularly advanced by Bro. Secretary, at the request of the W.M. A letter was read from Bro. J. H. Wynne, resigning his office as Treasurer to the lodge, and an appointment which he had held for sixteen years, and was received with universal expressions of regret. As a mark of esteem, Bro. Wynne was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Henry Venn was elected W.M.; Bro. E. C. Mather, Treas.; and Bro. Rawles, Tyler for the ensuing year. After the transaction of the rest of the business, the lodge was closed in ample form, and adjourned to a banquet, served in Bros. Painter's most excellent manner, when the usual toasts were given from the chair with eloquence and good taste.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. C. P. McKay, W.M.; W. Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., I.P.M.; Bros. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of Wks., S.W.; G. Clark, J.W.; H. Baldwin, S.D. and Sec.; C. J. Axford, I.G.; Rawles (acting), Tyler; Ackland, Kipling, Smith, and Larham, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. The whole of the ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Smith kindly acting as candidate, and several matters of business connected with the lodge were discussed. At the supper which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bros. McKay, Poore, Baldwin, and Lovegrove.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—This old and prosperous lodge held its annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Nixon, on Thursday, 29th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Victoria-buildings, Trinity-road. The lodge was summoned to meet at two o'clock for the purpose of advancing two brethren. When the Master, Bro. H. J. Penny, P.P.G.M. J.W., took the chair the officers were all in their places, viz., Bros. J. T. Nixon, P.P.G.M.M.O., Senior Warden; J. Hancock, Junior Warden; M. Sullivan, P.P.G.M. D. of C., Master Overseer; H. Johnson, P.P.G.M. Inspector of Works, Senior Overseer; G. J. Green, P.P.G.M. Organist, as Junior Overseer; A. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.M.S.W., P.P.G.M. Registrar of Marks, and P.G.M. J.D. of Grand Lodge, as I.P.M.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.M. Asst. Secretary, Secretary, and acted as S.D.; T. Smith, J.D.; J. Bridges, I.G.; Akhurst, T.; T. Firminger, P.M.; J. H. Brett, P.P.G.M.P.; Carpenter; and about twenty brethren, members of the lodge. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Right W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, the Rev. T. Robinson; the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, J. G. Podevin; also the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary of Grand Mark Lodge of England, who were received and saluted in true Mark Masonic style, Bro. A. Spears, P.M., &c., acting as D.C. The advancement was proceeded with, and the work performed in that true and impressive style which is proverbial of this lodge, and of which Bro. H. J. Penny is a worthy example of the care that is taken by the Past Masters to retain the ancient and sacred rites of this beautiful Degree in Masonry, the officers performing their several duties in an excellent manner, amongst whom may be mentioned Bro. J. Bagshaw, P.M., &c., &c., who undertook the duties of S.D., one of the most important offices for the good working of the lodge. The advancement being ended, the installation was proceeded with, when Bro. H. J. Penny, as Installing Master, called upon Bro. A. Spears, P.M., &c., &c., to present the W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Nixon, which being done, the Installing Master put the several questions to the W.M. elect, and caused the dispensation from the Grand Master of M.M. Masons of England to be read, the W.M. elect not having filled the office of W.M. in the Craft, and took his assent to the duties required of him as Master of the lodge. The brethren below the rank of P.M. then retired from the lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. A. Spears, P.M., &c., when a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. J. T. Nixon installed according to ancient custom into the chair of A. as Master of the lodge. The Board was then closed and the brethren again admitted. Bro. Penny proclaimed the new W.M., when he was saluted accordingly. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. J. Penny, I.P.M.; J. Hancock, S.W.; M. Sullivan, J.W.; C. Austin, P.P.G.M.S.D., M.O.; H. Johnson, S.O.; G. J. Green, J.O.; A. Spears, Treas.; J. Bagshaw, Sec.; J. Steadman, R. of M.; T. Smith, S.D.; J. Bridges, J.D.; W. Renwick, D.C.; H. Grey, Stwd.; R.

gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren in an excellent and impressive manner. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master also addressed the lodge, and expressed his pleasure at visiting the lodge, also his satisfaction at the manner in which the several duties had been performed, and regretted through having to leave by an early train that he could not join the brethren at the banquet. The lodge was then closed according to ancient form, and the brethren retired to the Britannia Hotel, where Mrs. Green had prepared one of her excellent banquets for which she is famous. Bro. J. T. Nixon presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and with song and sentiment the evening passed until about ten o'clock, when the brethren dispersed, happy to meet again.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The officers of this lodge held a meeting on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., and gave a banquet to their retiring W.M., W. Bro. W. Hudson, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C., P.P.G.J.W., at the Unicorn Hotel, North-street, to mark their appreciation of the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during his tenure of office. The chair was taken by W. Bro. H. W. Charrington, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G. Officer, Surrey, and the vice-chair by Bro. J. Newman, J.W., while those present were Bro. W. Hudson (Guest of the evening), W. Bros. W. T. Clarke, P.G. Sec. (Sec.); Geo. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., G.A.D. of C., Treas.; G. R. Lockyer, P.M., M.O.; T. Cable, S.O.; S. Peters, J.O., P.J.W., P.G. Stwd.; R. Paige, J.D.; R. B. Higham, Stwd.; H. E. Cox, I.G.; T. Packham, G.P.C.; and J. Braithwaite, P.M., and others. Full justice having been done to the dinner, supplied by Bro. R. Paige, J.D., whose catering was all that could possibly be desired, the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family." The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. J. Newman gave "The Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. W. Hudson, P.G.A.D. of C., responded, and stated he was pleased to see so many young and good Masons join the Mark Degree, which he believed to be the best and brightest of all Degrees, and trusted all would strive together to assist in maintaining the efficiency of the Degree and this lodge particularly. Bro. Lockyer gave "The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge and its Officers, Present and Past." He regarded the past officers with feelings of pleasure akin to affection, and held that in no Degree was there a greater tie of brotherly affection between the brethren than that experienced by the members of the Mark Degree. The present officers were worthily following their predecessors. Bro. Geo. Smith responded, and testified to the pleasure he and his colleagues felt, and still feel, in carrying out the duties of their respective offices. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M.," enlarged upon the usefulness, activity, and great interest which had been shown by Bro. Hudson in promoting Mark Masonry, and especially the success of this lodge. Bro. Hudson responded. He was highly gratified, though surprised, at the compliment paid him by his officers. True he had passed twice through the chair, but had at all times received great support from the brethren of the lodge. He trusted to see this lodge increase in efficiency and prosper. He eulogised the Secretary, Bro. Clarke, for the energy he had always shown in carrying out his onerous duties, and trusted the day was far distant when he would cease to be their Secretary, for a better one never was appointed. Bro. Packham proposed "The Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge," and said words failed him to express how pleased he was that he had been received in this Degree. Bros. Charrington, S.W.; Newman, J.W.; and Lockyer, M.O., responded. Bro. H. E. Cox proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," highly eulogising them for the efficient way in which they execute their duties, particularly the latter, with whom the brethren come more immediately in contact. Bros. Geo. Smith, Treas., and W. T. Clarke, Sec., replied. The toasts were agreeably interspersed with songs, ably rendered by several of the brethren, and a very happy evening was spent, not to be easily forgotten by those assembled.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 4).—A convocation of this distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 13th inst. Among those present were Ill. Bros. T. W. Coffin, M.W.S.; Charles Driver, I.P.M.W.S.; Dr. Ace, Prelate; Nicol, 1st General; Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Hyde Pullen, 33°, P.M.W.S.; F. Binckes, P.M.W.S.; Paas, P.M.W.S., Almoner; and Ex. Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; T. C. Walls, D.C., acting 2nd General; Larsin, Curlier, Tayleur, Driver, Austin, Equerry, and others. The visitors were Ex. Bros. B. F. Cramer, late Mount Calvary Chapter; and J. E. Anderson, Grand Metropolitan Chapter. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Ex. Comps. B. F. Cramer and J. E. Anderson as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. Several apologies for non-attendance having been read, and two propositions for "perfection" at the next meeting handed in, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the sum of two guineas should be voted from the funds of the chapter to the testimonial about to be presented to Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, 33°, upon his retirement from the honorary position of Grand Secretary General. The convocation was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where a most excellent banquet awaited them. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of toasts in connection with the Order were duly proposed and loyally received. "The Health of the M.W.S." was given in very happy and exhaustive terms by Ill. Bro. Driver, I.P.M.W.S., and heartily drunk. The

M.W.S. having replied, gave "The Joining Members." This toast having also received full justice, Ex. Bros. Cramer and Anderson responded to the compliment in appropriate words. "The Health of the Past Sovereigns," coupled with the name of Ill. Bro. C. Driver, followed, and this toast having been warmly drunk, the I.P.M.S.W. tersely and modestly replied. The concluding pledge, viz., "The Officers," gave Ex. Comp. D. M. Dewar an opportunity of indulging in a few interesting remarks upon the past, present, and future prospect of the Mount Calvary, which, he said, had the honour of being one of the oldest chapters under the English Constitution. In conclusion he congratulated the chapter upon possessing so many energetic officers, who, he felt confident, would give a very good account of themselves when they should have arrived at the dignified position of M.W.S. The proceedings then terminated.

Order of St. Lawrence.

By dispensation of the President of the Council of Side Degrees, the St. Cyprian of Carthage Lodge has been duly opened. Bro. A. M. Broadley (R.W.P.G.M.M.M., Tunis and Malta) is the first W.M., Bro. Captain Johnstone, of Craft Lodge 1717, the first S.W., and Bro. S. Sessing the first J.W. Several of the Tunisian Brethren intend joining the new lodge. Bro. Broadley was admitted a St. Lawrence Mason by W. Bro. Whythead, in the Ancient Ebor Lodge, on the 12th November last, at York, and duly installed as W.M., with a view to extending the working of this quaint Degree to the District of Tunis and Malta.

GRAND MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The annual grand Masonic ball in Liverpool has for many years been very deservedly regarded as the most enjoyable assembly of the year, not only by the members of the Craft, but also by their fair friends and the public generally. The thirty-first of the series, which took place on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, was certainly no exception to the general rule, as it was universally voted the most enjoyable which has been held for a number of years. Charity and pleasure, as usual, went hand-in-hand in connection with the gathering, and the financial result, it is hoped, will be such as to substantially increase the funds of that most deserving Institution—the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—which has for so many years reaped the advantages of the pleasant annual re-union of the brethren of the "mystic tie." Preliminarily it may be noted that the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution is conducted upon principles of the most admirable kind, there being no expense whatever in connection with its management, as its affairs are most efficiently controlled by brethren whose zeal for Freemasonry has so long distinguished them in connection with the Craft. The charity, during its first fourteen years' existence, spent about £780 in the education and advancement of children, and from 1865 to 1878 no less a sum than £4697 was voted for the same purpose, thus showing the immense increase in the influence and benefits of the Institution. The invested funds at present amount to about £15,000, and ninety-five children are being annually educated by means of the Institution. Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, and Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., are the indefatigable honorary Secretaries of the Institution; and the duties of honorary Treasurer have for years been satisfactorily filled by Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D. The Charity, it may be stated, was founded in the year 1850, and its constant progress has been one of the conspicuous elements of credit of Freemasonry in this province, which is presided over by one of the most popular chiefs in the country—Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire.

The action of the "stupid party" in the Town Council this year delayed the date of the ball for about a month, as their desire seemed to be to place such restrictions on the use of the building, and fix the rent at such a figure as would preclude the entry of all charitable balls within the sacred precincts of what is called the "Mayor's town residence," but which some people think belongs to the people as much as to the chief magistrate, and ought to be used accordingly. Notwithstanding the delay and vexation attaching to this action of a corporation which is beginning to gain an unenviable notoriety for wrangling and heartburning, it is satisfactory to find that the "West Lancashire" will not suffer to any degree by a falling off in the proceeds. There were about 500 persons present, and, thanks to admirable and judicious management, there is likely to be a substantial round sum to the good. The ball enjoyed the following distinguished patronage: His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Earl and Countess of Derby, Earl and Countess Breton, Lord de Tabley, Major Starkie, Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Lady Constance Stanley, Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., Lady Greenall, Sir James Ramsden, Lieut.-Col. N. Bousfield, M.P., Right Hon. R. A. Cross, M.P., Col. J. Ireland Blackburne, M.P., Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P., W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P., Edward Whitley, Esq., John Prescott, Esq., John Pearson, Esq., and others. Bro. J. F. Newell, J.P. P.G.S.W. (ex-Mayor of Bootle), efficiently fulfilled the duties of the Chairman of Committee; Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., was the Vice-Chairman; Bro. T. Salter, W.M. 241, the Treasurer; and Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 832, the Master of the Ceremonies. The brethren appeared in full-dress Masonic clothing, wearing the jewels and insignia of their rank and office. The supper and refreshment arrangements were entrusted to Messrs Fisk and Fairhurst, of Castle-street, whose efforts gave entire satisfaction. A large and influential band of Stewards, "Captained" by Bro. A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356,

Treasurer 1609, did good service during the evening, and the duties of Honorary Secretary for the ball were indefatigably and satisfactorily fulfilled by Bro. A. C. Wylie, S.W. 1264. The music, as usual, was furnished by Bro. G. A. W. Phillips' band, and the gathering was generally voted a most enjoyable one.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, in the Senior Vice-President's chair; Bro. James Kench, A.G.P., in the Junior Vice-President's chair; Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. B. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. Mann, E. P. Albert, William Stephens, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, J. W. Collier, G. P. Britten, John Constable, W. H. Perryman, John Gavin, W. Taylor, Fred. J. Wray, George B. Chapman, F. R. Spaul, J. H. Matthews, John Bellerby, W. Ackland, R. Harman, W. Ingram, Edward Peacock, James Stevens, Charles Daniel, James Cooper, John Aspinall, Thos. H. Meredith, John Sanderson, R. L. Smith, H. S. Somerville Burney, John Hancock, Daniel Filan, H. G. Heald, E. Lawson Horne, T. Walker Cooper, T. Edmonston, C. H. Köhler, Alfred Youngman, W. D. Bayley, John R. Glanville, B. Turner, J. H. C. Ball, W.M. 144; C. J. Perceval, H. E. Francis, E. T. Storr, J. Coctail, Ernest Brette, Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; W. H. Brand, E. J. Baum, W.M. 1764; Robert H. Crowder, E. C. Williams, L. Barntop, George Free, Edward Friend, T. F. Knight Smith, John Palmer, W. F. Leer, T. S. Carrington, C. W. De Bernardy, Walter John Large, Charles Pulpay, George Cordwell, James Garner, A. J. Timothy, Richard Jennings, C. H. Wehlen, A. J. Ireton, Thomas W. Allen, Charles J. W. Davis, C. G. Rushworth, James Williams, G. R. Shervill, E. Squirrel, Alfred Ginger, H. Sadler, G.T., and H. Massey (Freemason).

At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was read to the brethren. The Lodge of Benevolence was then opened, and after confirming the recommendations of last lodge to the amount of £270, the brethren proceeded with the new list, which contained thirty-one cases. The consideration of these occupied nearly five hours, and it was nearly eleven o'clock before the lodge was closed. Two of the thirty-one cases were deferred for completion. The remaining twenty-nine were relieved with a total of £915. Two grants, recommendations to Grand Lodge, were made for £75 each (£150); and three of £50 each (£150). There were five recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each (£200); three of £30 (£90); and three of £25 each (£75). There were six grants of £20 each (£120); two of £10 each (£20); two of £5 each (£10); and there was one grant of £3 (£3).

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

THE DISCOVERIES AT CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

A PHILADELPHIA MASON'S VIEWS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29th, 1880.

Charles E. Meyer, a Mason of this city, said to the *Herald* correspondent to-day: "I have little faith in the recent discoveries being of any value whatever to the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. To my mind they represent merely Egyptian or other hieroglyphics, which were customary to be placed on any important work to denote either the time of erection or the builder's name, or probably the subject it was proposed to commemorate. There is a great similarity in the marks used by the Craftsmen, from which the present society of Free and Accepted Masons descended, and the marks and characters found traced on the stones of the Pyramids and other monuments in Egypt. The characters usually consisted of representations of religious symbols, the working tools, or scientific figures. These marks, at the time in which it was supposed these obelisks were erected, and for years later, were traced or cut on the bed of the stone. As stone was added to stone the marks were hidden from view, until the structure was demolished or taken down for removal, when they were brought to light, as is the case in this late discovery. In the old English abbeys and minsters the workman's marks are found placed on the face of the stone, as instanced in the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey, in York, England; also in the crypt of the York Minster and of Westminster Abbey. There is no doubt of there having been secret societies in the days of the Pyramids and obelisks, but they were merely what are called now the 'mysteries,' and were controlled by the priesthood, and used as an instrument in many cases to tryannise over the populace, the initiates being regarded as having supernatural powers. As men became more enlightened and educated the powers of the priesthood declined, and the 'mysteries' were succeeded by societies which were controlled by those who used them either for good or evil purposes. The society of Free and Accepted Masons owes its origin to the travelling guilds of stonemasons engaged in building the abbeys and monasteries of Great Britain in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries. In 1717 it may be said the present system of Masonic government was originated, and the first Grand Lodge was established in London. From that period Masonry has prospered, and the society is now the most powerful Fraternity for charity and hospitality on the face of the earth. While occupying the office of presiding officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for Penn-

sylvania, I fully studied the subject of Masons' marks, and found that they mostly were either squares, right angles, triangles, circles, crosses, or other geometrical figures, nearly the same as the *Herald* reports as being found under the obelisk. I believe that when the matter is fully and conscientiously examined by Masons and non-Masons it will be found that there is either some hoax attempted or that the emblems are only the private marks of the workmen engaged in the building."—*New York Herald*.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

There was a very large and most influential gathering of brethren at the Penrhyn Arms Hotel, Bangor, North Wales, on Friday, the 13th inst., when the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, was duly and solemnly consecrated.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire and North Wales was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Sir W. Williams Wynn, the P.G.M., being in the chair. Replies from lodges relative to the erection of the proposed Bishop's throne in Bangor Cathedral, prepared from Mr. Scott's design, were read. Bro. W. Jarvis, the I.P.M. of 384 (St. David's), who has been most active in this proposal, suggested that a grant of £30 should be made, which was agreed to, Sir Watkin supplementing the grant by £20.

The consecration of the Royal Leek Lodge was then proceeded with, Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec., being the Consecrating Officer, and Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.G.W., the Installing Officer. Bros. Major Platt, 384, was installed W.M.; Col. Hampton Lewis, S.W.; Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, J.W.; C. Radcliffe, I.G.; J. Rice Roberts, Sec.; and W. Cross, Phoenix Lodge, 914, Jamaica, Tyler.

The visiting brethren included Bros. Sir W. Wynn, R.W.P.G.M.; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.W.P.G.M.; Rev. J. Sidney Boucher, 606, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.G.S.D.; A. M'Millan, P.G. Supt. of Works; Ephraim Wood, P.G.D. of C.; Spraggon, 117, P.G.A.D. of C.; R. C. Meller, P.G.P.; J. E. W. Lister, P.M. 1120, 1621, P.P.G.S.D.; F. R. Hide, 317, 262, P.G. Tyler; W. B. Newnes, 262, 117, P.G.A. Tyler; J. Peters, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 597; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1477, 1674; W. L. Banks, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. L. Kyffin, P.P.G.C., P.M. 1113; T. Hathaway, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 384, P.Z. 606; W. E. Sackville-West, P.P.G.S.W. Oxfordshire, 384; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Grand Chap. 10; H. Owen, 384; J. Ellis, P.M. 384; Evan Williams, 384; D. Wynn Williams, P.M., Sec. 384; T. Davies, 755; T. Pike, 755; W. H. Foulkes, W.M. 1674; M. Roberts, S.D. 384; J. Pritchard, S.W. 384; W. Jarvis, I.P.M. 384; W. Rowlands, 384; J. Hughes, J.D. 384; L. H. Aronson, 606; W. E. Thomas, J.W. 384; R. Owen, P.M., Treas. 384; Joshua Hughes, P.M. 384; F. Jones, S.W. 1113; D. W. Davies, 606, S.D.; D. Cameron, W.M. 384; K. McEwen, J.W. 1674; D. Erskine Jones, 755; J. Hughes, W.M. 1113; J. F. Jesse, W.M. 1143; O. J. Williams, 1143; F. Grosholz, S.W. 1583; H. Kneeshaw, 755; J. Stansfield Brown, 384; F. W. Thomas, P.M. 384; Captain Roberts, 384; T. Jay, 216, T. Foulkes, W.M. 1325; J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203; W. M. Preston, 1113; W. Warren, 755; T. Luther Jones, 384; R. J. Davids, P.M. 606; E. Jones, W.M. 721; G. Thomas, I.P.M. 606; E. J. Lloyd, J. A. Wilson, R. E. Owen, 1113; Eaton Hall, 1289; J. F. Fothergill, 537; and W. Elliott, W.M., Holyhead. At the close of the ceremony a banquet was served at the Penrhyn Arms Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. T. Jay, Foulkes, and Bryan, Bro. E. W. Thomas being the acting Organist.

CEYLON ITEMS.

PRESENTATION.—The R.W. Master and officers of Lodge Bonnie Doon, No. 611, S.C., were installed at an emergency meeting, held at the New Masonic Hall, Colombo, on 29th November, 1879, when the new Master, R.W. Bro. Watson, presented to the retiring Master, R.W. Bro. Maxwell, a handsome jewel subscribed for by the members. R.W. Bro. Watson said the jewel was presented as a mark of recognition of the services rendered by R.W. Bro. Maxwell at the formation of the lodge, November, 1877, and in presiding over for a double term of office.

BALL.—The same lodge, Bonnie Doon, gave a ball at the Town Hall, Colombo, on Monday, December 1st, 1879, to celebrate the Scotch festival of St. Andrew's Day. There were several brethren of very high standing present, and the whole affair was a perfect success. This was the first Masonic ball after a lapse of some fifteen years, and it reflected the highest credit upon the officers of the lodge who undertook the management and responsibility.

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.

The worst fears which have been entertained as to the French Vintage of 1879 have been fulfilled. New Year's Day was signalled by the addition of half-franc to every bottle issuing from noted Champagne cellars, so that, if we must have the "sparkling" at a reasonable figure to exhilarate and cheer, we should fall back upon the Sparkling Rhine and Moselle Wines, or the new "SPARKLING SAUTERNE" of 1875 Vintage, "sec" or "extra sec," which was so highly spoken of by the *Pall Mall Gazette*, *The Times*, &c., at the Markets' Exhibition, held at the Agricultural Hall last year, and which is now being imported and introduced by Messrs. J. E. Shand and Co., Wine Merchants, of Victoria-street, S.W.; the price is reasonable, and it might do duty for the more noted Brands, bearing in mind differences in cost, and more especially being something of a novelty in Sparkling

To Correspondents.

In reply to JONATHAN HOLBUCK.—We cannot go into details of Ritual, but both forms are in use. We incline to First Degree.

The following report stands over:—
Easter Star Lodge, No. 95.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Australian Freemason," "Keystone," "The Freemason," "Proceedings of District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Hebrew Leader," "The Commonwealth of Missouri," "Der Long Islander," "Masonic Newspaper," "Walk: a Word for the New Year."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

FENOULHET.—On the 16th inst., at 18, Percy-road, W., the wife of Mr. Edward Cooper Fenoulhet, of a son.
PAWLE.—On the 16th inst., at St. Winifred's, Reigate, Mrs. F. D. Pawle, prematurely, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CALDER—MUSSARED.—On the 14th inst., at St. George's, Ramsgate, by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Edwyn, M.A., Edwin Gilbert, son of the late Col. Calder, 8th Foot (King's), to Bertha, daughter of Mr. George Mussared, the Castle Hotel, Ramsgate.

DEATHS.

BAKER.—On the 14th inst., at Anerley, Mr. George Kennet Baker, in his 69th year.
HORSLEY.—On the 17th inst., at 2, Staple Inn, W.C., Bro. Charles Horsley, Solicitor, formerly of Worcester, aged 69 years. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.
JENKINSON.—On the 13th inst., at 1, Gainsboro'-road, South Hornsey, Sarah Jane, the beloved wife of W. Massey Jenkinson, aged 33. Deeply lamented.
L'ESTRANGE.—On the 16th inst., at his residence, Norwich, Lieut.-Col. H. P. L'Estrange, R.W.P.G.S. Norfolk.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1880.

WE feel sure that all our readers, be they who they may, will deeply sympathise with the Emperor of Russia and the Duchess of Edinburgh under the recent most atrocious attempt to destroy the whole Imperial Family. At such a moment honest indignation supervenes, and there can be but one feeling, widespread and distinct, with regard to acts which are a disgrace to civilization and humanity, and repugnant to every sentiment of loyalty and patriotism. Those who can deliberately plan, carry out, and even palliate such fearful and deplorable acts are, in our opinion, little removed from abject barbarism, and deserve every punishment which the violated laws of the land can inflict. As Freemasons we are always loyal, and feel bound openly to express our abhorrence of criminal proceedings which darken the age in which we live.

WE recur with pleasure to the "facts" connected with the last Stewards' returns to the Royal Masonic Benevolent festival, but for fear of making our "leader" too long, we ask our kind readers to cast their eyes over the "Communique" which follows the leaders. We congratulate Bro. Terry on such a satisfactory result.

WE beg to remind our readers that Bro. Hedges is anxious to receive the names of brethren as Stewards for the Girls' School Anniversary. The first meeting of the Stewards was to take place on Friday, at four, at Freemasons' Hall. We shall again allude to this important subject in our next.

OUR Publisher has sent a copy of the *Freemason* of February 14th to every Master of a lodge under the English Constitution. We trust that the records it contains of the successful anniversary for 1880, and of the excellent speech of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, will maintain and arouse the interest of our brethren in the R.M.B.I.

WE trust that the movement in favour of the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund will advance week by week until it represents a fair "total" of genuine Masonic sympathy for so great a national distress. After the forcible letter of our distinguished Bro. the President of the Board of General Purposes, we feel we had better leave his effective appeal to bring about a proper reply.

WE are authorized to state, and we think it should be generally known, that the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement have directed a letter to be sent in answer to Bro. Stevens' circular, informing him that they cannot consistently, with their views on the subject before Grand Lodge, consent to be represented on his Committee; and adding that they wish it to be distinctly understood that if any member of Bro. Stevens' Committee should assume to represent the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he will be acting without the authority or sanction of the Committee.

BY the death of Bro. Cremieux the Rite Ecosais in France loses its distinguished head and Grand Commander. One of the last acts of his long life was to sign the needful decrees by which the formation of the so-called "Grande Loge Symbolique Independante" in the Rite Ecosais was repudiated and condemned. He was buried on Thursday last in the cemetery of Mont Parnasse, before a distinguished assembly.

WE note that the "New Zealand Tablet" of November 7th again complains of Judge Harvey, R.W.D.G.M., laying the foundation stone of the New law Courts with Masonic honours, and surrounded by the Fraternity. And why, forsooth. Because the writer thinks fit to assert that English Masons approve of the silly doings of some French Masons who disgraced themselves during the Commune at Paris. He cannot and does not think so, but having a very bad case indeed, he abuses "con amore" the "plaintiff's attorney."

IT has occurred to us, when reading the reports of American Grand Lodges, that the one weak point in their work is active and practical charitable effort. Their great drawback seems to be the immense sums paid for mileage and members' allowances. If these sums were devoted to Masonic charity, Freemasonry in America would, we are inclined to fancy, make giant strides. At present the greatest admirers of all its good points, and they are many, can hardly say of its work "si quæris circumspecte." We say this in all deference, and friendship, and hearty sympathy with all American Masons.

IN the "Monde Maconique" Bro. Grimaux reports the meeting of last Grand Lodge, and the debate in re "Uniformity of Ritual." According to his view,—as there is no "printed ritual" there is every reason to apprehend non-uniformity. We feel sure that many who voted for the motion in last Grand Lodge did not perceive, that by so doing they were "leading up" logically to that most fatal practice.

THE discovery of alleged Masonic symbols on the base of an obelisk of Cleopatra about to be shipped to the United States has been announced. We are "prima facie" inclined to think that such a "find" has been too hastily "discounted." Subsequent and maturer considerations may materially modify, perhaps overthrow, "hasty assumptions" and "eager speculations." We should always be upon our guard against the "post hoc, propter hoc." We call attention to a communication relative to the same subject elsewhere.

WE are extremely glad to find that the Christmas number of the *Freemason* was appreciated in the United States of America. Indeed, it is very encouraging to our energetic publisher to

diffuse a wholesome and intellectual Masonic literature at home are admired and applauded abroad.

IT has been effectively pointed out to us, and we admit the entire truth of the observation, that a great confusion is made and apparently prevails between Unity and Uniformity of Ritual. We are all, we apprehend, for Unity, but Uniformity is, in our opinion, impossible of attainment without lowering the whole "status" of intellectual Masonry amongst us, and paving the way for changes whose only result can, humanly speaking, be the deterioration and debasement of all lodge ritual work.

WE are glad to be informed that some who most vehemently opposed the purchase of Lycombe House have since modified their opinions, and that many who once were dubious on the point now perceive the necessity of the purchase for the School "at any price." We ourselves never doubted that calmer thoughts and right reason would eventually prevail.

WE think it right to call attention to a "circular" which has been issued in the Ancient and Accepted Rite relative to our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. It will, no doubt, be rightly appreciated and heartily responded to by the members of that distinguished body, to which he has rendered such valuable services.

WE publish elsewhere a letter from our Bro. Whytehead, of York, which deserves attention and perusal. From many communications and remarks, we think that some steps should at once be taken to place the present position of the Pupils' Assistance Fund, financially and otherwise, formally before our Masonic public. We shall next week again mention the matter.

WE beg to call attention to a circular elsewhere, about to be issued by our Publisher, in respect of the "Masonic Cyclopædia," which being one of much liberality on his part, and of advantage to the Craft and Masonic students, we deem it only necessary to mention and to refer our readers to that explanatory and fraternal circular, itself.

COMMUNIQUE.

WE beg to call special attention to the Stewards' returns for the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which our energetic Bro. Terry must have read out with much pleasure, and not a little justifiable pride. It will be seen, as we before noticed, that the metropolis with 126 Stewards has returned £724 15s. 6d., a most remarkable return per se, placing it ahead of the provinces about £2,500 in round numbers. Of the remitting lodges and chapters, as we also before pointed out, the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 1642, Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, heads the goodly list with the really noble contribution of £400; Sincerity, No. 145, Bro. J. H. Leggott, succeeds with the handsome amount of £276 5s. 6d.; and the Islington, No. 1471, Bro. Wm. Bausor, completes the worthy trio with the considerable contribution of £228 13s. 6d. We note that the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, Comp. J. Hallett, is next with £210; and that the Friends in Council, No. 1383, Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master for Griqualand, follows with £187 3s. The Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, Bro. Major-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, £178 5s. precedes the Creaton Lodge, No. 1791, H. J. Johnson, which comes gallantly forward with £174 5s. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the charitable exertions of this young and rising lodge. We note also with much approval the returns of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Bro. Charles Hubbard, £144 16s.; Egyptian, Bro. J. B. Poole, £140 3s. 6d.; Temple Bar, No. 1729, Bro. T. W. C. Bush, £137 os. 6d.; Fitzroy, Bro. H. Bateman, £131 5s.; Kilburn, No.

stead of 'M.M.' No. 392, S.C.," which is the nom de plume adopted by me.

In reference to the question in hand, permit me to add that I have been carefully perusing the Book of Constitutions, and it appears to me that where it is intended that the action of one meeting should be subject to the ratification of a subsequent one, the fact is clearly laid down, and I draw the inference that, in matters for which such a course is not prescribed, a decision of Grand Lodge is final if arrived at by resolution, after due notice given, and can at once be acted upon.

Yours fraternally,

M.M. 392, S.C.

Reviews.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

A very well edited Masonic magazine. We always peruse it with pleasure.

THE MASONIC AGE. BEN CHACE, Editor. Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.

No. 2 maintains the promise of No. 1.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

This French Masonic magazine, edited by Bro. Caubert, and contributed to by Adrian Grimaux (Bro. Le Ple), and others, is always ably conducted and worth reading. Though we do not always agree with it, yet it is well always to remember that Masonically and positively there are "two sides to a question," and the "Monde Maconnique" has this merit, that it is always "plain sailing," and always shows its "colours." We feel bound to do justice to its literary merits, though we cannot always endorse its opinions.

L'ORDRE SOCIALE. AUGUSTE GHO, Editor. Palais Royal, Paris.

We have read this new "social monthly," and we are not, we feel bound to say at the outset, favourably impressed either with its special arguments, or its avowed aims. Indeed the whole "terrain" of foreign socialistic literature is happily probably a "terra incognita" for us, and our readers generally. We cannot realize a state of society, either safe or satisfactory, to which such theories could apply and we prefer to remain in the "very retrogression of reactionary barbarism," rather than contemplate the possibility of such a hopeless "regime" of advanced socialism.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Philadelphia, U.S.: Shirman and Co.

This is an interesting and important publication, interesting because it is very full of matter, and important because it lays down the English view of the lawfulness of the jurisdiction of the above body, and the illegality of the organization presided over by Bro. Goodal. It is very well printed.

CATALOGUE OF OCCULT LITERATURE. John Wilson, 12, King William-street, Charing Cross, W.

This is one of the most curious and interesting catalogues we have for some time seen. We commend it especially to the notice of Masonic collectors, and Hermetic students.

THE ANTIQUARY, No. 2. Elliott Stock.

No. 2 is now before us, and continues to hold out great promise of ability and value. It will, we trust, be largely appreciated by antiquarian and archaeological students.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. GOULD'S ATHOLL LODGES.

SECOND NOTICE.

The notice at page 42 of Bro. Gould's handsome little book on the "Ancients" has caused not a little wonder in the minds of many of our brethren situated in the province referred to, and I have, therefore, promised my friends, in answer to their request, to give proof of Bro. Gould's accuracy. The register is as follows:

"217, Prov. Grand Lodge of York, Chester, and Lancashire, 5th September, 1781."

One of my most esteemed correspondents, and about the best informed as to matters Masonic in Lancashire, never heard of such a Prov. Grand Lodge, and as to that there need be no surprise, for few knew of its existence in 1781, until lately, added to which it being the only Provincial Grand Lodge warrant issued by the "Ancients" in this country, the charter is quite unique. The document itself, the original, is in the possession of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield, and an exact copy is to be found in the "Masonic Magazine" for August, 1876. It appears from an examination that Bro. Hugh Cheney was the Prov. G.M.; Bro. Daniel Plowmann, the Prov. S.G.W.; and Bro. William Thickett, the Prov. J.G.W. of the province, nominated by the Grand Master, the Duke of Atholl, the two first being "gentlemen," and the third a butler, all of the town of Sheffield. It is curious that the printed form used, a small portion being written for the local names, &c., was used during the period of the Grand Mastership of the Third Duke of Atholl, and was made to do duty as a warrant in 1781, when the Fourth Duke was in the chair, the third being deceased, though the latter is declared, in print, to be the Grand Master when the Prov. G.L. warrant was granted and signed, just as we have already noted in the instance of No. 219, New York (vide *Freemason*, 7th

February, 1880). Several Prov. Grand Lodge warrants were granted for places and countries abroad, full particulars of which are supplied by Bro. Gould in his "Atholl" vade mecum, and often many interesting details are appended. The first of this kind was issued for Prov. Grand Lodge, Nova Scotia, 27th December, 1757, and another issued, according to Bro. John Constable, 2nd June, 1784. Two private lodges were also granted for the same dependency, with the same date. The next private lodge was for Philadelphia, U.S.A., the first warranted by the "Ancients" in the United States, this date being 7th June, 1758. Bro. C. E. Meyer, in the Grand Memorial volume of the "Masonic Temple," Philadelphia, furnishes all needful details as to this lodge, as also of later warrants under the same authority, many being of a most interesting character. It is curious that these provincial warrants were numbered just as private lodges, by the "Atholl Masons," that for Nova Scotia being 65, and the two lodges in that country taking the next two consecutive numbers. The first warrant granted for a country lodge in England was for No. 24, constituted at Bristol. This number is now occupied by No. 31, Canterbury, which obtained the revived warrant, according to Bro. Gould, in 1806, and to which we have referred in a previous notice of the work. Another curious fact is that the provincial warrant for York, Chester, and Lancaster having lapsed, it was revived under the auspices of a private lodge held at Whitehaven, 6th January, 1813, which has also disappeared from the roll of active lodges. The reissues of lapsed warrants by the "Ancients," and often their re-issue, always with the number in each and every instance the same as the original charter, are among the most puzzling of the many customs of the "Atholl" Masons, and hence all the original and revived warrants being all placed under the same lodge numbers, in order as granted, renders Bro. Gould's work simply invaluable to the Masonic student of our old lodges, and makes the work of tracing the numerous changes to be now comparatively easy.

(To be continued.)

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

Two "sermons" have fallen into my hands recently which deserve notice. The one is "Stella Nova, a New Starre, &c. A Sermon preached before the Learned Society of Astrologers, August 1, 1649, in the Church of St. Mary Aldermary, London. By Robert Gell, D.D., Minister of the Word there. Printed for Samuel Suttethwaite, and to be sold at his shop, at the signe of the Sun, on Garlick-hill, London." The second is a sermon, written by Richard Carpenter, to prove "astrology harmless, useful, pious," and printed by Jos. Cottrell for John Allen, at the Rising Sun, and Joseph Barber, at the Lamb, in Paul's Church-yard, 1687. The last sermon is dedicated to Elias Ashmole, as well as to the Honourable Society of Astrologers. He terms Ashmole the "Atlas" of "Letters and Astrology." In 1646 Elias Ashmole was initiated into Freemasonry at Warrington.

MASONIC STUDENT.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.

If the Rev. Mr. Gorman or Bro. K. Mackenzie be interested in respect to Swedenborg, I think it right to say that I have a work, printed at Boston, U.S., 1853, called the "Compendium and Life of Emanuel Swedenborg," which is interesting for many reasons. I wish we could settle the point whether Swedenborg was admitted into Freemasonry. He was a great traveller, and was in Holland, Paris, London, and many other places? It is not at all impossible, but I can find no trace of it in his life. Does any biographer mention it?

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ELIAS ASHMOLE.

It seems to me that we should make an attempt to try and find out where the MSS. of Elias Ashmole are. They are not at Oxford. But it has been said they are at Lichfield. Can any brother verify the fact? In Coley's rare and curious work on astrology—"Clavis Astronomiae Elimata," 2nd edition, 1676,—reference is made to a certain Jo. Southworth, of Warrington, "Astro, Philo, Medicus." Can any Warrington brother trace him. It may illustrate Elias Ashmole's connection with Warrington.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC MEDALS.

Bro. W. T. R. Niarvin's work on "Masonic Medals" is now being published, and will shortly be ready for issue, by the publisher, W. Elliott Woodward, of Roxbury, Mass. (U.S.A.). 125 copies only for sale, ten dollars complete, in four parts. Two parts are now ready. About 600 medals are to be described in the work, and it will be the most exhaustive and complete account of the medals of the Masonic Fraternity ever issued, and much fuller than the works of Zacharias and Merzdorf. I hope that some brethren in this country will be able to secure copies of this magnificent illustrated edition.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ATHOLL LODGE.

The interesting communication from "F. F." supplies another instance of the same set of brethren working under both "Modern" and "Ancient" warrants of Constitution. I am unable to answer your correspondent's query respecting Thomas Macklin. He was at no time an officer of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge, nor does his name appear amongst the members of No. 217 (Ancients). The expression "Royal Archman" appended to Macklin's name in the dispensation referred to is one I have never met with in similar warrants for the constitution of new lodges.

R. F. G.

MILITARY LODGES.

Can any brother inform me how the undermentioned regiments were numbered or otherwise designated in the "Army Lists" of the last century:—Colonel Pool's Regiment, 1748; Queen's R.I. Regiment, 1762; 1st Ulster Regiment, 1783; Duke of York's Regiment, 1761; Majoribank's Regiment, 1764. The three first named regiments were warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the two last by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. As yet, however, I have not succeeded in identifying them with any known corps.

R. F. G.

CANADIAN FREEMASONRY.

By R.W. BRO. ROBERT RAMSAY, P.G.J.W., ORILLIA, ONTARIO.

The progress of the Craft in Canada has during the past few years been decidedly prosperous. At the present time there are Grand Lodges in the following provinces, each exercising exclusive sovereignty over its own jurisdiction: Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia. The most influential of these is of course the Grand Lodge of Canada, properly speaking, Ontario, as all are located in that province, with the exception of two lodges, one in North-West Territories, five hundred miles west of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and the other, Royal Solomon Mother, No. 293, at Jerusalem.

In Capitular Masonry there are three independent Grand Chapters, viz., the Grand Chapter of Canada, exercising jurisdiction over Ontario and all provinces west of the same, and also having three chapters under a Grand District Superintendent in the Province of New Brunswick—the number of chapters on her roll are seventy-five, with a membership of over three thousand; the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia; and the young Grand Chapter of Quebec, with nine chapters on her roll and a membership of about five hundred.

Cryptic Masonry in the Dominion is not flourishing; the Mother Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters is that of New Brunswick, from which sprang the Grand Council of Ontario, exercising jurisdiction over that province.

The Constantinian Order is not in a prosperous state, although there are a number of conclaves on the roll of the Grand Conclave of Canada; the majority of these are not, however, working.

The same may be said of the Royal Ark Mariners, for, although there is a Grand Lodge for the Dominion of Canada, there is little interest taken in the same.

We now turn with great satisfaction to the Templar body. The National Great Priory is presided over by the venerable Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., 33°, the beloved Great Prior of Canada, and really the founder of Templary in the Dominion; he is ably supported by his officers, and especially by the Great Chancellor, that energetic Mason, V.Em. Frater Daniel Spry, 32°, who is also Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. There are nineteen preceptories on the roll, although three or four are not at present working. All but three are in the Province of Ontario.

The Templar body in this country is exclusive, and acknowledges His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Heir Apparent to the Throne, as its Sovereign Grand Master, and, differing from the American Sir Knights, it insists upon the acknowledgment on the part of its aspirants to a belief in the doctrine of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity. There are two encampments on the registry of Scotland working in New Brunswick, to the detriment of Templary in that province, they receiving candidates at nominal fees in comparison with the Canadian.

The Ancient and Accepted Rite is now firmly established in Canada, Ill. Bro. T. D. Harington, 33°, being Grand Commander of the Rite. There is a consistory in the cities of Hamilton, Prov. Ontario, Montreal, Prov. Quebec, and St. John's New Brunswick, six *Rose Croix* chapters and four lodges of perfection, membership over three hundred.

In addition to these bodies there is the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Swedenborgian Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. Col. MacLeod Moore is Grand Master; T. D. Harington, Dep. G. Master; Geo. C. Langley, G.S.W., and John Moore, G. Secretary.

The Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, together with the Ancient and Primitive Rite, are also established in Canada, and ruled by the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Dominion, Ill. Bro. Geo. C. Langley, 33°, being Senior Grand Master, and Ill. Bro. Robert Ramsay, 33°, Grand Secretary.

The Rosicrucian Society has a council, its authority being received direct from H.I.H. Prince Rhodocanakis IX., 33°, Supreme Majus for that kingdom. Bros. Col. Moore, IX., T. D. Harington, IX., and Geo. C. Langley, IX., are respectively Supreme Majus, Senior Substitute, and Junior Substitute Majus, with rank as President, Vice-President and Secretary, and Treasurer.

There is one college under its authority, with, including the Chiefs or Past Chiefs of every Masonic body, Rite, and Order in the Dominion, a membership of thirteen. The Society is peculiarly exclusive, none but prominent brethren being admitted.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, the pre-requisites to membership in which are the possession of the grade of Knight Templar or the Thirty-second Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, has recently been introduced into Canada by the appointment of V.Em. Frater Robert Ramsay, 33°, as Grand Representative and Deputy-at-Large for the Dominion by the Imperial Grand Council of the United States, in which country it is making very rapid progress.

The Royal Order of Scotland was established in Ontario some years ago, and Ill. Bro. H. A. Mackay, 33°, of Hamilton, is Provincial Grand Master. The Royal Order like the last two mentioned, is decidedly exclusive.

The Adoptive Rite of the Eastern Star and unmoveable Side Degrees, including the Order of St. Lawrence and Knight of the Palm and Shell, also exist in the land of the maple leaf.

In addition to these many degrees, grades, rites and orders, there are several members of the Oriental Order of Apex or Sat B'hai, but, of course, the number of these is limited.

It will thus be seen that in the vast Dominion of Canada, with an area of three million three hundred and thirty thousand square miles, bordered on the south by the great American Republic of the United States, and extending northward to the frozen regions of the Pole; washed on the east by the billows of the stormy Atlantic, and kissed on the west by the gentle waves of the Pacific—we repeat in this vast tributary of the British Crown there are seven independent Sovereign Grand Lodges, with an aggregate membership of twenty-seven thousand.* Three provinces have independent Sovereign Grand Chapters, viz., Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Quebec; two Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, viz., New Brunswick and Ontario; whilst the authority of each of the Rites and Orders of Les Hautes Grades respectively extend over the whole Dominion—as the Templar, the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Ancient and Primitive Rite, the Swedenborg Rite, &c. The Templar, of course, is nominally under the Convent-General of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is acknowledged by Canadian Fraters of the Temple as Sovereign Grand Master, whilst necessarily the Royal Order of Scotland owes allegiance to the land of its nativity.

Masonic harmony and peace prevail in every province, except Quebec, where the differences caused by the formation of the so-called District Grand Lodge of Montreal, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, still cause some trouble. Let us hope, however, that the silver lining of the cloud is now breaking forth, and that, under the reign of the erudite M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, M.A., LL.D., G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the light of Masonry will so shed its resplendent rays as to break up the clouds that now darken the sky of Freemasonry in that fair province. Let us also extend the hope that the Scottish Encampments in St. John and St. Stephen's, New Brunswick, will at an early date ally themselves with the Great Priory of Canada, and then Templary in the Dominion will be even more prosperous than it now is. There are also still three lodges working in Montreal on the English registry, but they are on friendly terms with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and there is one lodge at L'Orignal, Ontario, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The sooner all these bodies give in their allegiance to the Sovereign Bodies of the country in which they are located the better it will prove for all parties concerned.

Take it as a whole, however, Canadians have a right to be proud of the Craft in the Dominion. Their Charities are liberal, their working excellent, and the administration of their laws is carried out with justice and dignity.

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Ontario, has ten councils on its roll. M. Ill. Comp. Joshua Burees, 18°, Toronto, Grand Master; M. Ill. Comp. Daniel Spry, 32° (P.G.M.), Barrie, Grand Recorder. Imperial Grand Council of the Red Cross of Constantine for the Dominion has eight conclaves under her banners. Ill. Sir Kt. F. J. Menet, 32°, Toronto, Grand Sovereign; Ill. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, 32°, P.G. Sov.; Barrie, Grand Recorder. Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners for Canada—twelve lodges—M.W. Bro. David M'Lellan, 32°, Grand Master, Hamilton; D. Spry, 32° (P.G.M.), Grand Sec.

* The following are statistics compiled by M.W. Bro. Drummond for year ending May last:—

British Columbia	312
Canada (Ontario)	17,418
Manitoba	324
New Brunswick	2,317
Nova Scotia	3,424
Prince Edward Island	586
Quebec	2873
Total for the Dominion	27,254

North Africa.

TUNIS.—Kingston Lodge (No. 222).—A meeting of the above Mark lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 24th January. Present: W. Bro. Pentecost, W.M.M.; Bros. Dr. Perini, S.W.; Souiller, J.W.; Dr. Pace Williams, Sec.; J. Barsotti, Treas.; J. B. Cassar, S.D.; A. Bokobsa, J.D.; A. Lumbruso, Steward; Commander Bridger, R.N., Org.; J. Boccara, I.G.; and J. Eymon, Tyler. The R.W.P.G.M.M.M. was also present. The following brethren were advanced (after elec in by ballot): Bros. Capt. R. A. Johnstone and J. Lumbruso, 1717; and S. Sessing, of the Bell-air Lodge, Algiers. The P.G.M. addressed the brethren on the topic of his recent visit to England, alluding particularly to the fraternal reception he had from the brethren of the Mark. He invited the brethren of No. 222 to assist him at the inauguration of the St. Louis Mark Lodge, which was fixed to take place at the Goletta on the 31st January, and for which he had issued a provisional warrant. The lodge was then adjourned till the 14th inst.

We understand that Bro. Lord Tenterden, P.G.W., returns from his marriage tour in the South of France and Italy at the end of the month.

WORDSWORTH'S "COCA PILLS" the successful remedy for sleeplessness, neuralgia, and Hay fever. 2s. per box. Homœopathic Chemist, 6, Sloane-street, London.—[ADVT.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

We would remind our "ball-going" readers that the fourth annual ball of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges, Nos. 1572 and 1671, takes place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday next, on which occasion the Stewards will be pleased to have the company of brethren of other lodges, also their friends who are not Masons. The success that has attended their previous undertakings is a sufficient guarantee for a most enjoyable ball on the date above mentioned. As the number of tickets are of necessity limited early application should be made to the Hon Sec., Bro. Nelson Reed, St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E.

The subscription list to the Ledger Testimonial Fund will close on Tuesday next. The presentation will take place under the presidency of Bro. Henry Irving, on an early date, at the Lyceum Theatre.

At the monthly meeting of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., Bro. J. Bridgman, W.M., presented, on behalf of the lodge, an 11-carat gold "centenary" jewel to Bro. Joseph Stanley, P.M. of Lodge Perseverance, as a mark of the appreciation of his services in procuring a warrant from Grand Lodge authorising Lodge Social to wear "centenary" jewels, which ornaments are intended to show that the lodge to which they are granted has been established a hundred years. A similar jewel was presented at the same time to Bro. John Moore, I.P.M., he being W.M. of the lodge at the time Grand Lodge accorded the above distinction.

The Norfolk and Norwich Masonic Hall Company is looking up again; from the report just issued we find the balance at Gurneys' is £1680 and at Lacon's £147, £150 being paid as deposit on the purchase of the site next the Rink in St. Giles'. The amount of share capital not called up is £1870 5s.; present available capital £3848 4s.; 4135 shares have been taken up, and the first call paid on 3813. There is a glimmer of hope that the company may get out of their muddle over the above land; application has been made to the Master of the Rolls *in re* Warner Wright's action, to raise the question as to rescinding his contract, and if it succeeds possibly there will be an end to the matter. In the meantime that lively young gentleman has had notice that he would forego all claims to interest, costs, and damages if he abandoned his claim to the £105 deposit, but we have not heard that he has replied thereto from London.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday evening last, 16th inst. Bro. J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155, and Temperance Lodge, No. 169, presided on the occasion.

The name of Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., was omitted from the list of those who attended the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Bent acted as Grand Chaplain on that occasion.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.W., has kindly consented to preside at the dinner on behalf of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, on Friday, 5th of March. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, and Sheriffs will also be present.

Bro. Frederic Julius Macaulay has been appointed Secretary of the London and South Western Railway Company.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters will be held at 2, Red Lion-Square, on Thursday, the 26th inst.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

We regret having to record the death, after a short illness, of the eldest son of Bro. James Horwood, of Paternoster-row and Crosby House, Lewisham.

Bros. ex-Sheriffs Burt and Bevan will be entertained at a banquet by the members of the Court of Aldermen at Stationers' Hall on Friday next.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Ogmere Lodge, No. 1752, are now held on the fourth Monday in each month at the Masonic Hall, Bridgend, Glamorgan.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott (Lord Mayor) was presented at the levée on Tuesday last by the Right Hon. the Earl of Beaconsfield.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to preside at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Westminster Hospital, on the 13th proximo, at Willis's Rooms.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED FREEMASON.—It is with much regret we announce the death of Bro. Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange, who was found dead in his bed on Monday last. He had been in failing health for some little time past, but his death was quite unexpected. Col. L'Estrange held the appointment of Grand Superintendent of Norfolk, to which office he was appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on June 24th, 1879. His love of Masonry and his kindly presence will long be remembered by the brethren, and we much deplore the loss of so distinguished a member of the Craft.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—These corrective remedies enable the strong to preserve their health and afford an easy means for the weak and ailing to restore it. Working at high pressure, as thousands daily do, to support life, it is but little wonder that the digestion becomes defective, the heart irritable, the bowels constipated, and the mental faculties dimmed. Let all such sufferers apply themselves at once to these medicaments, and use them according to the plain directions which accompany them; then the disordered functions will soon respond to their action, and the physical and mental powers will be quickly recuperated, producing a feeling of lightness and ease, which in itself is worth its weight in gold.—[ADVT.]

Bro. A. J. Altman, I.P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, has been elected as one of the representatives for the ward of Aldersgate in the Common Council.

The following brethren attended as Stewards at the fourth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge at Freemasons' Tavern on the 10th inst:—Bros. R. R. Harper, W.M.; S. George, S.W.; W. Stead, P.M.; J. Taylor, S.D.; J. Thomas, J.D.; W. Pierpoint, I.G.; J. Stilwell, T.; J. Boulton, S.; A. J. Potter, D.C.; H. J. Allardyce, P. Harnett, G. Mustoe.

According to an official statement published on Wednesday at St. Petersburg, at about seven o'clock on Tuesday evening an explosion occurred in the basement of the Imperial Winter Palace under the principal guard-room, the flooring of which and several gaspipes were damaged. Eight soldiers of the guard were killed, and forty-five others injured. Another telegram states that a gap ten feet long and six feet wide was made in the floor of the Imperial dining-room, which is immediately over the guard-room. Through an accidental delay the Imperial family had not assembled to dine when the explosion took place.

In our report of the Aldersgate Lodge meeting last week we omitted to include among those brethren who had sent apologies for non-attendance Bros. Colonel Creaton, G. Treas.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; and Edgar Bowyer. We should also have stated that Bro. Hyde Pullen delivered the charges at the installation ceremony in his usually impressive and able manner; and that Bro. Benskin, of the Castle and Falcon Hotel, deserved much praise for the very choice and recherché banquet he set before the brethren.

We understand that the Freemasons connected with the town and neighbourhood of Cheltenham are contemplating filling in one of the windows of the beautiful old parish church there with stained glass. The window selected is the large east window, and a design furnished by our W. Bro. N. W. Lavers, of the eminent firm of Lavers, Barraud, and Co., of Endell-street, Bloomsbury, has already been approved of for this purpose. The church, which is a very ancient one (portions dating from A.D. 1150), is replete with many objects of deep antiquarian interest, and has recently been restored at a considerable outlay. We have no doubt but that the eminent firm to which the order has been entrusted will do ample justice to the work, and we congratulate our Cheltenham brethren upon the conception of so interesting a work, and heartily wish them success. There are two good and old lodges working in the town of Cheltenham, viz., the Foundation Lodge, No. 82 (over which, we believe, the parish churchwarden most successfully presides as W.M.), and the Royal Union Lodge, 246, both of which fully maintain the high character which their number upon the Grand Roll and position would indicate.

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.]

The installation meeting of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, took place on Thursday week, the 12th inst., there being a large attendance of brethren, including many visitors. Bro. U. Knell was installed in the chair of King Solomon. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The accident to the "Lively" will necessitate a change in the plans of H.R.H. Prince Leopold. His intended cruise in the Mediterranean has been postponed.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, February 27, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1304, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

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 23.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
- " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor H., Victoria Station, S.W.
- Chap. 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
- Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-st., Dalston, 7.30
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.

Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Meira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1348, Ebury, 68, Regent-street.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 255, Iris, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 28, Palestine, 31, Golden-sq.

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 Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Three Bucks, 66, Gresham-st., 7 to 9.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mont Edgumbe, 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 25.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 754, High Cross, Seven sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., E.
" 1017, Montifore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwh.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
K. T. Precep. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Malsmore 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 Acce, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, Kings' Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Gen. Com. Girls' School at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, E.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.

Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H. Masons' Avenue.
" 706, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

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 27.

Lodge 197, J ru a'em, F.M.H.
" 509, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-Gr., Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
" 1601, Ravenslourne, Lewisham T.H., Catford-bdge.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Royal Standard, The 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.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croxton.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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