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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Grand Master, presided. Lord Tenterden, Past Grand Warden, occupied the Grand Senior Warden's chair. Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, Junior Grand Warden of the year, was Junior Grand Master for Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Montague Guest, Provincial Grand Master for West, as Past Grand Master. Among the other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Kensington, Senior G.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer, Antelope, M.A., G. Chap.; Col. Creton, G. Sec.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), Pres. B.G.P.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. German Correspondence; Reginald Bird, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Grand Dir. of Cer.; George Burt, Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.; Mullens, G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; W. Wilkin, G. Purs.; James Kench, Asst. G. Purs.; H. Haller, Grand Tyler; the Hon. Richard Giddy, G.M. Griqualand; Edward Tyrrell Leith, D.G.M. Bombay; T. G. Linstead, D.G.M. Hong Kong and South China; Hon. J. Gibbs, P.D.G.M. Bombay; J. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; John Whitwell, M.P., G.W.; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W.; Capt. W. Platt, J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. Sir John Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. Percy, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Fenn, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Raphael, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, G.D.; William A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; Charles W. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; John W. Wilke, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P. Asst. G.D. of C.; James Lewis Thomas, P. Asst. G.D. of C.; F. Robinson, Asst. G.D. of C.; W. R. Williams, P. Asst. G.D. of C.; John Pollen, P.G.S.B.; J. Mason, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff, P.G.S.B.; W. A. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Joshua, P.G.S.B.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P., and others.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business, after which he read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd December, 1879.

Before these minutes were put for confirmation Bro. George J. McKay, P.M. 129, Kendal, rose to move the re-confirmation of that part of them which related to Bro. Stevens' motion for a committee on uniformity of ritual. In doing so he said he assumed a position which was not very enviable, but he trusted Grand Lodge would think the manner in which he proposed the motion was through any disrespect, as it was only from a sense of duty, which, as a brother, he owed to the Craft. He felt confident that the brethren in England and the Colonies would appreciate any attempt to enforce uniformity of ritual throughout the lodges. In the Colonies he believed it would be utterly impracticable, and he trusted Grand Lodge would never assent to such a change. This was not a matter which concerned Grand Lodge alone, but it affected the Colonies also, whose members were one-fourth on the roll, and were increasing in the ratio of one-third. Grand Lodge, in its wise toleration, had been content with the present working for the last sixty-seven years, and he thought it did not matter what the working was—whether the Emulation of the Stability, as long as the essentials were preserved. Reference with the ritual caused the great schism in 1869, and he believed the present was a motion which would be surrounded with difficulties, the magnitude and consequences of which no one could foresee. One step might be the means of incalculable injury to the Craft, and inflict upon the Order an irreparable evil which no one could repair. With the thousands of the brethren, they had been early taught a different ritual, comparable to a cut and dried ritual. There might be a difference in the verbiage, but Grand Lodge would agree that

the essentials were practically the same. He believed no Committee could be got together to which the whole Craft would listen. He trusted some brother would second his motion, and treat the question from the archaeological point of view, and he hoped most earnestly and sincerely that Grand Lodge would retrace its steps as regarded what he considered the unwise motion of Bro. Stevens. He asked Grand Lodge, in its wise and tolerant spirit, to let well alone.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold seconded the motion. He thought it right to explain his position. He had been put on the proposed Committee, but it was right he should say his name was put there by his province, which he should be most happy to represent if appointed; but he had written to Bro. Stevens to say he objected *in toto* to the Committee, as he believed it would be detrimental to Freemasonry. At last Grand Lodge he was obliged to leave before he had an opportunity of speaking, but on that occasion it was said that the working of the provinces was not what it ought to be. Now, he had attended London lodges and lodges in the provinces, and in his own Province of Surrey, and he was bound to say that the working in the provinces would bear comparison with that of any of the London lodges. In his own province he had been received most kindly, and if he pointed out anything in the working which he considered not right, his suggestion of an improvement was most gladly entertained. In one lodge they were doing their work in a very old fashioned way, and he wrote about how a difference might be made, and the consequence was a lodge of instruction was formed, and a better form of ritual was adopted, and he believed that henceforth the working would be on the same lines as the other lodges in the province. If this could be done by other Deputy Provincial Grand Masters he thought the differences in working would soon disappear. He believed it would be a great waste of time if Bro. Stevens' Committee was appointed. No good would be done. It would be a long time before the Committee could arrive at any conclusion, and when the result was obtained it would be a most difficult thing for Grand Lodge to interfere with the working of the different provinces and the districts throughout the world. They would have to send peripatetic Preceptors to Tasmania, Bombay, or Griqualand, to show uniformity of working. But to pass to another point—there were in places many cherished customs which had been handed down from time immemorial, and the brethren of those particular lodges would not allow those old customs to be stamped out. It would be a great interference with the liberty of Freemasonry to insist on a change. Masons had common sense, and a sufficient amount of education to know what was good when they saw it, and he believed in time better systems of working would be introduced through the interchange of visits which took place between the lodges, and which Masons so delighted to exercise. In this way they would get rid of eccentricities which he believed was the reason why Bro. Stevens introduced this motion. Uniformity in working had greatly increased in the last few years, as Masons were brought nearer to one another by the facilities of communication, and he believed that uniformity would be ultimately brought about. If there was not there would only be a few old traditions left which were perfectly harmless in themselves, and would not affect the working.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, in reference to the order of these proceedings, said he was perfectly aware that the appointment of an officer and the grants of money required confirmation, but he wished to ask whether or not on the confirmation of minutes they were open to have a discussion of every matter that had been settled at a previous meeting.

The Earl of Carnarvon had no hesitation in saying that the mover of the non-confirmation of the minutes was quite in order.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson ventured to think, without any reference to the merits or demerits of Bro. Stevens' proposal, that Grand Lodge having decided on having a Committee to settle this matter once and for ever, it was a stultification of Grand Lodge proceedings to negative what it had done. If Bro. Stevens' proposal was so absurd and impracticable as it was represented to be, the Committee would give effect to that opinion, and it would be decided once and for ever.

Bro. Cumberland supported Bro. Stevens. He also had been in various lodges, and he had seen working that was not in accordance with his view. He had a great many startling revelations to make with regard to what he had seen. (Bro. Cumberland then stated a number of instances in which he had seen working different to the ordinary working, and of which he did not approve.) He thought something might be devised to do away with these eccentricities, many of which he thought to be very wrong. He believed something ought to be done to take off all these superfluous knobs and excrescences from the Order, and it would be all the better for the Craft. On these grounds he supported the confirmation of the minutes, and he did not think it a great honour for Grand Lodge at one meeting to settle the matter, and at the next to go over the whole ground again.

Bro. James Stevens thought the whole affair might be put in a nutshell. Grand Secretary had read the regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge, one of which was that after a motion had been carried and confirmed it became law. Consequently his resolution became part and parcel of the absolute laws to which the brethren had committed themselves. His motion was carried in 1869-1870, and a Committee was to be formed. Though ten years had elapsed it had not been formed, and with all due deference he asserted that there was, therefore, a law on their books which had not been fulfilled. He had been charged with taking Grand Lodge by surprise, but due notice had been given, and the brethren were aware of what

was intended. After his motion in 1869 was carried, the formation of a Committee was adjourned sine die. Eleven years had elapsed, and a great many days had intervened, and no Committee was formed. He hoped they would now form a Committee. He assured the brethren he was quite single-minded in the matter, and if the brethren decided against him he should let the matter drop, and go away with the conviction that he had at least done his duty as a Mason. He thought it would have been better if Bro. Arnold, instead of refusing now to be on the Committee, had written him first to say that he would not.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold said he objected to the Committee, but as he had been appointed by the Province he should consider it his duty to serve.

Bro. Stevens, continuing, said he only asked for a Committee of Inquiry, and, if the Committee was formed, they would say whether uniformity of ritual was practicable or not. If they said it was not he should be satisfied. He had never known any attempt to stifle inquiry when there was not something to be inquired into. If there was anything behind which the brethren did not know the Committee would find it out, and the Committee would report to its fullest extent.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford had not intended to speak, the brethren having listened to him so kindly on the previous occasion. It was utterly incorrect to say that in 1869 the fullest discussion was given to this question.

Bro. Stevens thought it was out of order to refer to proceedings ten years ago.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford believed he was perfectly in order. Though the resolution was carried in 1869 it had not received adequate discussion. It came on at the far end of a very exciting night, when the present Grand Master was introduced to English Freemasons for the first time. If Bro. Stevens would look over the report of the proceedings he would see that the reporter added the significant words that Bros. Stebbing, Browne, and Matthew Cooke all said a few words, and then the motion was carried. At the next meeting a distinguished member of the Order expressed his regret that the subject had been so hastily carried. The Grand Lodge then referred the appointment of a Committee till the meeting in June, when Bro. Horace Lloyd moved that the Committee should not be appointed. This was carried, and it would be seen by the minutes that Grand Lodge refused to appoint the Committee. How any one could venture to say it was a stultification of the proceedings of Grand Lodge to do as was proposed by the present motion he was at a loss to understand. He therefore earnestly supported Bro. McKay's motion, as he felt sure, from long provincial experience, that any interference with the harmless liberty of numberless lodges would be productive of the most serious consequences. He might say, on the part of the Masters of lodges of England, there was no body of men more willing to do their duty according to the ancient landmarks, or less willing to do anything contrary to the old and cherished traditions, than the country brethren. The effect of Bro. Stevens' proposal would be greater than even he and his friends anticipated, and he trusted that Grand Lodge, by a large majority, would non-confirm a hasty resolution.

Bro. W. R. Marsh submitted that the Committee asked for was only to be appointed for the purpose of enquiry, and if the minutes were confirmed Grand Lodge would not be pledged to any principle. It would be quite time enough when the Committee made its report to raise any discussion as to the formation of the ritual.

The Earl of Carnarvon having put the motion to the meeting, Bro. McKay's amendment was carried, and the minutes, with the exception of that part which related to Bro. Stevens' motion, were confirmed by an immense majority.

Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. Grand Steward's Lodge, then rose and said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge I had the distinguished honour to nominate the Grand Master for the ensuing year. It is necessary, according to the Book of Constitutions, that the motion must be put as a substantive motion, and carried at a subsequent Grand Lodge. In rising, therefore, to propose that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales shall be appointed Grand Master for the ensuing year, I feel that I have an easy task, and I will not weary you in performing it. We all know how ably H.R.H. discharges the duties of his high and important office, and how ready he is at all times, no doubt as often as personal convenience will allow him, to devote himself to the general good of our Order. As an instance of this, I may refer to the fact that H.R.H. has consented to journey into Cornwall in the month of May to lay the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral with Masonic honours. This, I believe, is the first time, at least in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions, that H.R.H. has performed such a ceremony. I believe you will all unite with me in thinking that H.R.H. should be re-elected to the Throne of Grand Lodge, which he so much adorns, and in which position he will continue to maintain the affection of his Masonic subjects. I beg to propose the election of His Royal Highness as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons for the year ensuing. (Loud and general applause.)

Bro. Alderman Ellis, P.M. No. 1: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I beg to second the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. After the eloquent words which Bro. Richardson has made use of, and which, I am sure, will permeate the heart of every Mason, it is happily unnecessary for me to add one word beyond this. The nomination, I am sure, of His Royal Highness will be received with acclamation. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, this is a motion which is made in the formal course of business, and involves no discussion or difference of opinion, and I shall, therefore, when I put the motion, which I now place before

you, entertain very little doubt as to what your decision will be. You have heard the motion duly moved and seconded, "That His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year." All you who agree to that motion will signify their assent in the usual manner observed among Masons.

The motion was carried nem. con., and the Earl of Carnarvon having so declared it, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed the Prince of Wales Grand Master of the Order amidst loud cheers.

Bro. Sampson Peirce, P.M. No. 2, rose to propose the election of Grand Treasurer. He said: Most Worshipful Pro. G.M. and brethren, the next business on the paper this evening is to propose a brother to fill the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; and I do so duly impressed with the knowledge that this is one of the few—I may say the very few—opportunities that the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge have of expressing their opinions upon, and recording their convictions as to, the fitness or otherwise of any particular brother to fill a grand, a great, and important office. I now do so without any hesitation—on the contrary, with a great deal of confidence and pleasure. I propose to this Grand Lodge that our Worshipful Bro. Creaton be re-elected as Grand Treasurer. (Applause.) I am not unmindful of the eloquent terms, and with expressions of high compliment, that our Bro. Binckes just a twelvemonth ago proposed that our Bro. Creaton should fill that distinguished office. Nor am I forgetful of the way—of the very cordial way—in which the great bulk of the brethren then present acceded to that proposition. That the election, then, was a good and wise one I venture to say that the manner in which our Bro. Creaton has discharged the duties of his office during the past year must have proved; and it must alike have been a source of pleasure to those brethren with whom from time to time his various duties have brought him into more immediate contact, as well as the subject of great gratification to all those brethren who supported him on the last occasion. (Hear, hear.) And although I do not propose to go over the whole of the ground traversed by our Bro. Binckes in March last, yet, fearing lest there may be some brethren here in this Grand Lodge to-night who were not here on the last occasion, I must be permitted to say, and draw their attention to this fact, with regard to Bro. Creaton. Any office to which Bro. Creaton may be elected has the opportunity of having brought to it with him large and valued services to the Craft in general, but more especially to that portion of Masonry we watch with ever anxious care, our three great Charitable Institutions. It may be unnecessary to remind you here that he is a Trustee of all those three Institutions, that he has devoted, and continues to devote, a very great deal of time and attention in assisting to manage the affairs of those Charities. We all of us know with what success those efforts have been attended, and, I venture to say, that last, though not least, I think we may say here he is a Past Grand Officer of many years' standing, and, certainly, I make bold to say, held in high estimation among the brethren of the Craft. These, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I think are ample reasons why I am here to make the proposition that I do. With these words, therefore, Most Worshipful Sir, I fear most imperfectly rendered, lacking, as I feel they do, that fervour and force which were instilled into them on the last occasion, but still with no less sincerity, and with no less a desire to give the subject its fullest justice, I shall conclude by proposing that our Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton be re-elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1642: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, it is with a great deal of pleasure I rise to second the nomination of our esteemed Bro. Col. Creaton as Treasurer of Grand Lodge. I am sure there is no brother among the whole of this Grand Lodge that has commanded the esteem of the brethren throughout the Craft more than our esteemed Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. The zeal that he has always evinced for Freemasonry in every branch, more especially its Charities, I am sure commands the esteem and respect of every brother. No time has been too much for him to devote, and no trouble, however great, has been deemed by him of too serious consequence, provided he could do that which he considered necessary to fulfil properly the duties which he had undertaken. In appointing him as Grand Treasurer to this Grand Lodge we have one whom we all look up to, and I am sure that there is not a member of this Grand Lodge but will feel that, in electing him to be Treasurer, we are only doing justice to one who has devoted himself and his time to the duties that have been imposed upon him as regards our Charities, and, in a certain sense, paying some few returns by electing him to the only office that is in the hands of members of Grand Lodge to elect a brother to. With these few words, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I beg to second the nomination of Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Binckes rose to propose Bro. William Winn, P.M. 657, as Grand Treasurer. Referring to his proposal of Col. Creaton last year, and repeating to the fullest extent his high encomiums of Col. Creaton on that occasion, he did not claim for that brother a monopoly of the high qualifications for the office of Grand Treasurer. There was no policy more plainly than laid down, or more distinctly expressed, than that the Craft would year by year select some one individual for this distinguished position. (No, no, from the dais.) He could produce unequivocal evidence of that proposition being then thoroughly understood. It was on this principle he now proposed Bro. Winn, who had subscribed £1622 to the Girls' School, and had 449 votes; £1687 to the Boys' School, and had 433 votes; and £650 15s. to the Benevolent Institution, and had 498 votes; or a total sum of £4000.

Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, &c., &c., seconded the motion, which was also supported by Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1686.

Bro. Clabon, P.G.D., objected to a change every year, because a brother would have just arrived at a full knowledge of his duties when a new one, perfectly unacquainted with them, would be put into office. On the principle advocated were they to turn out the officers every year, the Grand Secretary, and the Secretaries of the Masonic Charities. (Loud laughter and great cheering.)

Bro. W. Sutton Gover, P.M. No. 17, and Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B., expressed the same view.

The two names were then put to Grand Lodge, and Col. Creaton was elected by an overwhelming majority, amidst loud cheers.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, it is now my duty to propose to you a vote which, though large, I hope will command immediate and hearty assent. I am told that as far as the finances of Grand Lodge are concerned there need be no doubt or difficulty entertained as to the forthcoming of the money. The vote is "That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of five hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund, for the relief of distress in Ireland, and that the same be at once paid to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, P.G. Steward, M.W. Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, for the purposes of the said fund." Now, brethren, I need not remind you that this last year, which has closed but two months since, has been a year in this country of very great distress in many towns. Agriculture, trade, many branches of industry in turn have suffered. Incomes have been greatly curtailed, and a pinch has been felt no doubt in many households where formerly there was comparative, if not complete affluence. The same state of things has prevailed in Ireland; but there is this difference between England and the sister island: that whilst here in England we enjoy the accumulated capital of many generations and the results of a great and overflowing prosperity, in Ireland there has always been far less in point of money to draw upon, far less resources to meet such an emergency at the present; and consequently the distress has been far greater, and that distress has been enhanced by a failure of crops, by a failure of fruits, by a failure of one of the products upon which a large part of the population depends. And, in addition to this, the strain on the Poor Law has, undoubtedly, become so great, that the misery—it is not too strong a word to use—has been excessive in many parts of Ireland. There was in the morning papers of to-day a statement which I need not now repeat to you, but which, I have no doubt, a great many brethren read with some interest—a statement of the operations of this fund which has been raised by the Duchess of Marlborough. I think it was there said that about £72,000 had been collected. Of that £72,000, £30,000 I think has been spent already, and about £40,000 remains in hand. It is said, at the same time, that, even in spite of this fund and the assistance of the government, in spite of the charity of private individuals, the distress is still very great, and doubts were entertained how far the distress might not even increase between this period and the period when the harvest would be gathered in. Brethren, I do not think I need say more to recommend this motion to your consideration, and which I shall put with every hope that it will meet with a hearty response from all of you. I have, however, to call your attention to an informality which has crept in in the wording of this resolution, an informality which if I from this chair sanctioned might be made hereafter a precedent, and lead to very great evil. You will observe that it is said, "and that the same be at once paid to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor;" but of course you will remember that every money vote passed by Grand Lodge must be confirmed at the next ensuing meeting, and, therefore, as it now stands this resolution should not be put from the chair. I shall, therefore, propose to leave out the words "at once," and I doubt not then that the Grand Treasurer, who still speaks for the funds of Grand Lodge, though the management of those funds had been altered as you well remember last year—Grand Treasurer, then, I doubt not, will rise up in his place, and will say he is perfectly prepared on his own responsibility to draw a cheque for that sum, and to ask an indemnity for it at the next Grand Lodge. That is the proper way of putting it under the circumstances. I hold it to be most expedient that in our charity and in our acts of generosity we should always adhere to the written law of our Constitutions; and at the same time I doubt not there will always be found brethren in the position of the Grand Treasurer who will be willing to take such a responsibility on them. Brethren, I beg to move from the chair this resolution.

Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The resolution, as altered, was carried amidst great cheering.

Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, who was received with loud applause, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I shall have very great pleasure in following the hint your lordship has thrown out, and taking upon myself to pay the money at once. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I have to propose one other vote to you, which is a vote of thanks to Bro. Charles Buchanan, of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby, for the present which he has been good enough to make to Grand Lodge. That present is this parchment roll which I hold in my hand. It is a roll which relates to the ancient charges of Freemasonry, and it will be deposited in the library of Grand Lodge. I can only say that I have no doubt it will be very much to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge if other members are found as generous as Bro.

Buchanan. I therefore propose that we should give him a vote of thanks.

Bro. Montague Guest, Prov G.M. for Dorset, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Grand Secretary read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, then said it was his duty to read the confirmation of the several grants on the agenda paper, and the number of the amounts might startle good many; but at last Grand Lodge there were nearly many of the same amount. They would, however, be given as deserved. Still he felt placed there with duty to the Craft as well as to the Lodge of Benevolence which he owed, and he must tell them that the Lodge of Benevolence was spending more money than its income. Well, an end must come to that, for they could not spend half-a-crown out of sixpence a day. Last year the amount voted exceeded the receipts several hundreds of pounds. At the last meeting £900 was given away. If one of the other eleven nights in the year the same amount was given, the brethren would see that an income of £7000 or £8000 a-year would not stand it. He hoped they would never touch a penny of the principal of £50,000 already invested. Bro. Clabon and Bro. N. respectively moved and seconded the confirmation of the following recommendations:—

The petition of a brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, which was referred back by Grand Lodge on the 3rd December, 1879, was re-considered, and that brother was again recommended for a grant of... £100
A brother of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro ... 100
A brother of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London ... 50
A brother of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London ... 50
The widow of a brother of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London ... 50
A brother of the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester ... 100
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge ... 75
A brother of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, London ... 100
A brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth ... 75
A brother of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W. ... 50
A brother of the Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle ... 50
The widow of a brother of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth ... 75
The widow of a brother of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge, No. 265, Keighley ... 50
A brother of the Lodge of the Three Graces, No. 408, Haworth ... 75
A brother of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, London ... 75

Bro. Monckton moved that the following report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read:—
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes report as follows:—
(1.) It having come to the knowledge of the Board that the freehold premises Nos. 57 and 58, Great Queen-street, adjoining Freemasons' Hall, were about to be sold at auction, it was thought desirable to acquire the same at a fair price, and it was referred to the Premises Committee to take steps accordingly. In result the premises were purchased for £3500 and £3000 respectively, and have since been duly conveyed to the Trustees of Grand Lodge.

(2.) The Board have by their Premises Committee given very careful consideration to the requirements of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions for further office accommodation, and having acquired the necessary land in rear of the present offices have obtained from the Grand Superintendent of Works plans, which they learn to be acceptable to the Institutions, and estimates for carrying out the same at a cost of £2500, which, added to the £1500, the cost of the land, will enable the Board to provide for the three offices space and accommodation about three times the amount now furnished, the rent of the same being re-arranged at something under that proportion. The Board will also, if Grand Lodge approve, have the opportunity of providing a spacious muniment room in the basement at a cost estimated by the Grand Superintendent of Works at £450, which will be available at a reasonable rental to the various lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall.

(3.) The Board have also obtained an estimate from the Grand Superintendent of Works for the necessary works to be done to render the library available as an office for the Grand Secretary. The amount of this £75.

(4.) The period having fully arrived when painting and cleaning must be done to the whole interior of Freemasons' Hall, the Board have given this their careful consideration, and by their direction the Grand Superintendent of Works has considered the subject, not only with reference to the general reparation positively necessary, but also with a view to its being done at a moderate amount of appropriate disbursement, the cost of the whole of which he estimates at £600, although this sum may appear large the Board feel satisfied that, looking at the extent of the premises, it will be a reasonable outlay for very necessary work.

(5.) The Board feel it as much a duty as a pleasure to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the services rendered by Bro. H. G. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary during the illness and absence of the late Grand Secretary.

Bro. Hervey, and after his resignation until the appointment of the present Grand Secretary; and they unanimously recommend that in consideration of the assiduous manner in which these services were performed a gratuity of 150 guineas be paid to Bro. Buss.

(6.) The Board have to report the Masonic misconduct of Lodge No. 1605, in passing a brother with an interval of twenty-three days only after his initiation. They ordered that the brother in question be re-obligated, and the lodge was fined £2 2s. and admonished.

(7.) The attention of the Board has been emphatically drawn to the frequent occurrence in new lodges of brethren (other than petitioners) being permitted to join on the night of consecration without ballot, and of course without previous proposition, as enjoined by the Constitutions; and directions have been given that an unmistakable intimation of the illegality of such a proceeding shall accompany the delivery of every new warrant.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
17th February, 1880.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4087 17s. 6d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £15, and for servants' wages £96 15s., and £22 14s. 5d. in the hands of the Solicitor of the Society.

The President will move:—

1. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
2. That the various works mentioned in the report be carried out, and that it be referred back to the Board to execute the same in accordance with the estimates submitted.
3. That the recommendation in paragraph five of the report, with reference to the Assistant Grand Secretary, be adopted.

Bro. Levander seconded the motion.

The Pro Grand Master: It is necessary for me to make a few remarks on the first paragraph of the report of the Board of General Purposes. By that first paragraph you will observe it is stated that it having come to the knowledge of the Board that the freehold premises adjoining Freemasons' Hall were about to be sold by auction, it was thought desirable to acquire the same at a fair price, and it was referred to the Premises Committee to take steps accordingly. Well, I am aware of the circumstances under which this purchase was made, and I am quite conscious that the Board of General Purposes and their Chairman, who have had such long experience in all matters of the Craft—I am quite conscious of the motives which influenced them. They knew that the property was a very important property to Grand Lodge, and they felt that a discussion about it might cause the price to be raised, and that, therefore, they were justified in taking the responsibility on themselves and in purchasing it for the benefit of Grand Lodge. Those are circumstances which may occur in business, which constantly do occur, and which circumstances are a justification for an unusual act on the part of those in authority. At the same time we must remember that the law of Grand Lodge is extremely clear on this subject. The Constitutions lay down what things the Board of General Purposes may do, and the things they may not do. They have power to provide everything for the use of Grand Lodge; but this does not include the purchase of freehold property. It is quite clear that the Constitutions should not be broken. Rules are laid down for all time, and these laws are not made to be broken. It is my duty to uphold them, and the interests of the Craft in the long run will be the better for it. Looking to these rules I think it will be necessary to refer this matter to a Committee to consider and advise Grand Lodge on the subject. This was the view I took of the matter as soon as I saw the words on the paper; and I have since had the opportunity of talking the matter over with the Grand Registrar, and also with Bro. Monckton, and they concur in my views. I think that by adopting the course I have indicated, and referring the matter to a Committee, we shall ultimately uphold the conclusion to which the Board of General Purposes have come; the property will be secured to Grand Lodge, and we shall make it perfectly clear that we intend to guide ourselves strictly by the written law of the Constitution.

Bro. Monckton seconded the motion of the Pro Grand Master.

Bro. Clenck suggested that the amount mentioned in the report—some £7000—should be referred to the same Committee.

The Pro Grand Master: I think we had better not complicate the matters by mixing them up. The first motion I shall put to Grand Lodge is that this report be taken as read. In reference to paragraph one, it has been moved that, whilst this Grand Lodge acknowledges the action of the Board of General Purposes in the purchase of freehold property, the matter should be referred to a Committee consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Secretary and the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Pro Grand Master then explained that he had taken the chair, though under some physical infirmity, begged that Grand Lodge would dispense with his services for the remainder of the sitting, and retired.

Bro. Monckton then called attention to the second clause of the report, and explained that the Benevolent Institutions had cried out loudly for increased accommodation; that the Board had considered the matter, and now asked Grand Lodge to say whether their suggestions should be carried out in practice. Plans had been prepared by the Grand Superintendent of Works, and he was led to believe

that the arrangements would meet with the approval of the Institutions.

Bro. Clenck inquired whether this expenditure of £4000 would be open to competition.

Bro. Monckton said that would certainly be the case.

Bro. Binckes asked how the plans had been submitted. He, as Secretary of one of the Institutions interested, could say that he was not aware that any plans had been submitted to the Institutions.

Bro. Monckton explained that until they had the sanction of Grand Lodge they were not in a position to submit them officially, but Bro. Col. Creaton, who sat beside him, was his authority for the statement he had made.

The motion was then put and carried.

Clause No. 3, as to the conversion of the library into an office for Grand Secretary, did not call for any important discussion.

Bro. Monckton: Clause No. 4 is a matter of great importance; it related to the painting and cleaning of the interior of Freemasons' Hall, which, in the opinion of the Grand Superintendent of Works, would, with a moderate amount of decoration, cost some £3000, and it was for Grand Lodge to say whether it should be done at the present time. Financially there was no obstacle, as they had £11,000 or £12,000 in the Three per Cents.

The motion having been seconded, Bro. Clenck thought that the matter might very well be deferred for another twelve months, and moved an amendment to that effect, but did not find any one to second it.

The motion for the expenditure of £3000 for painting and cleaning Freemasons' Hall was then put and carried.

Bro. Monckton: Clause No. 5 is a personal matter in which I believe we shall have your hearty sympathy. Bro. Buss represented the Grand Secretary during Bro. Hervey's illness and absence in a most assiduous manner, and the Board of General Purposes has thought it only fair to mark their appreciation of his services by recommending to Grand Lodge to hand him a gratuity of 150 guineas.

Bro. Levander seconded the motion, with an expression of regret, as a member of the Board, that they did not see their way to make it a larger sum.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts of receipts and disbursements during the year 1879, was read and ordered to be recorded.

Bro. Britten wished to call attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that while it was said that the Board of Benevolence had exceeded its income for the last twelve months, they had a fund of £50,000 in hand. He did not think that under the circumstances it could be said that they had overstepped their income, or needed to retrench.

Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, moved that the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:—

17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.
18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.
19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any school, college, or university.
20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

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

Bro. Clabon: M.W. Pro. G. Master, this is not the first time that I have submitted this resolution to Grand Lodge. About twelve years ago a Committee was appointed to revise the rules of the lodge, and I gave such reasons as the Committee had in their mind for declining to adopt them. There was then about £25,000 invested. Grand Lodge said that that was not enough, and that the capital must not be dealt with. In, I think, 1874 I thought something might be done with the surplus. The fund was then £37,000, and there was an annual surplus, but Grand Lodge still said—We have not accumulated enough. Other six years have passed, and the fund now amounts to £50,000. The revenue from this and the quarterage fees make something like £8000. The Lodge of Benevolence has the power as at present constituted to spend the whole of that sum if it thinks fit. I only ask for a portion of the surplus when there is one. He considered that they could not better apply a surplus than by assisting boys and girls leaving the schools—who could not themselves immediately become bread winners—by apprenticing the boys and enabling the girls to become nursery governesses. He was aware, however, that there was a strong feeling against his proposition among some of the members of the Lodge of Benevolence, who were in

favour of spending all they had the power to spend, so that there should be no surplus. Under these circumstances he should not press his motion, and would withdraw it. As, however, there might be some brethren present desirous of saying a few words he would move the resolution *pro forma*.

Dr. Jabez Hogg seconded Bro. Clabon's motion, and argued that though the Grand Registrar had laid it down that, in terms of the Constitution, no part of the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence could be diverted, he might, on reconsidering them, find that it was possible to do so, as the spending money for the objects proposed was in itself an act of benevolence. He went on to say that in the Board schools, and every strata of society, the plan of assisting scholars to a higher education was beginning to prevail, and he thought that Freemasonry should not hesitate to follow their example.

Bro. Thomas enquired whether the motion was before Grand Lodge or not. The motion had been withdrawn by Bro. Clabon. He himself held that they would be misappropriating funds intended for the relief of aged and indigent brethren and their widows. The Institutions Bro. Clabon was pleading for were well supported in other ways. Masonry had greatly increased of late years, thereby increasing the funds, but they must bear in mind that by increased numbers of the whole body they were certain in future years to have increased numbers applying for relief, and it was therefore inexpedient to do anything to impair the resources of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The subject then dropped, and Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—The installation meeting of this old lodge, acting from time immemorial, was held on Monday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Mackintosh, M.D., W.M., after having initiated Mr. Edward Weldon into Freemasonry, installed in the most impressive manner Bro. Horace Browne, M.A., into the chair of K.S. The new W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Holl, S.W.; the Rev. — Lonsdale, J.W.; Chynoweth, P.M., Treas.; West, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. G. W. Weldon, S.D.; Whitmore, J.D.; West, I.G.; Leepart, D.C.; and Speight, P.M., Tyler. Among the brethren and visitors present we noticed Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; Locock Webb, Q.C., P.M.; Meadows, M.D., P.M.; Bennett, P.M.; N. W. Dunn, P.M.; Bothamley, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, W.M. Lodge of Asaph; J. Walker, S. W. Weldon, Tinney, J. Child, and others. After the lodge was closed the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, served at the Freemasons' Tavern. The musical arrangements were of the most enjoyable nature, and the artistes who assisted included Bro. Stedman's choir, Bros. Tinney, and Child, and Miss Webster.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. There were present among others Bros. Rumball, W.M.; Morrison, S.W.; Heaphy, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; C. Dairy, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. Middx., S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Whitty, W.S., acting I.G.; Jordan, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Simpson, W.M. 1178; Linton, W.M. Brownrigg; J. Cox, I.P.M. 765; Piller, J.W. 1793; Howe, S.D. Strong Man; Goodchild, I.G. 1793; Pratt, 957; Conitire, 1306; Buckingham, 1677; E. D. Cox, City of Westminster; and King, Eccleston. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. Harrison, How, and Mason, and initiated Mr. Alexander McMullen, the ceremonies being well performed. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a most elegant and well served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary routine of toasts was done full justice to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that no lodge could be blessed with a kinder-hearted Master than Bro. Rumball had proved himself to be. He had moreover done his "work" well, and he (the I.P.M.) hoped that the W.M.'s health would be sufficiently good to enable him to complete his year of office in the same admirable way as had hitherto characterised it. In conclusion, the speaker congratulated the lodge upon its present prosperous condition. The W.M., in reply, briefly said that it was a source of gratification to him to think that he had succeeded in pleasing them all. His health was not so good as it might be, and he trusted that should there be any shortcomings on his part the brethren would, on that account, kindly grant him their indulgence. In concluding his remarks, he said that he felt exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and to the brethren for the hearty way that they had received it. "The Initiate" followed. Bro. McMullen, in response, said that he felt exceedingly honoured in having been admitted a member of their old lodge. He went on to say that he hoped that his future career in the Craft would be such as not to bring discredit upon their ancient institution. To be a Freemason was an honour he had for years coveted, and he took that opportunity of returning his thanks to his proposer, Bro. Carter, for having given him that chance. From what he had gleaned that evening he firmly believed that Freemasonry was one of the most valuable and distinguished institutions in the world. "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and this pledge having been received with excellent "fire," Bros. Piller, Goodchild,

Linton, and Cox duly acknowledged the toast. In the course of their several replies they paid a very high compliment to the W.M. and the officers of the lodge for their excellent all round "working." The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Dairy. Bros. Carter and Stuart replied to the pledge of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Health of the Officers" having been coupled with the names of Bros. Morrison and Heaphy, those brethren briefly acknowledged the compliment upon behalf of themselves and colleagues. The Tyler's toast, at a late hour, brought the proceedings, which were throughout most successful, to a termination.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. There were present Bros. B. Turner, W.M.; J. E. Shand, S.W.; J. Hutchinson, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749, Sec.; J. B. Docker, as S.D.; Joel Emanuel, J.D.; T. M. Janes, D.C.; T. Eastgate, as I.G.; Potter, Tyler; B. Phillips, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., P.M.; Blackford, H. Bonham, Craft, Day, Gardner, Hill, Hart, Lee, Köhler, W. E. Smith, T. Woodward, Ward, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Dairy, P.M. 141; W. J. Colleno, S.D. 766; G. Festa, S.D. 834; De Lever, 1426; Symons Smith, 742; Pye, 193; P. Semler, 749; and others. The lodge was opened in due form, when Mr. Cox was impressively initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bros. May, Stevens, Cloots, Line, and Wenn having answered the usual questions, the lodge was advanced, and they were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The resignations of Bros. T. Pike (country member) S.W. St. Tudno (North Wales), No. 755, and Misselbrook were received with regret. Ten guineas was voted for the Girls' School, to go on Bro. Janes' list, who is Steward for that Institution. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, about fifty, adjourned to a capital dinner, served by Bro. Nichols, Café Royal. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the customary loyal and other toasts in appropriate terms. Some good music, piano solo by Bro. Semler, and songs by Bros. B. Phillips, P.M.; Symond Smith, Eastgate, and others closed a very happy, convivial, and joyous meeting.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—One of the most successful gatherings in the history of this young but exceedingly flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present among others Bros. J. H. Dodson, P.M. 55, W.M.; Henry Turner, S.W.; W.M. elect; T. A. Woodbridge, J.W.; A. Tisley, Secretary; Dalwood, I.P.M.; G. Manners, S.D.; Low, J.D.; H. D. Clemow, D.C., acting I.G.; W. Farrington, Organist; F. Farrington, W.S.; Dwarber, P.M.; W. Wellsman, P.M.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain (honorary member); Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Colonel Radcliffe, P.G.S.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, P.M. 131, &c.; Brodie, P.P.G.D. Devonshire, P.M. 1252, &c.; Gomm, W.M. 708; H. W. Green, P.M. 108; George Carter, P.M. 382; J. L. Jones, P.M. 657, 1460, 1676, &c.; T. Dodson, P.M. 860; Dunn, P.M. 1670; Stiles, I.P.M. 1732; W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. 1745, &c.; H. Stiles, S.W. 1732; White, 55; Seymour Smith, 742; Timney, 1319; Welch, 1635; Sadler, 1670; Evill, Canterbury Lodge; J. Boyes, Loughton Lodge; Woolf, Missouri, No. 1 (America); T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 1381, &c. (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot for initiation was taken on behalf of Mr. W. T. Madge, and it proved to be unanimous. By the W.M.'s permission Bro. Harris was then passed by Bro. Dalwood, P.M., and Mr. Madge was initiated by Bro. Wellsman, P.M., the respective ceremonies being well performed. The W.M. having resumed the chair, appointed Bros. Wellsman as S.W.; Dalwood as J.W.; Dwarber as D.C.; and Brodie as I.G., to assist him in the ceremony of installing Bro. H. Turner, S.W., as W.M. for the year ensuing. Upon the conclusion of the ceremonial, which was most ably performed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Dodson for the manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of Installing Officer. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Woodbridge, S.W.; Manners, J.W.; Dodson, I.P.M.; Praed, Treas. (by deputy); A. Tisley, Sec.; Low, S.D.; H. Clemow, J.D.; F. Farrington, I.G.; W. Farrington, Organist; W. E. Farrington, D.C.; R. Clemow, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, "The Queen and Craft" and the other complimentary toasts were done full justice to. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his very eloquent reply he said that the noblemen and good Masons who were at the head of the Craft were worthy not only of their good wishes but their admiration for the manner in which they discharged the responsibilities of their high Masonic rank. In speaking of the other brethren comprising the members of Grand Lodge, he said that on more than constitutional grounds the brethren should receive the toast of their health with warmth. There were many important questions before Grand Lodge which would require more than passing attention, and as the Grand Officers would take an active part in the discussion of those matters, there would of necessity be a great strain upon their mental and physical health. In concluding his remarks he said that having been present at the birth of the St. Dunstan's Lodge he was delighted to find that it had increased so numerously, and that the "working" of the lodge was so good. He was particularly struck with the able way in which the I.P.M. had discharged the duties of Installing Officer that evening, and if every Master that followed on evinced the same amount of Masonic aptitude their lodge must of necessity flourish.

Bro. Colonel Radcliffe having also said a few words, "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M., and most enthusiastically drank. The W.M., in reply, tersely said that as they had unanimously voted him to the chair, he should always cherish the honour as a sincere mark of their appreciation, and he begged to thank them most gratefully and heartily for the uniform kindness he had received at their hands throughout his connection with the lodge. It was a position he had aspired to for some years, and he had endeavoured to "work" up to it Degree by Degree, and he hoped to perform the duties to their satisfaction. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. (Song, "The Entered Apprentice," Bro. Tisley.) Bro. Madge, in response, briefly thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received the toast, and he most emphatically said no act of his should sully or bring any discredit either on the lodge or on the great and valuable institution that they had that evening done him the honour of admitting him to. In giving "The I.P.M." the W.M. said that he should not speak upon the merits of the toast, as the officer in question, Bro. Dodson, could not expect more praise than had been already so eloquently given to him by the Past Grand Chaplain, but he would say that he most heartily endorsed all that had been stated by Bro. Simpson, and it afforded him a great amount of pleasure in being in a position to present the I.P.M. with a jewel, which decoration would serve as a souvenir of his twelve months' arduous services to the lodge. Bro. Dodson having acknowledged the compliment and the gift that accompanied it, "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Woolf, an American Mason. That brother, in reply, expressed his gratification for the manner in which the toast had been proposed. He complimented the lodge not only on its working and profuse hospitality, but upon the perfect unanimity which appeared to prevail. It was so long since he had visited any lodge in the United States that it was quite out of his power to afford them any detailed information as to the present position of Masonry there, but it had taken, as they well knew, a very firm root throughout the whole American continent, and was increasing to a very large extent. In conclusion he again thanked the lodge for the cordial manner in which he and his co-visitors had been received. "The Health of the Past Masters" came next, and this toast having been drunk with that amount of enthusiasm which so vital a pledge demanded, Bro. Wellsman replied, on behalf of his colleagues and himself, in a speech that was characterised by a great deal of originality and quiet humour. When the amusement that this response created had subsided, the W.W. proposed, in very flattering terms, "The Treasurer and Secretary." In the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Praed, the Treasurer, Bro. Tisley acknowledged this toast in a neat speech of some length. "The Officers" followed, and this pledge was responded to by Bros. Low and Clemow. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated. During the evening Bros. Seymour Smith, George Carter, and others, gave an excellent selection of instrumental and vocal music.

KILBURN LODGE (No. 1608).—This prosperous lodge, which has its head-quarters at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, was convened for the dispatch of business on Monday, the 23rd ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. S. Brooks, W.M.; J. W. Cuff, S.W.; G. A. B. Fletcher, acting J.W.; George Everett, P.M. 177, 1381, Treas.; A. W. Webster, Sec.; F. J. Baker, S.D.; H. B. Phillips, J.D.; W. Blackburn, I.G.; H. J. Turner, D.C.; J. P. Cole, P.M., Org.; G. A. Barclay, S.; J. Palmer, P.M.; and C. Thomas, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Gillett, P.M. Royal Jubilee; Staden, 180; Nicholson, 582; Brooks, 766; Hyatt, 1214; J. Edgar, 1287; and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 1381 (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, as joining members, upon behalf of Bros. J. Warner, P.M. 23; J. Sams, 45; and W. B. Armstrong, P.P.J.W. of Midland Counties, Ireland, P.M. 163, &c., and proved to be unanimous. The W.M. then most ably and impressively raised Bro. H. T. Hartley and passed Bro. H. East. The following notice of motion by the W.M., "That a sum of five pounds, from the funds of the lodge, be sent to the Treasurer of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, as a contribution towards defraying the cost of furniture and other property," was then discussed; and the proposition having been seconded by the S.W., was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to a most elegant banquet, which reflected great credit upon the genial caterer, Bro. T. H. P. Hartley. The usual complimentary toasts having received full justice, Bro. Palmer, P.M., rose and proposed in very happy terms "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his speech he said that he felt exceedingly sorry that the brother (the I.P.M.) who should have proposed the toast was absent in consequence of infirm health. He (Bro. Palmer) was glad to see that their W.M. was discharging his duties in a manner as if he had been born to be a ruler in the Craft. The way in which the W.M. had carried out the responsibilities of his high position had not been surpassed by any of his predecessors in the chair. In conclusion, he hoped that the W.M. would, during the remainder of his year of office, be able to be present in good health to perform the duties of his rank in the same admirable manner as had hitherto characterised his "working." (Hear, hear.) The W.M., in reply, briefly said that the proposer of his health had spoken of him in far more laudatory terms than his poor efforts deserved. To be Master of a lodge so influential as the Kilburn was, in itself, an honour to be greatly desired, and as they had placed him in that high position, he felt that it was his bounden duty to do everything that should be conducive to the best interests of No. 1608. He trusted that the kind support that they had hitherto given him would continue until the time should have arrived for him to vacate the office. In con-

cluding his remarks he expressed a hope that he should be in a position to transfer to his successor the chair of the Kilburn Lodge as unsullied as he had received it from his predecessor. In giving "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. took occasion to call the attention of the brethren to the great number of visitors that had from time to time honoured the lodge with their presence. On that special occasion, although they (the visitors) were but few in number, they were none the less welcome. He considered it a goodly custom to visit each other's lodges, because the practice cemented friendships and increased Masonic interests. In conclusion, he briefly, but in most complimentary terms, touched upon the merits of several of the visiting brethren, and remarked that, as Masonic hospitality engendered "brotherly love," he hoped the practice would long continue to be the *Alpha* and *Omega* of the Order. This pledge was coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and were responded to by representatives of the brethren thus honoured. During the evening the enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Cole, Hyatt (Frank Percival), Baker, and others. The Tyler's toast, at an advanced hour, terminated the proceedings.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Brooke, W.M.; Corpe, S.W.; Bott, J.W.; Dewsnap, Treas.; Cruse, Sec.; Smith, jun., S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Smith, sen., D.C.; Wilkins, I.G.; Bauman, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. Köhler, W.M. 1381; Higgins, 1381; Marcus, 186; and many other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. F. Quoadt, H. Auerbach, Holmes, and Cattermole were then balloted for; the ballot was unanimous, and they were duly initiated. The W.M. then rose for the first time, and called upon the Secretary to read any communication he had received. The Secretary then read a letter from the Grand Secretary, acknowledging receipt of the letter of congratulation on his appointment to and investiture by H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master. The brethren afterwards dined at Freemasons' Hall, the dinner being served in Bro. Dawkins' best style.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this ancient lodge was held at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 23rd February. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. Whitfield, at seven o'clock, assisted by the officers as follows: Bros. W. Corbitt, I.P.M.; J. Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. B. Elsdon, Treas.; E. Liddell, Sec.; E. W. Middlemast, S.D.; J. W. A. Boyett, as J.D.; J. Boyett, I.G.; R. Perry, Org.; J. McIntyre, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. The other members present were Bros. D. Sinclair, P.M.; J. E. Robson, P.M.; R. Tate, J. Matthews, W. Leach, E. Shewbrooks, G. F. Westmacott, R. Brason, J. Snowdon, W. M. Pybus, W. Whitfield, J. Liddell, A. Rhagg, W. Richardson, M. J. Wheatley, T. Swan, R. Locke, and others. The W.M. was honoured with the presence of numerous visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. Page, W.M. 406; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 1643; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; G. J. Dean, P.M. 541; J. Duckett, S.W. 481; M. H. Dadds, J.W. 1119; T. Dinning, 481; R. W. Sisson, J.S. 406; F. Wright, 1342; G. C. Adamson, 1342; R. A. Dodds, Sec. 1626; G. B. Barber, 24; R. Stephenson, P.M. 424; E. A. Gibson, 424; R. Wightman, J.W. 531; R. A. Forster, 481; E. Hall, 1643; and others. After the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. Brown, G. Bolam, E. Mitchinson, and W. Lowers, all duly proposed at the January meeting, and each was declared to be unanimously elected. The candidates being in attendance and properly prepared, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry by the W.M., Messrs. W. Brown and W. Lowers in the first instance, and Messrs. G. Bolam and E. Mitchinson in the second place. The tools of this Degree were explained by the S.W. The W.M. read a communication from the P.G.M. of the province respecting the intended formation of a Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, after which, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., it was unanimously resolved, "That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, this lodge would be reluctant to see a fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive; and desirable as this object is, we think it might be less expensively attained through the means of existing institutions." The election of the W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. Wood, S.W., was unanimously elected. The W.M. elect returned thanks to the brethren for the high honour conferred on him. Bro. W. B. Elsdon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Finance Committee, the Organist, and the Tyler were afterwards elected according to the bye-laws. Mr. J. G. Benson was proposed for initiation. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was duly closed at 9.30 p.m. after the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren. An adjournment was made for refreshments, when there was a full attendance of brethren who had been present at the lodge. The Masonic toasts were proposed, and a very harmonious evening was spent in listening to the musical mélange given by the glee party in connection with old 48.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; Henry Walley, I.P.M. and

Treasurer; Alfred Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; Joseph Senior, S.D.; W. D. Waddell, Secretary; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; J. H. Greenwood, Organist; Benjamin Williams, jun., I.G.; John Studd, Murrav Thompson and Wm. Livesey, Stewards; J. Kirk, Tyler; Wm. Rome, P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; J. Mackie, P.M.; Benj. Williams, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; Matthew Owen, R. McMillan, John Bird Sumner, J. K. Taylor, G. Russell, A. Miller, S. Davies, J. H. Wolfensbergen, D. D. Macpherson, John Foster, G. R. Kershaw, W. D. Holbrook, John Campbell, W. Cowell, A. Greenhalgh, Phillip Casper, J. Bennett, W. Hilton, and J. Cleavey. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Elderton, 317; John Sutcliffe, 204; Alfred Lowe, W.M. 1387; H. Clausen, P.M. 1077; Henry Pool, P.M. 44; John Taylor, W.M. 1147; and R. R. Lisenden 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Alfred Hoffmann was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. On the conclusion of the ceremony of initiation the lodge was called off, and the brethren adjourned to tea, of which some seventy partook. At 6.45 they re-assembled in the lodge room, and Mr. Bowden Bower Dakeyne was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Wm. Rome, P.M. Bro. G. B. Kershaw was next passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Bro. John Foster was also passed to the Second Degree by Bro. E. Wildgoose, P.M. The third candidate for passing was Bro. D. D. Macpherson, and Bro. H. H. Warburton performed the ceremony in this case. Respecting the working it will be sufficient to observe it was done in that usual precise and creditable manner for which the officers of this lodge are noted, and left nothing to be desired. A good evening's work having been thus got through, the lodge was duly lowered, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge closing in peace and harmony at 8.45. At the social hour the brethren were kept merry by the thoroughly appreciated vocal and instrumental talent of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, and some excellent glee singing by Bros. Salmon, Heald, and Senior, a most enjoyable evening being brought to a close at 10.40.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The above prosperous lodge, which is fast becoming one of the largest and most influential in this district, both in the number of its members, popularity of its working, and hospitality, held its winter banquet on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead. The lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Warren, at 5.30 precisely, for the purpose of transacting the following business, viz., the balloting for of Messrs. W. Redhead and H. Hiscock, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bros. Bartlett, Day, and Ford were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Orpwood and Lawson were raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the work was performed by the W.M. in a style reflecting lustre upon the grand working for which this lodge has been for so many years famous. At this time the lodge presented a most animated appearance, there being nearly a hundred of the brethren and visitors present, amongst whom were, besides the officers and a brilliant array of Past Masters, Bros. T. Hutton, W.M. 13; H. Syer, J.W. 13; Capt. Sweny and J. Black, S.W. and J.W. 706; W. Floyd, W.M. 913; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; W. Rees, 913; Wrigglesworth, P.M. 975; D. Hanson, J.W. 829; J. Jacobs, 829; Vincey, 1076; and others. The lodge being closed, the brethren and visitors proceeded to Bro. Tucker's comfortable hostelry, where a superb banquet awaited them, which having been discussed, and the cloth cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and cordially responded to. Bro. Woodley, I.P.M., then, in a deservedly eulogistic strain, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He spoke with enthusiasm of the great strides the lodge had made under the rule of their esteemed W.M., and no one who had seen the working in the lodge during his year of office but must admit that he had fully redeemed the promise made by him at his installation, to follow in the footsteps of those Masters who had preceded him; and he felt sure they would all agree with him that Bro. Warren would leave that chair at the end of his year of office with the esteem and admiration of every one of the brethren, and without a shadow on the honour and brightness with which he went into it. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and, in reply, Bro. Warren thanked them for the compliment paid him. When he first took possession of the chair, some six months ago, he felt that he had a most responsible duty to perform, and now that he had, so to speak, passed the meridian of his year of office, he felt that he had honestly tried to do that duty. It was for them to decide whether he had done it to their satisfaction or not. The kind and cordial manner with which they always received the toast of his health led him to think that they appreciated his efforts, and that was his greatest pleasure. He should go on in the same path to the end, and would, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., leave it as prosperous and as unsullied as when he entered it. "The Initiates" were toasted, and they responded. Bros. Hutton, Rees, and Wrigglesworth responded for "The Visitors," and after the "Past Masters" had been honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.—Lodge of Sym-pathy (No. 855).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 24th February, 1880, at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. Frederick J. Blake, P.G.S.D. Glos., W.M.; Arthur H. Turner, S.W.; William Clifford, J.W.; Frank Millman, Sec.; Absalom Perrett, S.D.; C. M. Penly, Pro J.D.; E. J. Portlock, Pro I.G.; Window, Tyler; C. M. Harris, I.P.M.; Lew. Millman, P.P.G.P. Glos., P.M. Visitors: Bros. S.

Partridge and E. G. Portlock. After the minutes were read and confirmed the notice convening Grand Lodge for the 3rd March was read, also a circular letter from the Grand Secretary with reference to the wearing of the Charity jewel, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. A circular letter was also read from Bro. Gwinnett, P.P.G.S.W. Glos., requesting the co-operation of the W.M. and brethren in promoting the success of the testimonial to be presented to Bro. Trinder, who has now been P.G.S. for Glos. for nearly twenty-five years. A letter was read from the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.S., excusing his absence. Ballots were then taken for Mr. John William Warland and Mr. John Hooper as candidates for initiation, which were declared unanimously in their favour. Mr. Hooper was not present, but Mr. J. Helmsley Hunt, who was balloted for and elected at the last meeting, being present, with Mr. Warland, they were both initiated, the ceremony being performed most impressively by the W.M.; and Bro. William Clifford, J.W., afterwards delivered the Lecture on the Tracing Board in a very able and effective manner. The W.M. then informed the lodge that he had received a requisition from several members, asking that a lodge of instruction might be held in connection with this lodge, and as he considered it a very desirable thing, he moved that, in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions, the sanction of the lodge be given to such lodge of instruction, to be held once a fortnight. This being seconded by Bro. Clifford, J.W., was unanimously agreed to. The W.M. then informed the lodge that the time was approaching when the lodge generally gave subscriptions to the Masonic Schools, and, having stated that in his opinion, and he believed in that of many other brethren, it was not policy to give small subscriptions of less than five guineas, which only secured annual votes, and inasmuch as the lodge could not always afford to subscribe for life votes, he would move at the next meeting that the Treasurer be instructed, instead of sending subscriptions direct to the Masonic Charities, to pay a subscription of two guineas every half year to the Masonic Charity Association of this lodge, with a view to such subscriptions accumulating, and purchasing perpetual instead of annual votes to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Turner, S.W., then proposed another candidate for ballot and initiation at the next lodge. There being no further business before the lodge, the same was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to supper, where, with the usual Masonic toasts, the healths of the newly-initiated brethren were drunk, and responded to by Bros. Hunt and Warland, and Bro. Frank Millman, Secretary, led the "Entered Apprentice's Song" in a very able manner. Numerous inquiries were made after the worthy Treasurer, Bro. Llew. White, P.P.G.S.W. Glos., a rare absentee, who was not present, owing to ill health, and his absence was not only felt in the working of the lodge, but particularly at the supper table, where his cheery voice never fails to enliven those around him.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Philanthropy Lodge (No. 940).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, in Wellington-street, on the 26th ult. Bro. J. F. Craggs, Mayor of Stockton, I.P.M., officiated. There was a large attendance of brethren and members of neighbouring lodges. Amongst those present were the following P.M.'s: Bros. A. C. Knowles, John Hunton, A. S. Fowler, R. S. Hopper, T. Nelson, W. Nelson, B. Smith, W. J. Watson, John Trotter, J. Rose, T. Bradley, 940; and A. Iley, 509; J. P. Banning, W.M.; T. Wilks, P.M. 1415; and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, when the Secretary, Bro. I. H. Hart, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, as also were the statement of accounts, presented by Bro. J. Hunton, P.M. It was resolved to present the I.P.M. with an engrossed vote of thanks from the lodge for his services during the past year. The ballot was then taken on behalf of a person nominated, and proved successful. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Watson Moses, S.W., being presented by Bro. James Rose, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. F. Craggs, I.P.M., was with all due rite and ceremony inducted to the chair, followed by the usual proclamations and salutes. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Scarth, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; Wm. Simpson, S.D.; Robert Ashton, J.D.; George Lazonby, I.G.; John Hunton, Treasurer; A. S. Fowler, Director of Ceremonies; I. H. Hart, Secretary; W. A. Hodgson and Doherty, Stewards; and J. Trenholm, Tyler. At the conclusion of the business the brethren assembled in the banqueting hall, where the annual festival was held, being well attended. The usual complimentary addresses and toasts were given and duly responded to.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd February, at the Carnarvon Hall, Royal York Hotel. Present: Bros. J. J. E. Wilmott, W.M.; W. E. Perrett, S.W.; G. Yates, J.M.; Felix Thomas, Treas.; Sidney Lewis, Sec.; J. Tytherleigh, pro tem. S.D.; G. H. Penett, pro tem. J.D.; F. W. S. Wickstead, I.G.; Walter Cousins, Tyler; E. S. Blundell, P.M.; S. Jones, P.M.; B. Cox, P.M.; W. H. Davies, P.M.; W. A. Scott, P.M.; J. James, P.M.; S. E. Baker, M. B. Dunn, A. Wickenden, J. Shorney, W. H. Wooler, S. Mills, A. Howell. The business was to consider the advisability of building a new Masonic Hall. Plans were submitted by Bro. W. H. Wooler of a very handsome building on a suitable and eligible site in the Boulevards, the estimated cost of which was £1600, exclusive of the ground. After considerable discussion it was decided *nem. con.* that the scheme should, if possible, be carried out, and a committee was appointed to advise what steps should be taken, and to report to the lodge. In accordance with the resolution passed at the lodge of emergency, a meeting of the Com-

mittee was held on Monday evening, the 1st inst., at the York Hotel, when it was unanimously resolved to form a company with the title of "The Weston-super-Mare Masonic Hall Company, Limited." The following brethren were appointed provisional directors:—Bros. J. J. E. Wilmott, W.M. 1222; W. M. Forty, P.M.; J. Matthews, Felix Thomas, F. W. S. Wickstead; Bro. Sidney Lewis, P.M., was requested to act as Secretary, pro tem.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge (one of the most prosperous and well worked in the province) was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was opened at six p.m. Among those present we noticed Bros. T. Foulkes, W.M.; T. H. Bradshaw, I.P.M.; J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas.; F. Knight, P.M.; Crosby Leyton, P.W.; R. B. Burgess, S.W.; R. Robertson, J.W.; John Holme, S.D.; P. M. Campbell, J.D.; John Hodgson, Organist; M. Williamson, Tyler; P. Dickinson, J. Corlett, E. Jones, P. Botherill, G. Alexander, H. Bradock, Samuel Gordon, H. Mallinson, William Johnson, T. P. Chapman, P. Upton, M. Brown, J. H. Erwin, S. Hill, and others. Visitors: James Taylor, 203; William Spencer, 823; A. Samuels, 249; William Gray, 1264; John C. Robinson, P.M., 249; and others. After the minutes of the previous lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. T. W. Faithwait, W. H. Faithwait, Henry Haycraft, and Charles Slater. They, having been duly elected, were impressively inducted into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and the Ancient Charge delivered by the S.W. The lodge was then opened up in the Second Degree, and Bros. Jones and Alexander, being desirous of going forward, and they having given proof of their efficiency as F.C.'s, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the candidates, being re-admitted, were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. A letter having been read from the P.G.S., asking the brethren to appoint a brother to act as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was proposed and resolved that Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., Treas., be appointed, and that the sum of £10 10s. be placed upon his list. The Secretary announced the receipt of a copy of the *Freemason*, and called the brethren's attention to the report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, at which festival their P.M., Bro. Burgess, acted as Steward. After the sum of 21s. having been voted towards a fund to relieve a distressed Scotch Mason, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The charity box was passed round, and the sum of £1 5s. 10d. collected towards the above fund. Between the toasts Bros. Spencer, E. H. Jones, Botherill, and Foulkes contributed to the entertainment of the brethren by singing some excellent songs. The brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This provincial lodge mustered in good strength at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. Jessett, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P. Mark Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. and Secretary; Moody, I.G.; Wheeler, D.C.; Knowles, A.W.S.; Gilbert, P.G.T. Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Costelow, J.W. 780; Piller, J.W. 1793; H. Jones, 1326; A. J. Neave, S.D. 1638; Bowers, 1638; Smith, 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. W. Ockenden, S.W., at the request of the W.M., gave the lecture on the first tracing board. It is only just to this young Mason to state that the lecture was delivered with a clearness of enunciation and an attention to the rudiments of elocution that many an older student of the Masonic rituals might imitate with advantage. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks to Bro. Ockenden was given with acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Previously to the lodge being closed a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. J.W. Day, W.S., who expired, after a very short illness, on the 11th ult., and who was interred on the Saturday following in the churchyard of St. James's, New Hampton. After the brethren and their visitors had partaken of a very excellent collation the W.M. gave, in very brief but pertinent terms, the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts. Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.P., responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and then gave in very felicitous terms "The Health of the W.M." This pledge having been warmly received by the brethren, Bro. Jessett duly and most modestly acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" followed, and in response Bros. Costelow, Piller, Neave, Jones, Bowers, and Smith expressed their thanks to the W.M. for the very hospitable manner in which they had been received. They also each alluded to the lecture they had heard that evening, and the great gratification that that interesting and instructive recital had afforded them. "The Health of the Officers" came next in order, and this toast was acknowledged upon behalf of himself and colleagues by the S.W. "The Masonic Charities" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. dwelt at length upon the excellences of those benevolent institutions, and the great necessity there was that the brethren should continue to support them as far as their circumstances would allow. This pledge having been coupled with the name of Bro. Hopwood, a L.G. of each Charity, that brother made a fitting response. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Knowles, Jessett, Piller, Hammond, and others entertained the brethren with some good vocalisation.

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To Correspondents.

The paper kindly sent by our esteemed Bro. Joshua Nunn will appear in our next.

Bro. Dick Radclyffe's letter in our next. Proof will be sent.

Bro. Budden's letter received. After the decision of Grand Lodge the subject had better not be renewed. We quite agree with Bro. Budden. Will he send his address?

Owing to the extraordinary length of our Grand Lodge report, &c., we are compelled to omit the following reports and communications, which stand over till next week:—

Royal York Lodge, 315; Abbey Chapter, 1225; South Devon Lodge, 1797; Phoenix of St. Ann Chapter, 1235; Phoenix of St. Ann Lodge, 1235; West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, 1623; Inhabitants Lodge, 153; Greta Lodge, 1073; Presentation to Mr. Edmunds, of the Theatre Royal, Manchester; Consecration of West Smithfield Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1623; Amateur Masonic Minstrel Concert at Leeds; Royal and Select Masters; Royal Alfred, 1028; Royal Hanover, 1777; Southern Star Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Canadian Craftsman," "Jewish Chronicle," "Day and Night," "The West London Observer," "Alliance News," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Iron," "Press News," "Croydon Guardian," "Corner Stone," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islander," "Voice of Masonry," "Cornish Telegraph," "Scottish Freemason," "Masonic Review," "Masonic Newspaper," "Young Folks," "Egyptian Gazette," "The Political Catechism," "Brighton Gazette," "Orient."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

FORRESTER.—On the 25th ult., at Melbourne-lodge, Lawrie-park, Sydenham, the wife of J. J. Forrester, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WRIGHT—ANGEL.—On the 25th ult., at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, William Yorke Wright, of 27, Knight-riders-street, City, to Ellen Marion, daughter of Mr. Frank Angel, of Exeter.

DEATHS.

BODLE.—On the 26th ult., Mr. Bodle, of Mapleton Lodge, Lewisham, aged 48.

DYKE.—On the 24th inst., at Tadworth Lodge, Banstead, Mr. Charles Dyke.

PERMANENT ENLARGEMENT

OF THE

"FREEMASON."

Owing to constant pressure on the columns of the *Freemason*, and to the urgent necessity of "supplements," whether of four or even eight pages, the Publisher has determined on and after April 3rd permanently to enlarge it to Twenty Pages, except during the period of the Masonic recess, when Sixteen pages will probably suffice for the current hebdomadal news and reports. In addition to this change, the Publisher intends to print the *Freemason*, on and after April 3rd, with entirely New Type, to use Better Paper, and to give a Coloured Wrapper, like the one recently made use of, which has been much appreciated by his numerous readers.

Under these circumstances, the Publisher has also necessarily determined to increase the price of the *Freemason* to *Threepence*, but to deliver it *post free* to subscribers, and feels convinced, from the experience of the past and present, that he may rely in the future on the same cheerful patronage and the same unflinching support, which have cheered his earnest efforts to place in the hands and before the minds of his readers a readable, an intelligent, a respectable Masonic paper, a true reflection in its "outcome" of the real principles and right practice of Freemasonry.

All present subscribers will receive to the close of the time of their paid subscription the *Freemason* at the present price.

All subscribers from the 3rd of April can have the *Freemason* posted to them *post-free* at the following rates:—

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KENNING'S
MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

It having been forcibly represented to Bro. George Kenning that the present price of his "Masonic Cyclopædia" has acted as a "deterrent" to many of the Craft, and that a lower amount might induce many brethren to purchase so compendious and complete a work of Masonic reference, he has determined, in order to meet these representations and extend the study of Masonic Literature to make a considerable sacrifice as well as a liberal offer to the Cosmopolitan Craft.

If he can receive the names of 2000 brethren at 5s. 6d. each, he will issue, early in May, the "Masonic Cyclopædia," in a plain cloth binding, and *post free* to all such subscribers.

The subscription list will remain open until May 1st.

As this is a *bonâ fide* offer it will not be repeated, for the advantage to the subscribers is so great as not to require further remarks.

Bro. Kenning has still copies of the 10s. 6d. issue on hand in the original binding. A circular will, in proper course, be sent to all the lodges, and names may be transmitted forthwith to Bro. W. Lake, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

If the applications for the new issue should render it necessary, the book may be delivered even before May.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAR. 6, 1880.

THE proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were full of interest and importance to the Craft. A crowded hall manifested the fact that some questions were before Grand Lodge which affected in divers ways the sympathies of the brethren. The Pro G.M., who was loudly cheered, presided with his usual ability and urbanity. That portion of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication relative to Bro. James Stevens' resolution was non-confirmed by an overwhelming majority, after speeches by Bros. McKay, Arnold, Constable, J. R. Simpson, James Stevens, and A. F. A. Woodford. The G.M. was unanimously re-elected amidst most hearty applause. Bro. Sampson Peirce proposed, and Bro. Cantle seconded, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as Grand Treasurer. Bro. Wynn was proposed by Bro. Binckes, and seconded by Bro. Terry, and after speeches from several brethren, including Bro. Marsh and others, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton was re-elected Grand Treasurer amid prolonged applause, by a still more overwhelming majority. The vote for £500 for the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund was unanimously agreed to with hearty cheers; and after some discussion relative to the proposals of the Board of General Purposes, which we allude to elsewhere, and after a few words on Bro. Clabon's notice of motion, which was ultimately withdrawn, Grand Lodge closed its animated sitting at a comparatively early hour.

It is most important, for the general welfare of Freemasonry and the maintenance of the rights of all English Freemasons, that the provisions of the Book of Constitutions should be scrupulously upheld, in even minute particulars. The Pro G.M.'s proposal to refer the purchase of property not so far sanctioned by Grand Lodge, which had been effected by the Board of General Purposes, to a Special Committee to report upon, was, in our opinion, the only safe and proper course to take. It will probably amount to this, that the Board of General Purposes will be upheld in its purchase of property, which no one doubts was alike requisite and proper, and the Board itself will receive a "Bill of Indemnity" for what has been done without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge.

THE other proposals of the Board of General Purposes, and of a gratuity to our esteemed Bro. Buss, A.G.S., were approved of most heartily; the latter especially by Grand Lodge.

WE rejoice to see the alacrity with which Grand Lodge has voted £500 to the relief of the Irish distress. We hope that other lodges and brethren will follow suit, and increase the resources of the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund.

BRO. Clabon, in our opinion very wisely, withdrew his proposal to deal with the surplus fund of the Lodge of Benevolence.

WE congratulate Grand Lodge and the Craft sincerely on the non-confirmation of Bro. James Stevens' resolution. Giving Bro. James Stevens every credit for his desire to advance uniformity of ritual, it has long been clear to us that he had never adequately measured out the difficulties of the case. Pretty enough in theory, it was hopeless in practice.

BRO. McKay did good service to Masonry by coming all the way from Kendal purposely to vindicate the fair liberty of lodges, and to uphold the judicious toleration of Grand Lodge. He was very ably seconded by Bro. Arnold, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. for Surrey. The provinces were and are deeply interested in the matter.

THE re-election of our esteemed Bro. Lieut. Colonel Creaton as Grand Treasurer, will be hailed by the entire Craft with heartfelt gratification. We deeply regret that any opposition was raised to so popular a brother and so good an appointment. We might say a good deal more on this subject, but we forbear, gratefully remembering that Grand Lodge, by an unmistakeable majority has amply demonstrated its entire repudiation of any such opposition on any conceivable ground.

THERE are several points arising out of the last meeting of Grand Lodge which space forbids us alluding to to-day, but which we shall advert to in our next issue.

WE have been requested to state, for the information of those interested in the cases for the Charities which are London cases, that there seems to be a current mistake in reference to the action of the London Masonic Charity Association. Because it places a candidate on its list that fact does not ensure the election, or do away with the need of active exertion on the part of the friends of the candidate. On the contrary, every effort is requisite to make a London case secure, owing to the great number of candidates, and the admirable organization of the Provincial Committees. One of the great improvements effected by the humble efforts of a once much decried Association has been the concentrating of the metropolitan votes for the Charities in one focus, that is the London votes for London cases. It will be seen elsewhere that the Association has four girls on its list for April, and six boys. All votes are needed by it.

WE wish we could think that with the increase of Masonic numbers there was an increase of Masonic good feeling. Several facts have come recently and prominently, and unpleasantly before us, which prove to convince us, we say it with regret, that statements made behind the backs of brethren, alike untrue and unworthy, are not unknown even with some who loudly profess themselves to be Masons.

WE beg to call the attention of all our readers, and to all interested in the Masonic Charities, and the "outcome" of Masonic benevolence, to the fact, that at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, from No. 1700, only eleven lodges in town and country sent up a Steward or a subscription list. Let us hope for a better return at the Girls' School festival. Surely there are other interests and duties than those connected with the "Knife and Fork Degree," especially for these young lodges.

WE have been asked to say a few words as to the "rush for office" which is now conspicuous among our "novi homines" in Masonry. But, to say the truth, such is not a new complaint of the Masonic cynic or the Masonic philosopher.

We remember an august body, years on years ago, alas! now, being startled out of its propriety almost by the fervid denunciation of "itching for collars." Thus history repeats itself.

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BRO. GRIMAUX, who is now, it seems, the Editor of the "Monde Maçonnique," calls our attention to a slight error which had crept for some time into our columns, and which was based on a French report. We are happy to be able to allow him to correct the alleged error, and to reciprocate his good wishes and the expression of his Masonic sympathy.

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THE progress of the study of Masonic archaeology is well exemplified by the recent discovery of two Constitutions of 1607 and 1610 respectively. As one apparently belonged to the well known Inigo Jones, and the other is said to be "newly-translated," many important questions arise for the Masonic student.

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ASHMOLE'S MSS., in which will probably be found his "collections" of ancient Masonry, have long been a "desideratum" for Masonic students. By two communications in our last it would seem as if they might still be found in Lichfield. If so, we shall also come probably on the parchment roll and Constitution which Dr. Plot saw.

Original Correspondence.

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

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brother Kenning,—

We have ten cases at the April elections—four girls and six boys—all good, all urgent, some most pressing cases. If any of your readers and my brethren have no special candidate to support, whose claims they do not consider come under the category of "the most distressing case," for which they are bound conscientiously to vote, if they will kindly forward their voting papers to me, at 25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W., I will make a due and fitting use of them.

This is purely a personal request on my part to many kind friends, old acquaintances, and correspondents in Masonry. Otherwise all papers should be sent officially to Bro. Tisley, 1, Clifford's-inn, Fleet-street, E.C., one of the zealous Secretaries of the Association.

Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.
February 28th, 1880.

THE DISCOVERIES AT CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will greatly oblige the Freemasonic body of this and other countries if you can give further elucidations in respect to the discoveries at Cleopatra's Needle as reported by the *New York Herald*.

The views of Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia (in last week's *Freemason*), are not based on autopsy, and are, therefore, I think, mere theories of his own. I hope you will be able to cause an accurate investigation to be made concerning the whole matter by one of our brethren who is able to see himself the things, &c., discovered.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. S. Ch. 600.

Bradford, Feb. 22nd, 1880.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Owing to long-continued illness and severe suffering I regret to inform you that our Bro. Samuel Petty Leather, who has for many years filled the office of Supreme Grand Treasurer, has been obliged to tender his resignation. The Supreme Grand Council has therefore appointed Bro. Reginald Young, P.M., P.Z., K.T., to that office, which that brother has accepted. Owing to this circumstance certain changes have taken place in the officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple, as follows: Bros. Devey Fearon Ranking, M.A., to be Supreme Grand Sword Bearer; William Thomas May, P.M., to be Supreme Grand Pursuivant; and Thomas Roberts, P.M., to be Supreme Assistant Grand Pursuivant. You will greatly oblige me by inserting this letter in your next issue of the 7th inst.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,

Supreme Grand Secretary.

Hounslow, March 2, 1880.

[We have been requested to publish the following letter, which we do with a translation.]

Paris, le 25 Février, 1880.

T. C. F. Kenning,—

Dans un note insérée la page 30 du *Freemason* de 21 Février, je lis au sujet du *Monde Maçonnique*: "This

French Masonic magazine, edited by Bro. Caubet, and contributed to by Adrien Grimaux (Bro. Le Ple)."

Permettez moi de rectifier cette légère erreur. Le Frère Le Ple, Vénérable (Master) d'une Loge de Rouen, est complètement étranger à la rédaction du journal auquel je collabore depuis onze ans, et que j'ai l'honneur de diriger depuis un an en remplacement du Frère Caubet.

Je profite de cette circonstance pour vous remercier, aussi que le Frère Woodford, de l'appréciation courtoise que vous faites du *Monde Maçonnique* dans le même note de votre estimable journal. Nos vœux, il est vrai, diffèrent considérablement sur la connexité de la Maçonnerie et des opinions religieuses, mais nous avons, également à cœur la grandeur et la prospérité de notre excellente Institution.

Agréez, T. C. F., l'expression de ma considération la plus distinguée ces de mes sentiments fraternelles.

ADRIEN GRIMAUX.

Directeur de *Monde Maçonnique*.

57, Rue Monge, Paris.

TRANSLATION.

Very dear Bro. Kenning,—

In a note inserted page 90 of the *Freemason* February 21st, in regard to the *Monde Maçonnique*—"This French Masonic magazine, edited by Bro. Caubet and contributed to by Bro. Adrien Grimaux (Bro. Le Ple)."

Permit me to rectify this slight mistake. Bro. Le Ple, Vénérable (Master) of a lodge at Rouen, has nothing whatever to do with the editing of the journal at which I have conjointly worked for eleven years, and which I have had the honour to "direct" for one year, in the place of Bro. Caubet.

I profit by this circumstance to thank you, as well as Bro. Woodford, for the courteous appreciation you express of the *Monde Maçonnique* in the same note of your estimable journal. Our views it is true differ considerably on the relations of Masonry and religious opinions, but we have equally at heart the greatness and prosperity of our excellent Institution.

Accept, my dear Brother, the expressions of my most distinguished consideration.

ADRIEN GRIMAUX,

Director of the *Monde Maçonnique*.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If not occupying too much space in your valuable journal, would you kindly publish the annexed list of contributions sent by the various lodges and chapters in this province to the late Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and oblige, yours fraternally,

JOHN P. BELL, D.P.G.M.N. & E. Yorkshire,
Provincial Festival Steward.

	£	s.	d.
Prov. Grand Lodge N. and E. Yorks...	123	0	0
Humber Lodge, No. 57 ...	45	6	0
Old Globe Lodge, No. 200 ...	26	5	0
York Lodge, No. 236 ...	81	10	0
Minerva Lodge, No. 250 ...	35	0	6
Constitutional Lodge, No. 294 ...	21	0	0
Lion Lodge, No. 312 ...	52	10	0
Cleveland Lodge, No. 543 ...	5	5	0
St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566 ...	25	18	6
St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 630 ...	2	2	0
Royal Lodge, No. 643... ..	25	0	0
Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660 ...	10	10	0
Kingston Lodge, No. 1010 ...	14	4	6
Sykes Lodge, No. 1040 ...	2	15	0
Denison Lodge, No. 1248 ...	26	5	0
Falcon Lodge, No. 1416 ...	4	0	0
Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511 ...	1	1	0
De la Pole Lodge, No. 1605... ..	73	10	0
Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611 ...	26	5	0
Leopold Lodge, No. 1760 ...	5	5	0
Prov. Grand Chapter N. and E. Yorkshire ...	26	5	0
Zetland Chapter, No. 236 ...	34	17	6
King Edwin Chapter, No. 660 ...	5	5	0
Londesborough Chapter, No. 734 ...	3	15	0

Lodges and Chapters ... £676 15 0

Private Contributions ... 178 9 0

Total ... £855 4 0

"MANCUNIAM" AND THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question of uniformity of ritual is one of much too delicate a nature for me to meddle with, but I should like to say a few words with reference to the letter signed "Mancunium" in your last impression.

The writer speaks about the installation ceremony "as recognised in the north of England," and talks about "the lines laid down by his forefathers." May I ask him to which ceremony in the north of England he refers? I have had a large experience in installations in almost every part of England for the last sixteen years, and I find every province differs in some little respect, although they as a rule preserve the Masonic unities and adhere pretty closely—in essentials, at least—to what is taught in the Emulation Lodge. The exception I have found to be the Province of East Lancashire, or at least Manchester, and a circle of some twenty miles round. There they have a brand new ritual of their own, with a form of opening and closing a Board of Installed Masters, and certain peculiar signs and secrets totally unknown to brethren at Leeds, on the one hand, or Liverpool, on the other—not only this, but a ritual for opening and closing a Board of Past Masters, and a ceremony of installing the outgoing

Master as a P.M. with separate signs, &c., none of which are known in any other part of England. I certainly cannot admire the politeness of the brother who denounced this ceremony as "perfect rot," if he did so in public, but I must plead guilty to very often having thought so. Even in Manchester itself the ceremony varies. I heard the Emulation Ceremony of Installation carefully and accurately given in one of the lodges in that city, at their annual meeting last month, and the East End ritual is often given in another lodge I occasionally visit. I do not fancy your correspondent often visits lodges outside the city of Cottonopolis—indeed, I should question if he ever saw an installation away from home, else he would scarcely accuse the Emulation Lodge of thrusting their working down the throats of the brethren to whom he refers.

As an humble member of the Emulation Lodge I must confess my admiration for the ceremonial, and my pleasure at seeing still carried on that working which was the pride of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson in the past, and which is now considered by Bros. Hervey, Murton, and Fenn cum multis altis. But if the "Manchester" secrets are a part of pure and ancient Masonry why should we not be put in possession of them? If they are innovations why should they be allowed to continue?

All credit to the northern brethren for their exertions in the cause of Freemasonry. No one can better appreciate them than

Yours fraternally,

BOS ALBUS.

WAS SWEDENBORG A MASON?

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I quite agree with Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie that there is no "à priori" reason why Swedenborg should not have been initiated, but only, unfortunately, the proof is wanting. I cannot accept the "dicta," whether possible or impossible, of any one on a question of pure evidence, and until some proof of the fact be adduced, whether at Lund, Paris, or London, I must still accept the view of the "Handbuch," that "no evidence can be produced that Swedenborg was a Freemason."

Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. W.

Reviews.

THE ANTIQUARY, No. 111. Elliott Stock.

Is a very interesting one, and we heartily wish all prosperity to it.

TEMPLE BAR.

"Temple Bar" this month is as "dull as ditchwater," despite "Adam and Eve" and the "Rebel of the Family."

ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

Is very pleasant reading indeed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC: PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC.

Both these documents deserve to be read.

L'ALCHIME ET LES ALCHIMISTES, OU ESSAI HISTORIQUE, SUR LA PHILOSOPHIE HERMETIQUE. Par LOUIS FIGUIER. Paris, 1854.

This work has recently come before us, and we mention it for its interest to all Hermetic students who can understand the French language. It is a very amusing and striking essay.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

BRO. GOULD'S "ATHOLL LODGES."

THIRD NOTICE.

Of course the minutes of the Grand Lodge alone are not sufficient to describe or account for the peculiar movements of some of the "Ancient Lodges," for endorsements are to be found on some of the existing warrants about which these records are silent. This would doubtless be owing to local authorities not communicating the changes to the Grand Lodge, of which, No. 104, Stockport, is a case in point. Granted for Longendale, Cheshire, in 1765, it appears to have been started at Mottram, in the same county. In 1806 it was transferred to Manchester Hill, the records stating Stockport, and on 9th November, 1807, it was again removed, of which no note appears in the Grand Lodge Register, as transcribed by Bro. Gould. Bro. Herbert Finch, P.M. of the lodge, tells me that the revival in 1806-7 was due mainly to military brethren, of probably the local garrison, and the visiting brethren were mostly of the same class. We know for a fact that our military members were frequently of great value in the resuscitation of dormant lodges, and many owe their continuance on the roll during adverse circumstances to their well directed aid. They have not as yet received anything like a due share of credit for services in connection with Freemasonry at home and abroad for the last hundred years, but I hope ere long Bro. Gould will do justice to their claims, as military lodges and military brethren have been the most invaluable, as a class of earnest workers, that the Fraternity has ever been privileged to possess during the period of 1750 to the "Union" of December, 1813.

Some lodges under the "Ancient" not entitled to a centenary warrant have, however, obtained that coveted distinction by their connection with lodges—by union—of the "Moderns" of an earlier origin. Of this kind is the present 31, Canterbury. As an "Ancient" lodge it was granted at first in 1753, but fell through, being revived,

according to Bro. Gould, at Canterbury, 1806. It united, however, in 1819, I find, with No. 416 of the "Moderns," which was constituted in 1776, and hence the continuity of the 100 years has been preserved. Bro. Hall, P.M. (Canterbury), has kindly sent me a copy of the centenary warrant, granted in December, 1878, which confirms the statements made by Bro. Gould and myself before we knew of the grant being made.

No. 55, constituted in 1756, purchased original No. 3 in 1759, so that it was vacant at that time. I cannot, therefore, agree with its title being "Time Immemorial," as Bro. Gould styles it. At the Union it became No. 5, at which it still remains, and in 1843 was united with the "Corner Stone" of the "Moderns" of A.D. 1730. Then No. 5 as an "Ancient" lodge dates from 1759, as respects continuity on that register, but as a united lodge goes back to A.D. 1730 as of the "Moderns."

A lodge buying a dormant or lapsed warrant became entitled to the position on the roll thus obtained, but not the date of the original warrant of the lodge so supplanted. The present No. 10 is an instance of this, carefully registered, as usual, by Bro. Gould. Originally started as a lodge in March, 1769, as 159, in 1792 it purchased the position of the lapsed No. 10, which was chartered at first in 1751. The centenary, however, of the present 19 (No. 10 until the "Union") was not celebrated until 1869, and rightly so. Bro. Gould has done well to give all the various dates obtained by Bro. Constable, after considerable labour, when they refer to alterations not mentioned on the records, and he has also made known any points of interest discovered in extensive researches amidst all kinds of material. Some of the latter suggest a deal of labour, only a little of which is seen on the surface, for though we can all see the result we fail often to realise the quantity of neglected material.

Under "Ancient," No. 123, military lodges, with two dates on the register, in the space of under twenty lines, Bro. Gould gives many references, not only proving that the 6th Dragoons have worked under the three Grand Lodges of England, "Modern," York, and "Ancient," but also of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Royal Arch Chapters from the Grand Chapter of all England, at York, and that of Scotland. Bro. Whythead's researches—a well known and respected Craftsman at York—and many others are utilized for this interesting account. The registers of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge for 1807 and 1813 being reprinted in the "Atholl Lodges" adds also to the value of the work so well done and written by our Bro. Gould.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE ATHOLL LODGES.

Referring to Bro. Hughan's notice of this work in recent numbers of the *Freemason*, I think it is very imperfectly understood, that in cases where the numerical positions of "Ancient" lodges have been varied, three different kinds of warrants have been brought into use. Firstly, the old or original warrant conferred on the senior lodge, to whose place the move upwards has occurred. Secondly, the original warrant held by the junior lodge obtaining such promotion; and thirdly, an entirely new warrant of constitution, dating from the period when the higher precedence was officially vested in the purchasing lodge.

Examples of all three of the above are to be found in Bro. Constable's transcripts.

Much confusion has resulted from this want of uniformity in the re-issue of Masonic charters, e.g., the present Humber Lodge, No. 57, constituted 1809, obtained a centenary warrant in 1856, in virtue of the warrant (not the lodge) having completed one hundred years of its existence. On the other hand, the Royal Athelstane, constituted 1769, through holding a place or position on the Atholl Roll, originally warranted in 1754, has been accorded a centenary warrant in virtue of its actual seniority only (1769).

The examples just cited are representative cases, and any brother may find many similar ones by a cursory examination of the lists. It is easier to state the difficulty than to surmount it, and it may be observed that the practice of buying a higher seniority was not confined to lodges holding under the "Ancients." The Lodge of Friendship, present No. 6, though enjoying a precedence from A.D. 1721, was actually established in 1767, in which latter year the constitution of the then Lodge No. 3, meeting at the Sun and Punch Bowl, was purchased by several influential brethren; the Committee of Charity, or Board of General Purposes of that era, out of "high respect to His Grace the Duke of Beaufort (elected Grand Master a week later), and the other noblemen and honourable gentlemen concerned in the transaction, and in consideration of their being very young Masons," condoning the offence. Even-handed justice was, in this case, hardly meted out, for whilst on the 15th April, 1767, the arch-offender, the Duke of Beaufort, was elected Grand Master, Thomas French (afterwards Grand Secretary), through whose instrumentality the constitution of No. 3 had been acquired, was obliged to make a humble apology in Grand Lodge for his wrong doing. In the previous year (1766) the executive committee of the "Moderns," whilst sanctioning the purchase of an "old" warrant by some foreigners, on the ground "that having paid a valuable consideration for the constitution, in equity they had a right to the same," laid down the following principle, viz.—"That for the Future the Sale of A Constitution should on no account be held valid, but should immediately be considered as forfeited."

Under the "Ancients" the transfer of warrants, like everything else sanctioned by the "Working Men's" Grand Lodge, was conducted without partiality, favour, or affection. A fixed sum (to be paid to the General Fund of Charity) was, from time to time, named as the price of a lapsed warrant, and vacant places on the roll were filled by the promotion of the senior lodges applying for such higher numbers. I take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Hughan for a "private" list of "Ancient" lodges of the year

1804 which he has kindly lent me. So far as I have yet gone it corroborates my own investigations, whilst supplying valuable information respecting the obscure (though deeply interesting) subject of "Military" or "Regimental" Masonry.

R. F. GOULD.

PUBLICATION OF "MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS."

I am delighted to hear of the latest find of our most energetic student, Bro. Woodford. The "Wood's MS.," of 1610, will, doubtless, prove to be a very valuable MS., especially as it differs from all known versions. Evidently it is a copy of one much older, which may yet be traced. If the extract in the *Freemason* of the 28th ult. be *verbatim et literatim*, the orthography is much better than usual for 1610. With respect to the 100 subscribers for the 2nd vol. of the "Archæological Library," there surely need not be any difficulty. I shall be happy to be one of ten who will undertake to find ten subscribers, provided the work be commenced on the completion of the 100, and I am ready to give my guarantee at once; in fact, do so hereby. Seeing that Vol. II. is to contain the "Inigo Jones MS." and the "Wood's MS." at a cost of 7s. 6d. per copy, the subscribers should at once be obtainable from the readers of the "Notes and Queries" department. I should much like to have the modernised version of "Halliwell's MS." reprinted therein, from the "Masonic Magazine," as also the "Cooke's MS." that Bro. Woodford first spoke of. It need not be printed in an expensive form. Failing this, however, why not let us have Cooke's MS. in the "Masonic Magazine" for our series of Masonic MSS., No. 5? *What say you, Bro. Woodford?*

W. J. HUGHAN.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

There is a curious old book termed "Observationes Astrologice." By Richard Edlyn. Printed by J. W. for B. Billingsly and O. Blagrove, at the sign of the Printing Press, in Broad-street, 1668.

I may also mention "The Book of Palmistry and Physiognomy." Written in Latin by John Indagine, and translated into English by Fabian Withers. Printed by M. Ibbetson, for Ed. Blackmore, at the Angel in Paul's Churchyard, 1656.

There is a curious work by J. Jacob Wrecher, De Secretis Libri XVII. Printed at Basle, 1582.

The "Commentarii" of John Eck, on the mysterious theology of Dionysius, the Arcopagite, are also very curious. The work was printed by Gregorius Hanlin, in "Dillingen," 1610. It has a preface in it from Ingoldstadt, in 1517, by Eck.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

I am glad that my communication in re Elias Ashmole has produced so much fruit, as witness Bro. Broughton's, and especially Bro. Bowes's, letters. I shall be rejoiced to hear that we have "struck oil" at last. It is but fair, however, to state, that though I have thus kept the matter before my brother students the idea that the MSS. might still be at Lichfield or Staffordshire is owing to my esteemed Bro. Bedford, P.G.C. I had previously searched the British Museum, and had had the same process pursued at the Bodleian and Ashmolean collection, but was distinctly told that his private MSS. had never come to either of those great repositories. Bro. Bedford suggested Lichfield. The history of Elias Ashmole is well known on account of his diary and the "Biographia Britannica," and other works, and it will be very important indeed if we can find in his MSS. any collections or evidences of Masonry. So I await Bro. Bowes's further communication with deep curiosity and interest.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ANOTHER MS. CONSTITUTION.

I have just received from our esteemed Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, a transcript of an old MS., which evidently refers to the "Sloane," No. 3848. The copy thus kindly sent was made about 1830, according to my judgment, which is confirmed by my fortunate discovery of a water mark in the paper of 1828. It was found recently amongst the papers of the lamented Bro. John Tunnah, for some time Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire, and an earnest Masonic student. A pencil note at foot of MS. is to the following effect: "The parchment MS. may be the original Charter of Constitution and obligation sent from the Grand Lodge (or Lodge of Antiquity) when the lodge at Bolton was constituted A.D., varied according to circumstances of the time." This guess is doubtless wide of the mark, but is mentioned in connection with the MS. I may also state that there are several MS. notes relating to the "Gentleman's Magazine" MS. (1815), and "Nicholas Stone's" MS.; as also to Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," but they do not call for any remark herein. I hear also of a MS. of the middle of the 17th century, but of this more anon.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN WOOD.

We have to announce the death of Bro. J. Wood, at the early age of 42, after a long and distressing illness, which to the last he bore with Christian fortitude. Bro. Wood, who for years past carried on an extensive business as painter and decorator, in the picturesque town of Keswick, was amongst the first initiated in Greta Lodge, No. 1073, in the "metropolis of the Lake District," and he was elected to the chair in 1870. He was also P.P.G. Org. of Cumberland and Westmorland; a member of Regularity Chapter, No. 339, Penrith; a P.M. of the now all-but-defunct Bective Lodge, No. 147, Mark Masters; and a Past Sovereign of Dyke's Conclave, No. 36, of Red Cross

Knights. Twelve months ago, when a perfect cripple, he managed to drag himself to the installation festival of his mother lodge. A resolution of sympathy was fittingly accorded to his widow by the members of Greta Lodge last Tuesday.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association took place on Thursday week at Freemasons' Tavern. New members were elected, and the resignation of Bro. Perceval, as Treasurer, was accepted, with hearty thanks for his past services. Bro. Samuel Poynter, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead.

Four candidates for the Girls' School election in April, and six candidates for the Boys' School election in April, were selected for the support of the Association.

The meeting was adjourned to April 1, at the same time and place, to consider the new cases on the Boys' list, and for the transaction of other needful business.

Voting papers should be sent as soon as possible to Bro. Tisley, 1, Clifford's-inn, Fleet-street, E.C., as the calculations of the sub-committee on the days of election and the heavy work of the Secretary would be greatly simplified and lessened were the voting papers to be transmitted at once to the offices of the Association.

CARNARVON AND MIZPAH BALL.

The brethren of these well known City lodges gave their fourth annual ball on Friday, the 27th ult., at Cannon-street Hotel, upon which occasion a large and fashionable company were present. As we anticipated, the efforts of the Stewards were productive of the best results, the attendance being very large and pre-eminently successful. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit until an early hour. The varied nature of the Masonic clothing and jewels worn by the brethren and the very handsome dresses of the fair sex gave to the ball room a most brilliant and animated appearance.

At half-past twelve the company adjourned to the "Pillar" Room, where supper was served under the presidency of Bro. George Briggs, W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, and vice-presidency of Bro. Nelson Reed, Treasurer and honorary Secretary.

At the conclusion of the repast the President proposed the first toast, and, in doing so, said in every assembly of Englishmen there is one toast which requires but few words of introduction, that of "The Queen." He was sure no words of his could exalt and dignify more highly her long and glorious reign; but, as Queen and an Englishwoman, she is an example to the civilised world for her amiability and kindness of disposition. With this toast he would add that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

This toast having been loyally received, was followed by that of "The Stewards," which the Chairman had very much pleasure in proposing. He thought it needless to remark how greatly the success of a ball depended upon the individual efforts of each Steward, and they would, he was sure, all acknowledge how diligent the Stewards had been by the complete arrangements they had made that evening; but, added Bro. Briggs, the success or non-success must be left to the judgment of the honourable company. By the happy faces before him he ventured to think the whole had been a complete success. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Nelson Reed, the Treasurer and Secretary to the Ball Committee, who was deserving of their warmest thanks for his energetic and untiring perseverance, which had so much conduced to the success of the ball. He had carried out the admirable arrangements with all that kindness and goodness for which he was so highly distinguished. Bro. Briggs, in conclusion, said he would also append to this toast that of "Success to the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodge Ball," and trusted he might have the pleasure to be present at these annual gatherings for many years.

Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M., in reply, acknowledged that he was not at all surprised at being called upon to respond to this toast, so ably proposed by the worthy and esteemed Chairman, it having been previously arranged that he should do so, but it was an agreeable surprise to him to hear coupled with the toast "The success of the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges." As a founder of both lodges, and first Master of the Mizpah Lodge, he thanked the Chairman most heartily and sincerely for his kind remarks. He had the interest of both lodges at heart, and felt certain that as long as they had such good men and Masons connected with them as they had at present the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges must prosper. On behalf of the Stewards he begged to return his most heartfelt thanks for the kind manner in which their names had been received. They had all done their utmost to make this annual ball more successful than any of the previous ones, and he felt sure that the company present would admit that the Stewards had not failed in their endeavours to score another success. Bro. Reed then made a few humorous remarks respecting his own services, concluding by wishing the next ball might be as successful as this, and that those present that evening would be present next year.

The President then gave the toast of the evening, "The Ladies," which he desired the gentlemen to drink in humbers. This toast, he considered, above all others, required no words of exaltation from him, for he was sure all present admired—he might say loved—the grace and beauty of the ladies present that evening, who had, he thought, added a golden link to their happy chain of dances. He entirely agreed with Outway, when he wrote—"Oh! woman, lovely woman, angels are painted fair to look

like you; there's in you all that we believe of Heaven—amazing brightness, purity, and truth, eternal joy and everlasting love." He did not know if the experience of the gentlemen present had been such as to form similar conceptions of our gentle sisters. To him they were a kind of terrestrial divinity; they were the poetry of the world in the same sense as the stars are the poetry of Heaven—clear, light-giving, harmonious; they are the terrestrial planets that rule the destinies of mankind. He congratulated himself upon having the honour of proposing such a toast, and, in conclusion hoped they would meet again next year under the same happy circumstances. Bro. Bosano, whose name was coupled with this toast, having responded, the ladies retired from the banquet table, when, during the short interval that elapsed previous to the gentlemen rejoining them, Bro. Edward Terry favoured the company with a song, which he rendered in his well known "Gaiety" style.

Among the company present we noticed Bros. George Briggs, W.M. 1572; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1671, S.W. 1572, Treasurer and Secretary of the Ball Committee; Mrs. Reed and Miss Reed; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. and Secretary 1572; Miss Kyle; Edward Terry, P.M. 1319; Mrs. Terry; J. Clarricoats, Treasurer 1572; Mrs. and Miss Clarricoats; W. E. Downey, 1671; J. E. Burman, S.D. 1572; Miss Burman; Bullock, D. of C. 1572; Mrs. Bullock; A. Pearce, 1572; J. W. and A. R. Cartwright, 1671; Goffin, 1572; Miss Goffin; W. White, 1572; Miss White; Willcocks, 1572; Mrs. Willcocks; C. H. Meiter, 1671; Mrs. Meiter; Lovebond, 1572; Mrs. Lovebond; Wright, 1671; Z. H. Perkins, 1572; Mrs. Perkins; Heilbut, 1671; Stevens, W.M. 657; Mrs. Stevens; Lewis, 1671; Zeder, 1671; Mrs. Zeder; J. J. Avery, Past G. Treas. Devon; Maidwell, P.M. 27; Mrs. Maidwell; King, 1426; Mrs. King; Barham, 1426; Mrs. Barham; J. Steedman, P.M. 754; Owston, 1421; Mrs. and Miss Owston, R. Conder, Mrs. Clayton, Miss Johnson, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, held their annual ball in aid of the Fund of Benevolence at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there was an attendance of nearly 200 ladies and brethren. The Ball Committee and Stewards were as follows: Bros. H. A. Tobias, W.M., Chairman; Abraham Lyons, Treasurer; M. Aronsberg, J.W.; R. Abrahams, M. Baum, J.S.; I. De Frece, H. De Frece, M. H. Edwards, J. Frank, I.G.; D. Gabrielsen (Assistant Captain of Stewards); A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; S. J. Henochsberg, S.W.; Maurice Hart, P.M., D.C.; Asher Hart, P.M. 724; A. Jones, P.M.; S. Jacobs, D. M. Joseph, Bernard Levy, A. D. Liebschutz, J. Lazarus, A. Levy, J. S. McCabe, J. L. Mitton, S. Mamlock, P. S. Levy (Captain of Stewards); Rev. J. Prag, R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Schönstadt, I.P.M.; J. Sabar, S.D.; H. Sager, S. Simmons, L. Simmons, H. L. Stern, M. P. Tieski, Hon. Sec.; J. Toope, B. Woolfe, H. F. Wright, J.D.; E. W. Yates, A. Lolki; and Bro. H. M. Silver was an indefatigable Hon. Sec.

The band was provided by Bro. H. De Frece, and the M.C.'s duties were efficiently fulfilled by Bros. S. J. Henochsberg and A. Hart.

MASONIC DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENTS.

Three grand amateur dramatic performances were recently given at the Theatre Royal, Birkenhead, in aid of the funds of the Borough Hospital and Children's Infirmary, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, London, and the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution. The performances were under the distinguished patronage of His Worship the Mayor of Birkenhead, T. H. Jackson, Esq.; David Maciver, Esq., M.P.; His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G.; Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Cheshire; the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire; Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Shropshire and North Wales; the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M. Cheshire; the Viscount Combermere, R.W.P.P.D.G.M. Cheshire; the Lord Richard Grosvenor, R.W.P.G.S.W. England, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; Sir A. B. Walker; G. W. Latham, R.W.P.G.D. England. Wm. Laird, Esq., J.P.; Jno. Laird, Esq., J.P.; C. J. Preston, Esq., J.P.; Septimus Edward, Esq., J.P.; Thomas Williams, Esq., J.P.; W. M. Mellor, Esq., J.P.; John Williamson, Esq., J.P.; Lieut. Col. King, J.P.; J. R. Shaw, Esq., J.P.; G. Strongtharm, Esq., J.P.; Edward Logan, Esq., J.P.; W. Hind, Esq. Aldermen W. Baker, W. Francis, P. Morris, J. T. Raynes, and W. Williamson. Councillors James Jones, T. S. Deakin, F. D. Graham, A. Bleakley, Robert Main, S. H. Watson, S. Forrest, T. Hitchmough, J. R. Jones, and Charles Willmer. Bros. Arthur J. Williams and W. A. Clayton. Major Walker and officers of the 1st Cheshire Engineers, and others. The pieces comprised *Richard III.* and *Macbeth* (played twice), and the chief parts were admirably taken by several leading Birkenhead brethren. Bros. J. Dutton, P.M. 477 and W.M. 1576, was the Hon. Treas.; and A. R. Gardiner, S.W. 477, the Hon. Sec.

The fifth anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, was held on Tuesday last, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. J. Scales. A report of the proceedings, which is in type, will appear in our next.

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LOYAL SOCIETY OF ANCIENT BRITONS.

The festival of the Most Honourable and Loyal Society of Antient Britons, which took place on St. David's Day, was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Powis, in the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who had not recovered from his indisposition, and was remarkable for the many distinguished Masons who supported him. The Vice-Presidents were J. C. Parkinson, Esq.; J. Edmund Severne, Esq., M.P.; the Right Hon. Lord Sudeley; Col. Williams; James Lewis Thomas, Esq., F.S.A.; Rhys Williams, Esq.; the Right Hon. Lord Windsor, and C. W. Williams Wynn, Esq., M.P. Among those present were General Sir George Bouchier, Col. James Peters, Lieut. E. Cecil Dowse, H.M. 45th Regiment of Foot, Mr. J. R. Kenyon, Q.C., Sir Alexander Wood, and Dr. Evans.

The Welsh Scholars, in behalf of which special contributions are raised in connection with the anniversary, are situated at Ashford, Middlesex. From the report for the past year it appears that since the Institution was founded in the year 1737, 2558 boys and 829 girls have passed through the Institution; and of these 90 boys and 55 girls are in the present establishment.

The Society is to a large extent dependent on donations and annual-subscriptions.

The musical performances were under the special direction of Mr. Brinley Richards, who kindly lent his aid on the occasion, and the music was of a very interesting character, one feature in it being the song of "I Wisgo Aur-Goron" (solo by Miss Margaret Jones). The celebrated native harper Gruffydd was sent to attend the banquet by Lady Llanover. Gruffydd is domestic harper to Lady Llanover, and Welsh harper extraordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The vocalists, in addition to Miss Margaret Jones, Miss Spencer Jones, Mr. Ben Davies, and Mr. J. C. Hughes; also a select Welsh choir, conducted by Mr. Wm. Davies. The band of the Royal Artillery, under the conductorship of Mr. Smyth, played an excellent selection of music.

The total amount of the donations announced by the Secretary, Mr. C. B. Shaw, was upwards of £700, including 100 guineas from the Queen, 50 guineas from the Earl of Powis, 50 guineas from Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., 10 guineas from the Earl of Carnarvon, 5 guineas from Mr. J. C. Parkinson, and the same amount from Mr. C. W. Williams Wynn, M.P., and Mr. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., in addition to his annual subscription.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This lodge met on the 17th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the dispatch of business. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, and P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; T. C. Walls, S.W.; Alfred Tisley, J.W.; Richnall, S.O.; Dodson, S.D.; Benningfield, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. W. Bro. William Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, &c., was a visitor. The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. C. Walls. W. Bro. Charles Horsley, G.J.O., &c., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to W. Bro. W. Wigginton for his efficient services as a founder and first Master of the lodge, Bro. Walls moved, which was seconded by the W.M., and carried with acclamation—"That the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge having heard, with a very considerable amount of regret, of the serious illness of the W. Bro. Charles Horsley, their respected Treasurer, and one of the most active founders of the lodge, desire to tender to him their great sympathy, and to express a sincere hope that his health will very speedily be restored." It was also resolved that the Secretary should convey this vote of condolence to Bro. Horsley. Several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was duly and formally closed, and the brethren partook of a most elegant banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Clemow. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual routine of Mark toasts followed, and they were duly honoured.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The regular convocation of this select chapter was held on Saturday, 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. There were present Comps. C. Browne, M.E.Z.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z., H.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Midx., P.Z., Treasurer; A. Middlemass, S.E.; H. C. Soper, 2nd A.S.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z.; J. B. Sorrell, P.Z.; W. M. Goss, P.Z.; S. Pownceby, J. Soper, and R. Strong. The minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, November 22nd, were read and unanimously confirmed. Some private business having been disposed of, the chapter was closed. Banquet followed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally and the Ointment rubbed externally are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overworked air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—[Advrt.]

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LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—Perhaps the most successful meeting of this lodge which has been held for a long time took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren. Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, W.M., presided, and amongst other brethren present were Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M.; W. J. Constantine, P.M., D.C.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Pyer, J.D.; R. Burgess, Organist; W. Savage, I.G.; H. P. Squire, S.S., and others. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. N. Shrapnell, J. M. Boyd, A. Ricketts, D. Saunders, H. H. Harold, A. Webb, J. J. Monk, F. J. Stimson, G. H. Dixon, Fineberg, Graham, Fischer, Richardson, Webster Williams, Adams, Sanderson, Dr. Whittle, Captain Ainscough, Admiss, Ballard, J. W. R. Brown, J. F. Cowdell, Captain Conby, Heap, James Keet, G. Martin, H. Round, S. Matison, and others. Mr. Julius David Block was unanimously elected as an initiate, and Bro. A. E. Richardson was in the same manner chosen as a joining member of the lodge. Bros. Ricketts, Fischer, Harold, Webb, and Monk were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Captain Conby, Stimson, Fineberg, Dixon, and Graham were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. At the conclusion of the business banquet was served in the old lodge room, and during the evening a most enjoyable programme was furnished by Bros. Webster Williams, J. Busfield, D. Saunders, H. H. Harold, A. Ricketts, Bramhall, and others, the accompaniments being played by Bros. Burgess and Martin.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The monthly meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. in due form by Bro. J. R. Bottomley, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. Evans, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; E. W. Coxen, Treas.; R. Fairclough, Sec.; H. Jones, J.D.; H. Pritchard, I.G.; J. Hughes, S.S.; T. H. Walker, J.S.; M. Williamson, Tyler; H. W. Parry, J.W. 249; W. C. Cowell, J. Woods, J. Price, J. Lewis, G. Nevill, J. Ireland, T. Gray, J. Roberts, E. Peters, O. Evans, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. S. Dean, S.D. 1289; W. Crane, P.M.; W. Callow, P.G. Treas.; C. James, 597, S.C.; E. N. Dunn, 665; R. Jones, 1182; H. H. Halliburton, 673; W. Braithwait, 673; J. R. Owen, 1356; W. Williams, 1609; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. C. Marron, Isaac Mottershead, and Capt. R. Firman. They being in attendance were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. in his usual able manner. They having retired, the lodge was opened up in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. F. Metcalf, being desirous of going forward, received the list and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when the above-named brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a manner which reflects great credit upon him. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. A notice of motion was then given that at the next meeting the sum of £10. 10s. be voted from the funds of the lodge for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The brethren separated at an early hour. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the capital singing of Bros. Webster Williams, Jones, and Braithwait.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies of England, has just received an elaborately designed diploma, dated 24th day of February, 1880, certifying that on the 5th and 7th days of February he was, "by reason of his illustrious services to Freemasonry," named an honorary member of the Ancient Carthage Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717, under the seals of the said Masonic bodies.

The "Masonic Magazine" for March is now ready, and may be obtained of any bookseller or direct from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Advrt.]

An emergency meeting of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

London General Omnibus Company (Limited).—The traffic receipts for the week ending February 29th were £10,055 14s. 4d.; 1879, £9241 17s. 5d.

The cart-horse show, which remained open on Wednesday last, was visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by their three daughters. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Mr. Henry Irving were also amongst the visitors.

The Cornish Freemasons greatly appreciate the unusual compliment which the Prince of Wales will pay to the Province on the 20th of May by opening the Grand Lodge of England at Truro, when the foundation stone of the new cathedral will be laid. Two stones will, in fact, be laid, one with full Masonic ceremonial at the north east corner of the building, and the other at the western end. It is expected that the demonstration will be the most brilliant ever witnessed in the West of England, and it is certain that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall will receive such a welcome from the population of the duchy as will render the visit both delightful and memorable.—*The Whitehall Review*.

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

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

The first meeting of the newly-formed York College of this Order was held at York on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when the Chief Adept, R.W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, VIII°, presided, and appointed the following officers: Fraters J. S. Cumberland, VII°, Celebrant; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VI°, Suffragan; Rev. J. Blake, V°, Secretary; T. J. Wilkinson, V°, Primus A.; W. Rowley, IV°, Secundus A.; E. Pearson Peterson, IV°, Tertius A.; T. M. Richry, III°, Quartus A.; C. L. Mason, IV°, Conductor of N.; W. Watson, III°, Guardian of the T.; T. W. Holmes, III°, Torchbearer; and W. P. Husband, II°, Medallist. Five aspirants having been elected were duly admitted, and took their seats as members. The Chief Adept gave the inaugural address, in which he gave a brief sketch of the Ancient and Modern Orders, and explained the objects and purposes of the latter. The address was ordered to be printed. A Committee was appointed to draw up bye-laws, arrange for future meetings, &c., and to report to the next meeting.

The members afterwards met at tea at the Queen's Hotel, and much interesting conversation took place regarding the Order and its prospects.

The new college has commenced its operations under most favourable auspices, and has already attracted within its circle some of the best known and most intelligent Masons in the county.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, was prevented by illness from presiding at the anniversary festival of the Loyal Society of Ancient Brethren, held at Willis's Rooms, on Monday last.

Bro. the Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, M.A., R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, has been appointed to the vacant Deanery at York.

We learn from the *City Press* that the Guildhall is now connected with the Mansion House by the telephonic system.

Letters for the outgoing night mails may now be posted up to a quarter to eight p.m. at the General Post Office, by paying the reduced sum of one halfpenny.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., has, we understand, conferred the vicarage of Kempston, Bedford, on the Rev. A. Whitmarsh, late curate-in-charge of Wallington, Surrey.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presides at the fourth annual dinner in aid of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, at the Cannon-street Hotel this (Friday) evening.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will preside at the annual festival of the University College or North London Hospital on Thursday next, at Willis's Rooms.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett, of the *New York Herald*, has come from America specially for the purpose of arranging for the proper distribution of the Irish Famine Relief Fund collected by the paper with which he is so prominently associated. Mr. Bennett arrived in London on Friday last.

The *Gazette* of Tuesday announces the appointment of Bro. the Hon. H. J. Burford Hancock, late Attorney-General of the Leeward Islands, to be Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, at the Crown Hotel, 108, Blackfriars-road, on Thursday, the 18th inst.

At the last meeting of the Croxteth United Service Lodge, No. 786, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. Dr. Bailey, W.M., in the chair, an exceedingly chaste and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Captain W. J. Newman, in recognition of his position as the oldest P.M. of the lodge, and as a compliment in consequence of the recent honour which was conferred upon him on being appointed by the P.G.M. (Bro. Lord Skelmersdale) as the P.G. Registrar of West Lancashire for the year.

The Principals of the Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington, will be installed on Monday, March 8th, and those of the Harmony Chapter, No. 178, Wigan, on Wednesday, March 10th. The ceremonies in both cases will be performed by E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

The Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, at their meeting on Tuesday last voted the sum of £10 10s. to the Irish Famine Fund.

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Bro. James Weaver has recently been the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial of silver plate from his confrères in the musical and dramatic profession. Among the contributors we notice the names of Bros. Edward Swanborough, Edward Terry, John McLean, W. A. Tinney, and George Buckland.

The tenth annual grand ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage will take place on Thursday, the 15th of April next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the patronage and presence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, sheriffs, under-sheriffs, and other gentlemen.

The consecration of the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, will take place on Thursday, April 22nd, at the Lewisham District Board of Works Offices, Catford Bridge. Comp. W. G. Lemon is the M.E.Z. designate, and the ceremony will be performed by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday last, it was announced that the actual loss on the Kilburn Exhibition last year was £15,064. It was unanimously resolved to hold next year's show at Derby.

Bro. Thomas Simpson, of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, has recently secured a professional title, which is the more valuable because it is so rare. Bro. Simpson, who is well known in Liverpool as a most skilful practitioner, secured the title of Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, several years ago, but on Friday, the 27th ult., he further added to his undoubtedly high position by securing the most honourable distinction of Fellow of the "crack" College of Veterinary Surgeons in London. We understand that Bro. Simpson is the first member of his profession in Liverpool who has obtained the fellowship degree by examination, and all who know our genial and talented brother will sincerely rejoice in his success.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 12, 1880.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6.

Gen Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg
Lodges of Instruction.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnico.
Sphinx, Surling Castle, Camberwell.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hct.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
" 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.
Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap. 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.
Lodges of Instruction.
Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., 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.
New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 108, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

Lodge 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1803, Cornhill, King's Head Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, 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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Three Bucks, 66, Gresham-st., 7 to 9.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Dock, 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, MARCH 10.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-road, E.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., Wapping.
" 1677, Crusaders, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-street.
" 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard's, 148, Bow-road.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Meeting R.M. Pupils' Assistance Fund, F.M.H., at 3.
First Annual Ball, Pythagorean and Star Lodges, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1598, Leyspring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
K.T.D. Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

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, Nag's Head, James-st., W., at 7.45.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenweat, 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, MARCH 12.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domestic, Anderson Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 13, 1880.
 MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Mark 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.C., Birkenhead.
 " 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1387, Chorlton, N.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.T., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

LODGE MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 13, 1880.
 MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Lodge 1253, Travellers, Queen's Hot., Manchester.
 Mark 171, Union, M.H., Oldham.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

Chap. 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10.

Lodge 54, Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Rochdale.
 " 146, Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
 " 204, Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester.
 " 288, Harmony, M.H., Salford.
 " 852, Zetland, Albert Hot., Salford.
 " 854, Albert, Duke of York, Shaw, nr. Oldham.
 " 1064, Borough, Bull Hot., Burnley.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11.

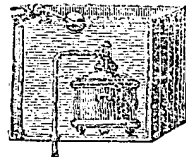
Lodge 191, St. John, Knowsley Hot., Bury.
 " 1055, Derby, M.R., Bedford-st., Manchester.
 " 1144, Milton, Commercial Hot., Ashton-U.-L.
 " 1145, Equality, Red Lion Hot., Accrington.
 " 1147, St. David, M.H., Manchester.
 " 1697, Hospitality, Royal Hot., Waterfoot.
 Chap. 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
 Mark (T.I.), St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 815, Blair, Town Hall, Hulme.
 Chap. 993, Alexandra, Midway Hot., Levenshulme.
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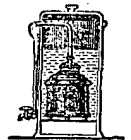
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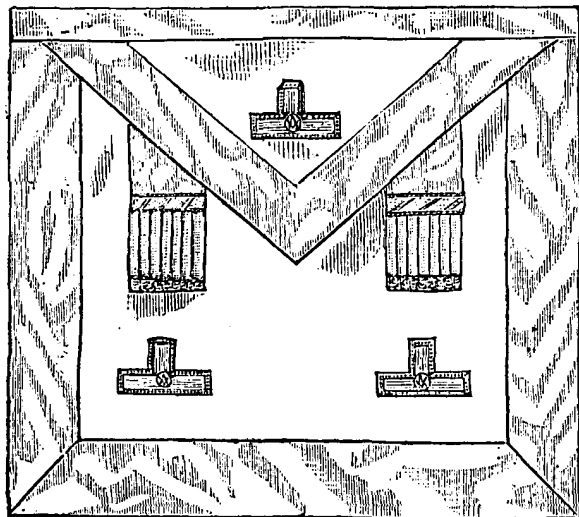
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