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## CONSECRATION OF THE CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 1572.

A new chapter attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was consecrated last Saturday afternoon at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, by Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Comp. H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.E.; and Comp. the Rev. Adolphus F. A. Woodford, P.G. Principal Sojourner; Comp. James Terry, P.Z., G.D.C. Herts, acted as Director of Ceremonies.

Among the other companions present were Comps. W. S. Whitaker, Nelson Reed, T. S. Hellier, Jas. Jackson Avery, George Briggs, C. A. Woods, Albert Thos. Pearce, John Clarricoats, A. Jaccard, John L. Mather, P.Z. 1471; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.D.C.; H. A. Lovett, H. and M.E. elect 72; E. M. Hubback, Z. 38; Theo. Distin, 742; John Hodges, 19; G. T. Carter, 145; C. J. Smith, 1466, J. 1811; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; George Kenning, P.Z. 192; Kenneth Harris, 1185; Edgar Bowyer, 1471; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The founders of the chapter were Comps. Walter S. Whitaker, Nelson Reed, Thomas S. Hellier, H. G. Buss, George Briggs, Charles Alfred Woods, James Jackson Avery, John Clarricoats, Albert Thomas Pearce, and Amé Jaccard.

After the chapter had been formally opened, and the companions below the chair admitted, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the companions, said they were met together on a very interesting occasion, viz., to add one more Royal Arch chapter to the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. He felt quite sure, from the character which the Carnarvon Lodge and its members had already gained in the Craft, that the chapter which was then going to be inaugurated and attached to them would have a bright future. He was also quite sure the proceedings of the chapter would be conducted in every way befitting the dignity and honour of the Order, and if any doubt could have arisen in his mind on this point, when he found his excellent Assistant Grand Scribe E. was going to act as S.E. of the chapter, it would be dispersed; and if anything was likely to go wrong he would set the companions right again.

Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, acting as J. of the chapter, afterwards delivered the following oration: M.E. Consecrating Officer, I esteem it, sir, a high privilege, I warmly assure you, in being permitted and enabled to assist you on the present occasion in the pleasing duty of consecrating another Royal Arch chapter. You are, from lengthened experience at home and abroad, so conversant with its ceremonial and so cognisant of the high value and lasting importance of the Royal Arch Grade, as the conclusion and complement, the supplement, and at the apex of our whole Craft system, that it might almost seem needless for the orator to expatiate on its excellences, a waste of time to indulge in a lengthened eulogium of what all must appreciate and, I venture to add, all must admire. But, as very often happens in life, many things which are near us we overlook, and many things which are familiar to us we underrate, so I think that it will not be altogether a profitless employment of a little space if I seek to point out, however imperfectly, some of those excellences of the Royal Arch Grade, which have always impressed themselves deeply on my mind, and which, as I believe, are worthy of note and commendation, of recognition and approval from us all alike. And if to-day, sir, I depart for a very little period from the old and familiar utterances of a customary oration which the Royal Arch ritual preserves, it is not because I hope to advance anything more deserving of your attention or adhesion, but because, I also venture to think, it is good for us all to travel every now and then a little out of the "beaten track," if only, in so doing, we

keep close to the landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry, as indeed our position and duty alike enjoin. For some reason, always to my mind inexplicable and unaccountable, the Royal Arch Grade has until of late years been comparatively neglected by English Masons. We have seen ourselves its healthy and happy revival under the auspices of your lamented predecessor in your high office; and I trust that the Royal Arch Grade will speedily attain to its rightful position in relation to Craft Masonry. One fact, I think, illustrates what I have said in remarkable measure. We have over 1800 Craft lodges; we have considerably under, (I believe), 800 chapters. Now, our English Royal Arch Grade is almost peculiar to our English jurisdiction and Anglo-Saxon Masonry, and though practised with some well-known differences of detail in Scotland, Ireland, America, Canada, India, and our Colonies and Dependencies, is probably only, as our English Royal Arch Grade, actually perpetuated where the influence and jurisdiction of our English Grand Lodge happily extend. It is, I may add, unknown in France, undervalued and unpractised in Germany, and does not exist in other foreign jurisdictions. It may be perfectly true that its early history in connection with our Craft system is a little uncertain, and that its formal adoption by our Grand Lodge only dates from 1813; and some acute critics, no doubt, have pointed out one or two slight errors and anachronisms in its striking historical traditions, which, I may remark, however, in passing, have a very early authority for existing really qua-traditions. But all these things have never appeared to me worthy to be weighed in the balance with the intense beauties of its symbolism and ceremonial, its impressive ritual, its admirable aestheticism, and that remarkable entirety of religious, moral, and loyal teaching which so conspicuously mark the exoteric and esoteric proclamations of the Royal Arch Grade. For to us, who have emerged from the interesting and solemn ceremonial of our Craft mysteries, there seems to come a light from the Temple of Truth as we enter the portals of a Royal Arch chapter, which would permeate our minds at once with a sense of the reverent acknowledgment of the Triune Jehovah, and the great and important truths which flow from the contemplation of those solemn realities, those abiding lessons, those important personal and social duties, which the sublime precepts of the Royal Arch Grade enjoin so impressively on all "faithful sojourners" and all "true companions." In the various researches which Masonic archæology has given rise one fact seems to be deduced from the dimness of the past, more or less clearly, that there is more than an accidental resemblance between our whole Masonic system and the ancient mysteries of the ever wondrous East. To some of us who have liked to look into the "aporreta" and the "hidden things" of "ancient days" it is not unknown how striking was the ceremonial of the mysteries in their better day, so far, that is, as we can gather now from safe guides or veracious writers. When the candidate in the better mysteries of the Orient had gone through several lustrations and purgations and physical trials not a few, and often dangerous, and after his long probation, sometimes of years, was admitted into the Inner Temple of all, before the assumed shrine of all truth, goodness, beauty, wisdom, divinity, his eyes were dazzled by the brilliancy of the illuminating lights, his senses were affected by scenic displays, his ears were charmed by the sounds of sweetest music, and the mystic hierophant in glittering robe and impressive eloquence proclaimed to his awe-struck intelligence that the veil at last was lifted, which separated the earthly from the spiritual, the material from the immaterial, life from death, and time from eternity, and instructed him in the sacred and solemn doctrines of the Triune God, an eternal Providence, the immortality of the soul, the resurrection into life, the certainty and verity of a future judgment. We to-day when assembled in our "solemn conclave," and reproducing in figurative form and scenic array the solemn traditions of our famous Fraternity, proclaim equally, as you are well aware, the same great truths binding us together "poor brethren of the mystic tie all the world over," in peaceful bonds of comity and concord of toleration and trust. And thus it is we connect the present with the past; thus it is we surround with the goodly sanctions of "an hoar antiquity" all the "work" and all the ritual of our ancient and kindly brotherhood; and this it is which makes us to point with no little pride and all-assured faith to the actual antiquity of Freemasonry, and to the unity and reality of our cherished ceremonial, our mystical teaching, and our historical traditions. But it is time, I think, that I should advert very shortly to what as Royal Arch Masons reminded by this day's gathering we are bound to preserve and proclaim alike in our older "congregations," as in the new chapter like the present which we consecrate to-day. Does not the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry teach us most impressively in the first place our duty as reverent and religiously-minded Freemasons to accept unfeignedly the sacred message, and to obey the unchanged dictates of revealed religion? Are we not always assured in chapter of the sanctity and authority of the "best of books" ever open in our midst, and which, unlike some unhappy bodies of Freemasons who have rejected it and cast it out of lodge and conclave, we steadfastly hold by, and must hold steadfastly by, as I know, sir, you will agree with me, if English Freemasonry is to pursue in safety and honour the "even tenour of its way," and is to maintain its true position and prestige in the world, and is to develop its rightful teachings for the safety of the brotherhood and the happiness of mankind. And then, in the second place, Royal Arch Masonry impresses on all its adherents and associates all the moral, all the personal, all the social, all the relative duties on which alone the true happiness of

man, whether as an individual, a citizen, in the family, or in society, can be built up here as "pilgrims and strangers" on earth for a season, we wend our way through this great wilderness of life, through shadows and illusions, through dangers and difficulties, through trials and troubles, through smiles and tears, to that more "abiding city," and that "Holy Royal Arch of all," whence all goodness and mercy and love and light emanate, and where alone true rest, the Mason's "great reward," our everlasting home, are alone indeed to be found. We need then no "independent morality" to make us despise the words of Revelation, and the sanctities of religion, and to give us a law, a weak, broken, unsafe, and unsatisfactory law for ourselves. We cannot listen to the mistaken theories of a so-called "Positive Philosophy," most shifty and deceptive in itself, which would seek to make us invest all that is human and passing, and feeble and worthless, with the attributes of what is Divine and lasting, eternal and invaluable. No, sir, we in this country, valuing as we all do alike, the always reverent and religious teaching of our old Masonic ritual, whether Craft or Royal Arch, will steadfastly maintain, will never let go, all these admirable lessons, that true wisdom, and that loving morality, which we have so often heard, and which would bid us be not only good citizens of the world, but kindly members of the domestic circle, and would throw alike over our outer and inner life to-day—those prevailing sympathies and characteristics which religion would commend and God's revealed word and will would command. And, once more, in our Royal Arch Masonry we are taught also to be loyal subjects and peaceful citizens, obedient to the law and all duly constituted authority. Far be from us any of those mistaken tendencies which abroad sometimes turn Masonic bodies into secret societies, where neither religion nor loyalty, respect for law, or toleration of others can find an existence. Happily for us in England such perversions of true Freemasonry are altogether unknown. Taught by our ancient and excellent "charges" we are, and long let us hope to remain as such, "faithful to our God, our country, and our Queen," and we carefully avoid ever all those subjects of political and polemical discussion which might in any way interfere with the harmony of our lodges and chapters, and lead us in any measure to depart one iota from the great and distinguished principles of English Freemasonry. Among those of us here to-day I see not a few who will heartily agree with me, I know, when I say that Freemasonry in our lodges and chapters has been to them, through the course of a now longish life, a source of much interest, and gratification, of happiness and enjoyment. We have spent some peaceful hours in kindly intercourse and honest friendship. We have forgotten the inequalities of rank, the differences of position, the severances of opinion, and the antagonisms of thought which mark and divide us often so greatly in the world without, in the harmony and happiness of the "mystic circle" of Masonic good will. We have tasted of that pleasant, if simple, intercourse of sympathy with sympathy, mind with mind, friend with friend, which constitute the charm and reality of Masonic sociality, and which have given such a pleasant and peaceful colouring to a few passing hours here. The more I see of Royal Arch Masonry the more I appreciate its many "good things," and I feel sure that the oftener we assemble in our chapters, those "pleasant retreats," where, surrounded by trusty companions and true friends, we allow some golden moments in a world of strife to cheer us and enliven us on the often troubled pathway of life. The better it will be for us all. There, where controversy is unknown, and the voice of discord is hushed, we agree to differ and differ to agree, there we are evermore reminded of the great reality and blessing of unbought friendship and Masonic attachment; there, I think, we shall all feel and say "it is good for us to be here" and seek ourselves more firmly to knit together, (as long as we still survive), the mystic, and tenacious, and unbroken chain of true and living Freemasonry. There is one duty to which I think it is always right for the orator at the consecration of a new chapter to call the attention of his hearers,—I mean our great Masonic law of love,—Charity. In that short word, in its truest, most real, and diffusive sense, I include the admirable Charities of our Order. I am not, I think, saying too much, or anything that can be offensive to any, when I venture to express my humble opinion, that it is the duty of all lodges and chapters, when it is possible, to support our great Metropolitan Charities. We may all be justly proud of them, and as the text of our professions, as the crown of our labours, as the salt of our Masonic life, they constitute the most graceful "jewel" of our Order, in that their lustre beautifies and elevates all our orations, all our labours, all our sociality, and all our Masonic life. Let us hope that the chapter we are about to consecrate to-day, bearing as it does the name of one of our most loved and distinguished rulers, and connected as it is with an old friend of us all, a very faithful companion of our Order, whose services to Freemasonry we all acknowledge, whose merits we all admire, will have, as we need not doubt it will have, a most prosperous career before it. Like all things we here create, humanly and materially to-day, it must in time crumble and decay, and yield to the "encroaching hand of time;" but while it does endure, and long may it endure amongst men, may it indeed minister to the happiness of all its members, and set forth perseveringly and perspicuously the goodly tenets and distinguishing characteristics of Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then formally consecrated and dedicated, the musical portion being rendered by Comps. Theodore Distin, J. Hodges, and G. T. Carter,

When the consecration was completed, Comp. Walter Solomon Whitaker was installed in the three chairs; Comp. Nelson Reed in the chairs of H. and J.; and Comp. Thomas Stacey Hillier in the chair of J. The following companions were then invested as the other officers of the chapter: Comps. H. G. Buss, S.F.; George Briggs, S.N.; C. A. Woods, P. Soj.; Albert Thomas Pearce, 1st Asst.; John Clarricoats, 2nd Asst.; J. Jackson Avery, P.Z., Treas.; and Steedman, Janitor.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Comp. Woodford, and Comp. Terry were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Col. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself, and the other Consecrating Officers. The by-laws of the chapter were afterwards adopted. Propositions for joining and exaltation were given in, the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

At the close of the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales," said that for many years eminent and distinguished brethren in the Craft, and companions in the Royal Arch, had presided over Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and at the present day Masons had the honour of being presided over by the Prince of Wales, the heir to the throne of this country. If he only occupied this place in name, they might esteem themselves fortunate, but they had good reason to believe that he occupied it, not only in name, but was always ready to give both time and attention to his high Masonic duties. If he (the M.E.Z.) might be allowed to pass from Masonic matters for a moment he thought the Prince of Wales had shown them a good example, and good criterion of what he would do for the welfare of his future subjects, in not hesitating to send away his two sons on a long course of training in one of Her Majesty's ships, where they must gain those habits of discipline, order, and regularity, which would doubtless be very valuable to them in after life, and where their minds would be expanded and their thoughts elevated by a large and comprehensive view of the world and its inhabitants which travel around the world alone could give, enabling them perhaps to return to their native country better fitted for its business, and then to become, as Masons hoped they would become, true and good Freemasons.

Comp. WOODFORD, in responding to the toast of "The Pro G.Z., &c.," said he esteemed it a high honour to be permitted to return thanks for the absent Grand Officers, as well as those eminent companions present with him at that hospitable board. It always afforded the Grand Officers the greatest pleasure in being present on such occasions and in such meetings when they had gathered together to consecrate a new Royal Arch chapter, and to perpetuate and advance the principles and practice of Royal Arch Masonry. For himself, he was specially glad to be present that day; firstly, because he was always glad to be able to contribute towards the spread of the beautiful ceremonial and benign teachings of Royal Arch Masonry. He, for one, was truly rejoiced to note the increase and expansion of Royal Arch Masonry, as he considered it to be a great mistake, Masonically, to neglect or undervalue the Royal Arch Grade. Secondly, he was very pleased to be permitted, however humbly, to assist their very distinguished Consecrating Officer in his most arduous labours; and, thirdly, he was anxious to pay a tribute of respect to their old and esteemed friend and companion, Comp. Buss, of whose great services to Masonry for many years they were all sensible, and whom they both valued and honoured. (Hear, hear.) Those of us who had taken part to-day in the interesting ceremony of consecration will have rejoiced to be present on so auspicious an occasion, and he (Comp. Woodford) doubted not but from the "foundation" laid that day, the officers and companions of the Carnarvon Chapter, to whom he wished heartily "God speed," would "raise up" ere long a "super-structure, perfect in its points, and honourable to the builders." There were one or two passing "points" he thought it well before this friendly company to call shortly their attention to, because he, for one, ventured to think that when thus assembled they should not spend their time merely in "complimentary repetitions," or "customary phraseology." He rejoiced, in the first place, to think that in England we had no intestine divisions, no burning questions to harass us or distract us from the simple pathway of true Masonic progress. Other jurisdictions, as his distinguished companion on the left well knew, had a severe struggle going on in their midst, and which would probably end, as other like ones had previously ended, in the defacement and uprooting of the ancient landmarks of true Freemasonry. From this untoward state of affairs might they long be preserved in England, and might they go on their appointed way according to their own distinguished principles of religion and loyalty, toleration and charity. There was another point he thought it right allude to—their Charities. He had been recently attending the Boys' and Girls' Schools elections, and his attention had been greatly drawn to what we do, what we have done, and what we have yet to do. The fact that we raise £40,000 per annum for our Metropolitan Charities is a fact of which, as Masons, we may be proud, and which affects non-Masons in a manner and measure we often fail to realize. But yet what an amount of work remains yet to be done. Consider the long and painful list of unsuccessful candidates, especially in the Boys' School; regard the claims of those excellent Institutions, the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, for continued and steady support, and we shall see what a "margin" there is for steady effort. Now, there were one or two points he wished specially to call their attention to. A very large proportion, very large indeed, of our lodges and chapters have never done anything at all for our Charities, and the annual returns of the Stewards are brought to a great extent and by a striking proportion by the same zealous, free-handed, open-hearted brethren and companions, year after year. 2. It had been noted with surprise and regret how very small, he might add infinitesimally small, a proportion of lodges from No. 1700 and of our younger chapters have yet sent up Stewards to the Charities. He was afraid that during 1880 not above thirty lodges from 1700 had made any returns. This did not accord with the proper law of Masonic progress and charitable effort. Comp. Woodford concluded with an expression of his earnest good wishes for Royal Arch Masonry in general and the Carnarvon Chapter in particular. Comp. Woodford trusted that they would excuse him for having diverted from the usual topics on such a festive day

as this; but he thought it his duty to say what he had said, because in the year 1881 we had a great work to do to keep our Charities in their present state of efficiency. Personally, as an old friend of the Royal Arch, he added, the more we know of it the more we must appreciate it. Its beauties are many, and those who act up to its principles should earn the good opinion of their fellow men, and obtain all that is happy and all that is good and consoling in this world of ours. (Hear, hear.)

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," said he could not mention Col. Shadwell Clerke's name without remembering the late beloved Comp. John Hervey, whose death had left a blank in Masonry. But the Prince of Wales never had a more difficult task to perform when he had to choose Comp. Hervey's successor. He had however made the very best appointment he could, as the companions must confess after seeing the splendid way in which Col. Shadwell Clerke had performed the consecration and installation ceremonies that day. He spoke in the name of every companion at the table, when he said they most cordially approved that choice. They knew Comp. Clerke to be possessed of a full and complete knowledge of Masonic jurisdiction, well skilled in the ancient landmarks of the Order, and also had the interests of Masonry at heart. Under those circumstances they could only look forward to a bright future for Freemasonry, when they knew so many important subjects and so many details of Masonry came a great deal under his hands, for consideration. They had seen how ably he could work the ceremonies. Many of them had had opportunities of witnessing his working in other places; but no matter whether in a Craft lodge or a R.A. chapter it was always the same; and they had only to rest and be thankful. They had had a great Masonic treat that day. It gave them a point to start from, and as Comp. Clerke had almost promised he would come again, they hoped he would come and see how well they could perform their work.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE in reply, said the M.E.Z.'s remarks had been exceedingly and unexpectedly flattering, and he scarcely knew how to reply. He felt very grateful to all the companions for their endorsement of the remarks. It had been one of the privileges of the office he had held for the last few months, that of being permitted to act as a kind of sponsor for various Masonic bodies. He had come to perform the ceremonies that day, and he had, and trusted he always would take part in them with great pleasure; and he might say he never did so with greater pleasure than when his esteemed Comp. Buss asked him to do so. He had done it, and he certainly did not regret it. He believed that the two lodges from which this chapter was formed had obtained such a good character in the course of their somewhat short Masonic career, that it augured very well indeed for the future of the chapter. They had very good material to draw upon, and he was sure they would exercise a wise discretion in the selection of their members. He might have the opportunity of coming from year to year, when he should no doubt find the Carnarvon Chapter progressing. He hoped it always would progress. He was glad to see the progress there was in Royal Arch Masonry, and he agreed with Comp. Woodford's remark as to the few chapters there were as compared with the number of lodges. The discrepancy was something remarkable, but he hoped there was a wakening up now and that in future it would be different. For the last year or two there was a difference, and he hoped that progress would continue. Col. Shadwell Clerke then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z. and Prosperity to Carnarvon Chapter." Comp. Whitaker was but a young Mason, but his career had been a *multum in parvo*, and he that day would have to exchange the white for the red ribbon. The petitioner for the chapter had full confidence in him by selecting him for the proud position of first M.E.Z. for the chapter.

The M.E.Z., in acknowledging the toast, said he could hardly conceive a more difficult task. The toast was that of the M.E.Z. it was true, but he was an M.E.Z. of so few hours' standing, and had done so little in that position, that he hardly deserved recognition in that character. The lodges from which this chapter was taken were of *but recent origin*—one being 1572 and the other 1661—but they did not rank among those lodges which had done little or nothing for the Charities. He believed they had every year sent a Steward to one or the other of the Charities, and also sent with the Steward a very handsome donation. As years went on the Masters of those two lodges would take their positions as Stewards before their year of office expired. As regarded the Carnarvon Chapter, he could only thank the companions in anticipation. He had many times had the honour of responding to the toast of Master of the lodge, but it had always been after some hours of work, and he had something to work upon. This, however, was not the case that night, and he could merely thank the companions in anticipation of what his work was to be.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The H. and J.," in which he said he experienced the same difficulties as in replying to the toast of his own health, that they had done nothing for the chapter. However, it was not their fault. The time was come when they would do much for it. He had many times proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," but on those occasions they always had had work to do, and had performed their tasks in a satisfactory and able manner. He believed that in future they would also perform their tasks in the chapter just as ably and satisfactorily.

Comp. NELSON REED, H., said it was very pleasing to him to reply to this toast, but it was more pleasing to him to see his excellent friend and brother-in-law in the Z. chair of this chapter. He also thanked the companions of the Carnarvon Lodge and Chapter for appointing Comp. Whitaker, the senior Master of the Carnarvon Lodge, the first M.E.Z. of the Carnarvon Chapter, and himself (Comp. Reed), the senior Master of the Mizpah Lodge, as Second Principal of the chapter. He hoped, as Comps. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke and Woodford had already said, the Carnarvon Chapter would, like the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges in the Craft, leave a mark in Masonry. The companions could not have done better than choose Comp. Whitaker as First Principal, and he would do his best to support him—an effort in which he knew he should be seconded by the Third Principal.

Comp. T. S. HELLIER, J., said he cordially reciprocated the sentiments of Comp. Reed. He felt deeply the honour that had been done him in placing him in the Third Chair. It had been the rule in the Carnarvon Lodge that all officers should do their own work. For his own part, he would say that he would endeavour to do his in the chapter.

After Comp. HUBBUCK had responded to the toast of "The Visitors,"

Comp. SMITH, of Brighton, in reply to the same toast, said he would be very reprehensible if he failed to embrace the opportunity of expressing his gratitude for the kind reception accorded to him in the chapter, and the hospitable entertainment at the banquet table. He congratulated the Principals on the honourable position they were placed in, and wished them health and strength in the coming year to fulfil the duties of their office with satisfaction to themselves and advantage to the companions. He also congratulated the companions on having placed in the Z. chair a companion who indeed, though he had had no opportunity of performing the work in the chapter, had given such evidence, in his presidency over the table, of his efficiency by the original and terse manner in which he handled time-honoured toasts, that the companions would find they might rely upon him with a great deal of confidence. He (Comp. Smith) was a companion from the country, and it was a source of great delight to him to look back to the year that he was initiated into Masonry, nearly twenty years ago, in the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, London. Though the force of circumstances carried him away into the provinces it had taken him to that part which, after all, was a second metropolis, for they looked upon and called themselves at Brighton, London-super-Mare. It had been a great pleasure to him to attend this chapter for several reasons—first of all, because, as Col. Clerke knew, last week was a week of heavy Masonic toil to him (Comp. Smith), although his toil was rewarded. He did not know that he was deserving of the honour, but he was installed Master of a lodge for the third time, and on the same night made Junior Warden of the province; but that which created a greater bond of sympathy with the companions that night was that he was installed for the second time in the Principal's chair in a new chapter. This week they had had the advantage of having a new chapter consecrated by Col. Shadwell Clerke. If in the provinces they strove to carry out one thing more than another it was this, that in visiting London chapters, and in seeing the work carried out as it was in the metropolis in a finished and perfect style, they endeavoured to emulate that example. They owed a deep debt of gratitude, in his province, to the presiding officer of to-day, Col. Shadwell Clerke. Happily in many degrees in Masonry Col. Shadwell Clerke had been intimately associated with the Province of Sussex, and he thought he was not making any false statement when he told the companions that if the Province of Sussex showed better working than perhaps other provinces, it was due to one fact more than another—to the charm which Masonry had received from the excellent teachings of Comp. Shadwell Clerke.

Comp. Dr. WOODMAN also replied, and expressed his pleasure at the way in which all the work of the day had been conducted.

Comp. H. G. BUSS, responding as S.F. to the toast of "The S.E., S.N., and Treasurer," said the M.E.Z. had been pleased to speak in a very flattering manner of what he (Comp. Buss) had done in the formation of this chapter. In what he had done he had had great pleasure. He marked it as one of his great successes in life that he had been connected with the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges. That day they had formed a chapter out of those two lodges jointly. When he first suggested to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and begged his good offices in consecrating the chapter, that companion at once responded that he would. This showed the hearty goodwill he had in the formation of new lodges and chapters, because he certainly could not have known much of the Carnarvon and Mizpah men. It showed that he had the good of the Craft and Arch at heart. It was a red-letter day in Masonry, and especially for the Carnarvon Chapter, when it had been inaugurated in the auspicious manner in which it had been that evening. So long as he (Comp. Buss) remained a member of the chapter it would be a source of gratification to him to promote its interests and its welfare, and if they should fall into difficulties and dangers they might depend upon it he should not be backward in giving them his warning voice that they were going wrong one way or the other. But he had no fear of that. He knew the companions were too well versed in the ritual and laws of Masonry to fear that they would be found wanting, or overstep the landmarks of the Order in anything they might do. In that respect he felt perfectly happy, and stood firm in his position. With regard to the remarks of Comp. Woodford as to the slow progress of Royal Arch Masonry, they should not be allowed to pass without observation. If the companions looked at the progress of Masonry during the last few years they would find it had been going on very steadily in the lodges at the rate of about fifty a year, and in Royal Arch chapters at the rate of twenty-five or thirty. Therefore, he thought, if they took the average progress in Freemasonry of one chapter to two lodges they could not say they had been backward in their progress. For instance, taking the present position, two lodges worked together to form a chapter, and they generally would find it as a rule that no one lodge would support a chapter by itself; they generally went to outside influence in order to provide sufficient element to keep the chapter working. There were now nearly 1900 lodges on the roll, but 200 might be deducted from that as lodges that were defunct or in abeyance, and, as Comp. Woodford had said, there were about 800 chapters. Therefore, they were as one chapter to two lodges at the present moment. Royal Arch Masonry was, consequently, in a happy state, and he did not think they could be progressing much better. So long as two lodges combined for one chapter, Royal Arch Masonry would keep in happy progress with the Craft.

Comp. J. J. AVERY, Treas., said since he had been away from the provinces, in one chapter of which he held the proud position occupied by Comp. Whitaker, he had felt the absence of Royal Arch Masonry very much indeed. He had been invited to join chapters in the London district, but he thought he should not do so until the time came when the Carnarvon Lodge had a chapter. The time had now arrived, and he was once more restored to the bosom of Royal Arch Masonry. He thanked the companions for the position in which they had placed him, and that he had been allowed to join in ceremonies to which he was much attached, and which for some three or four years he had not had an opportunity of carrying out.

Comp. BRIGGS, S.N., said there was one point he should like to touch upon. The M.E.Z. had placed him in a sort of trinity, firstly in earnestness, secondly in elocution, and thirdly in perfection of words. First, the earnestness descended to him from the Great I Am, therefore, he must

perform earnest work earnestly. Secondly in the matter of elocution, that was a thing which people might enjoy if they would take the trouble. Thirdly, the perfection of words, he was indebted to Comp. Mather. If he had shown any perfection he promised he would do so in the future. In the office to which he had been appointed that evening, he would do his utmost to perform his duties with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the Principals.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Sojourners," said he felt that some words were due from him, inasmuch as Comp. Woods was the only companion who did not belong to the Carnarvon or Mizpah Lodge. Comp. Woods was fitted in every respect to occupy the Z. chair. But to occupy it, they were bound by the laws of Masonry, and he had not yet passed the chair in the Craft. If Comp. Woods had chosen he might have taken much higher office. It was the wish of all the companions that he should do so because they knew he was competent to take any office in a lodge or chapter. Nearly all the companions had had the pleasure of meeting him at lodges and chapters of instruction, where, either in the ceremonies or the lectures, he showed an example to them all. It was in a chapter of instruction held under Comp. Woods' auspices that he (the M.E.Z.) gained the knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry which he possessed, and he looked forward with great hope to Comp. Woods in the future. Although he could take the chair, he would not usurp the place another should have, but he would take his turn. The companions all appreciated this. Many a companion who wished to occupy a low office was qualified to fill a better. They all looked to the time when Comp. Woods would occupy the chair, and by that time the working of the Carnarvon Chapter would be no disgrace. It was impossible for them all to occupy high office, and the best thing for those filling a low one to do was to fit themselves for a high one.

Comp. WOODS, P. Soj., said he might claim to be a working Mason. If the companions knew the working of the M.E.Z. they would not say he was an inexperienced companion, but that he was one fitted to fill his high position. He had seen him in the three chairs of a chapter of instruction, and he knew of no one who could go through the ceremonies in a more satisfactory manner, and he believed he might say the same of those two companions who would succeed him.

Comp. A. T. PEARCE, 1st A.S., said his sojourn in the Carnarvon Chapter had been a most pleasant one. He was proud to have the privilege of being appointed an Assistant, and he trusted his sojourn in the chapter might be worthy of the name of Carnarvon, which was a bright one in the annals of Freemasonry. Though a young Mason he took very great interest in Masonry, and especially in the Royal Arch, for, to his mind, it was a most beautiful ceremony, and if he lived he should strive to arrive at the proud position occupied by the M.E.Z.

Comp. J. CLARRICOTS also thanked the M.E.Z., and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Comps. Theodore Distin, J. Hodges, G. T. Carter, and F. H. Cozens gave an excellent musical entertainment during the evening.

**CONSECRATION OF AMHERST LODGE OF MARK MASONS AT SANDGATE.**

Another new lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 7th inst., by the Right Worshipful the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master for Kent, assisted by V. W. Bro. J. G. Podevin, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent; this being the fourth new lodge of Mark Masons consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master for Kent in the course of a very few months. Previously to the consecration ceremony the brethren assembled in the lodge-room, held for the occasion in the Volunteer Assembly-rooms, Sandgate, when no fewer than thirteen brethren were advanced to the Mark Masters' Degree, in addition to three brethren admitted as joining members. The new lodge—which is designated the Amherst Lodge, No. 266—thus starts under very favourable auspices. The solemn and impressive ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with by the Rev. the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, assisted by the other distinguished officers, and V. W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Assistant Grand Secretary. At the close of the invocation and dedication service, the customary corn, wine, oil, and salt were scattered, the consecration prayer was offered, and the new lodge then formally dedicated and constituted. The installation of the first Worshipful Master, Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M. 54, and a Past Grand Steward, was then performed by Bro. E. Margrett, P.M. 235, P.G.S., with the usual ceremonies.

This completed, the officers of the lodge were duly appointed, and each invested with the collar and jewel of his office—the following being the first office-bearers of the lodge, viz., Bros. R. White, S.W.; H. Brett, J.W.; Cromey, M.O.; C. J. Bray, S.O.; J. J. B. Candell, J.O.; A. Keeler, P.M., Treasurer; B. Simmonds, R.M.; C. Gosby, P.P.G.S.B., Secretary; Glasspool, S.D.; J. Pugh, J.D.; W. Shackleton, D.C.; J. Pett, I.G.; and C. Butcher, Tyler. Bros. Jordan and Sampson were appointed Stewards.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which was of an exceptionally high order, was under the direction of W. Bro. F. H. Cozens, W.M. 104, P.G.O. The inauguration of the new lodge was celebrated by a banquet which took place in the evening at the Royal Kent Hotel, Sandgate, where an excellent dinner was served. Bro. T. J. Pulley, the new Worshipful Master, presided, and gave in succession the customary Masonic toasts, all of which were duly honoured. It should be mentioned that a large number of members connected with Mark Masons' lodges in Kent, as well as many distinguished brethren connected with metropolitan lodges, attended on the occasion, and that the whole of the proceedings passed off in the most satisfactory manner.

It was announced that the next Mark Masons' lodge to be consecrated in Kent was one to be held at Canterbury, in which city the new lodge would shortly be opened.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has presented the Rev. Frederick A. J. Hervey, rector of Sandringham-with-Babingley, Norfolk, to the rectory of West Newton, King's Lynn.

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**MASONIC CENTENARY AT DONCASTER.**

On Wednesday, the 6th inst., the Freemasons of Doncaster celebrated the 100th anniversary of St. George's Lodge in that town, with becoming honour and distinction. Freemasonry, which has prospered throughout the United Kingdom during the past century, has in Doncaster maintained, at least, a steady and reputable rate of progress, and during all those hundred years has never been without a Master, has never ceased to hold its meetings, has never lost a single record of its proceedings—still possesses its original warrant, its original furniture, and its original working tools. It is impossible to reflect upon such a period of time, and not be moved by the stirring events which in that single century have done much to mould the temper and character of this great nation, forming as they do no inconsiderable part of its glorious and incomparable history. Those who are privileged to turn over the well-preserved pages of the ancient minute books of St. George's Lodge may see more than one critical and exciting epoch of our national growth vividly reflected there, as, for instance, when the Doncaster Freemasons of that day were meeting in the Old Town Hall to give a God-speed to departing Volunteers, or to welcome, with that true patriotism which is one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft, Peninsular veterans and Waterloo heroes on their march through Doncaster after the material splendours and national achievements which had broken up the mightiest Empire of modern times and set free the nations of Europe from the iron grip of impending vassalage. The progress of Freemasonry during the same period may be said to have been more remarkable than its vicissitudes. These latter have never been great in this free country. The growth of Masonry since those, after all, not very remote days, when a few worthy elders of this ancient borough laid their heads together and established a Freemasons' lodge, bearing the patronymic of the town's adopted saint, has, however, been astounding, and is the best evidence a promoter of the mystic art could offer in support of the excellence of the Institution. Always an essentially charitable organisation, and down from the remotest ages the dispenser of practical benevolence, Freemasonry in this country during the last hundred years has entirely changed its character, so far at least as it has appeared to the eyes of the outside world who are not Masons. A century ago, its social and sociable aspect was that which struck a layman most, and, indeed, most animated its body corporate. A lodge of Freemasons was, as a rule, a little club, always more or less exclusive, in which the possession of certain secrets was mutually shared and the practice of a variety of mystic rites pleasantly indulged in. The wants of brethren in distress were generously recognised and invariably administered to when occasion required. Nor was their charity even in that day entirely self-contained, but handsome donations were given to objects quite outside the Craft itself, and independent of it, though the munificence of later days, when this great Province of West Yorkshire out of its own coffers subscribed its hundreds to the Lancashire Cotton Relief Fund had not been dreamt of. It is during the last half century that Freemasonry has mainly stood out before the world as a charitable organisation of splendid munificence—having its ever operative Funds of Benevolence, its noted Schools for the orphans or necessitous children of Freemasons, and its Homes and Sanctuaries for the old and infirm amongst its needy fraternity and for the widows of those whom the Great Architect has already called to His own Grand Lodge above.

Freemasonry in Doncaster has in the light of these principles attained unto a venerable age. It may be said, indeed, not only to have "resisted the hand of time" but to have "survived the wreck of empires"—even in its day. St. George's Lodge was constituted on the 14th of July, 1780, the original warrant, still in the possession of the lodge, being granted to William Stephenson and other good and lawful brethren, by the then Grand Master of England, the Duke of Manchester. Two years later we find the lodge holding a special service at the Old Parish Church—itsself now a thing of the past—and hearing a sermon preached by the Rev. W. Johnson, of York, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Similar services were periodically held up to the year 1835. Some of our readers will be much interested to learn that in 1784 the W.M. of the lodge stoutly advocated the establishment of Sunday Schools in this town, and in 1786 the lodge unanimously voted the sum of five guineas in their support. In 1809 the lodge voted a subscription towards the enlargement of the Parish Churchyard, and the same evening a handsome sum was given to the relief of the poor of the town. In 1827 the brethren assisted the Mayor of Doncaster to lay the foundation-stone of Christ Church, Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart., the then Master of the lodge, and twenty members being present. In 1847 it is recorded that the brethren adjourned from their lodge room to the Mansion House, to meet the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster at breakfast, after which they proceeded in procession to lay the foundation-stone of the new Market Hall, the stone being laid with full Masonic honours by Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart., the Worshipful Master. It appears that twelve members of St. George's Lodge have been Mayors of Doncaster, and amongst the local clergy who have occupied positions in the lodge will be remembered the name of the Rev. J. G. Fardell, formerly rector of Sprotbro', who was Master of the lodge for three years in succession and one of its most esteemed brethren, a handsome present of his being now a much prized possession of the lodge. Sir William Bryan Cooke, the father of the present baronet, was five times Master of the lodge, and was holding that office when he was elected the first Mayor of Doncaster under the Municipal Act. Amongst the most notable names of former brethren appear those of Lord Galway, the grandfather, we believe, of the present viscount, Mr. Leonard Walbank Childers, of Cantley, Dr. Chorley, and the Hon. W. G. Monckton. For these interesting facts we are indebted to the present W.M., Bro. Delanoy, who may be said to have been the mainspring of the recent Centenary Celebration, and to whose active and courageous exertions for several months past the officers and brethren of St. George's Lodge owe a deep debt of recognition. A complete list of the Masters of St. George's Lodge during the last century has also been compiled by the same brother.

Coming now to the Centenary itself, it was of course all important that the Mansion House should be secured for the purpose if possible, and, thanks to persevering efforts, this great matter was eventually compassed, the Mayor granting the free use of the building, its furniture and appliances, as in point of fact was done in 1874 when St.

George's last entertained its provincial brethren. The arrangements were carried out by an Executive Committee consisting of the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and officers of the lodge, but in reality the chief labour devolved upon the Master, the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Rand), Bro. F. D. Walker, P.M., Bros. Bolsover, Verity, and Axe, not omitting the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Henry Fox. The ball room of the Mansion House was fitted up as a lodge room, a dais being placed at the drawing room end for the Grand Officers; the saloon was used as a vestibule, the drawing room being reserved for Bro. Sir Henry Edwards and Bro. Tew, and the downstairs rooms (except the Mayor's private parlour) being used as robing rooms. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards was met at the station by Bro. Tew in his private carriage, and we understand that these gentlemen at once proceeded to call upon the Mayor, and at the Vicarage. Meanwhile the W.M. of St. George's had opened his lodge, and all was in readiness for the reception of Grand Lodge, the worthy Tyler, Bro. Joseph Hirst, awaiting the appointed signal, a trumpet flourish from below. Here Grand Lodge was forming in procession, and about one o'clock entered St. George's Lodge, where were then assembled nearly 200 brethren from various parts of the province. As Grand Lodge entered the brethren rose and sang "Hail! Masonry Sublime!" the Right Worshipful the Grand Master being received at the pedestal by the W.M. of the entertaining lodge and placed in the chair in due form. What followed was for the main part strictly Masonic, but it may be stated that Sir Henry addressed the brethren at some length.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: Brethren, I thank the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Saint George's Lodge, and also the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, for this day's invitation, and the admirable arrangements which they have made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in this town. Accept, brethren, the assurance of the gratification it affords me and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, to see assembled in this Mansion House so numerous a gathering of the Craft, and our satisfaction that the roll call has been so well responded to by the sixty-six lodges in this province. Most cordially do I reciprocate the kind manner in which you have received your Provincial Grand Master, and the warmth of your salutation. It affords me the greatest pleasure at this, our October, meeting, in offering to every one of you my felicitations on the continued unanimity of the Craft as a body in my province, the prosperity of the different lodges, and on the support given to our Charities, and the progress of those benevolent works to which the Craft has this year given an impetus and lent its influence. The West Yorkshire lists have been closed for the current year; but your contributions have realised to the three Charities £1713 3s. 10d., whilst the "Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund," £1050, is entirely subscribed. The aggregate amount collected for the three festivals was £39,515. I consider it was a compliment to this province that at the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 21st May, Bro. Henry Smith, our Secretary, and a Vice-President, was invited to preside. At some inconvenience to myself I have promised to occupy the presidential chair at the next annual festival of the Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in Freemasons' Hall. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, has named Wednesday, the 23rd of February, 1881, as the most suitable day. Let me hope I may be rewarded in my exertions on this occasion by a goodly number of West Yorkshire Stewards; and that I shall be as well supported by the Craft generally as was the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, the Earl of Zetland, in the same cause on 9th February this year. Our Secretary has opened a new list, and I should like to see some fresh names added, in addition to the constantly recurring old ones. Remember we have 150 males and 155 widows dependent recipients of our annual generosity. A moral Institution like Freemasonry, without charity, is the shell without the pearl, the marble without the soul of life. Let us not boast of our peculiar system of morality, whilst our old brethren and widows are appealing to our solicitude for their temporal welfare, for what is our system worth if it exerts not itself for the widow, and neglects to listen to the cry of the orphan? We are not accomplishing our mission unless we practise benevolence and support our Charities. It is gratifying to mention that the Dispensary at Pontefract to which we give an impetus, will be ready for its mission before the close of this year, and the new Masonic Hall in Wakefield, the stone of which my Deputy laid in (May, is now rapidly approaching completion. To-day we are again invited to put our hands to another useful organisation. We are informed the "Doncaster General Infirmary and Dispensary" is labouring to do good in the face of adverse circumstances. The annual subscriptions show a most lamentable falling off of supporters of this Institution, which last year gave relief to 2,460 out-door and in-door patients. We are invited to attend the Saint George's Church, where our sympathies will be enlisted, and the proof of our charitable professions tested, for the welfare of the sick in this town. The sermon will be preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Vicar of Sheffield, whom we thank, and also the Vicar of Doncaster, for the use of his grand church, and the organist and choir for their voluntary assistance in the service of this afternoon. Sir Henry Edwards then recited some of those local facts which we have already incorporated in our own remarks, and he concluded his address as follows: "I feel it an honour and a pleasure, as does also my Deputy, whose native town is Doncaster, that it has happened to be our good fortune and of this Provincial Grand Lodge, to be invited to congratulate St. George's Lodge on the completion of its Centenary, on the deeds of generosity which have continually marked its progress, and the list of eminent and distinguished personages its roll call records. May St. George's Lodge, in hundreds of years to come, show that its future members are as brilliant and distinguished as have been those in the past, and animated by the same Masonic zeal as its early founders for its prosperity, and in the promotion of every useful, benevolent, and charitable work." (Loud applause.)

Votes of thanks were passed with acclamation to the Mayor, the Vicar of Doncaster, and to the Organist and choir. On the motion of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hill, formerly Chairman of the Charity Committee, 100 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Male Fund, and 100 guineas to the Widows' Fund. Other busi-

ness was transacted, and finally a very interesting ceremony took place, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who is a native of Doncaster, having signified his intention of presenting, at his own expense, the Centenary warrant now granted to the lodge under the signature of the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and of also presenting to each officer of the lodge a Centenary jewel to be worn with the collar in perpetuity. This was done, and a large number of the brethren were personally decorated with the Centenary jewel by Bro. Tew. An adjournment then followed for the service at church.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. S. Wright, vicar, the Rev. T. R. Walton Pearson, and the Rev. C. B. Chalmer—the preacher being the Rev. Canon Blakeney, Vicar of Sheffield, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, who addressed a thoroughly Masonic and exceedingly able address to his brethren of the Craft. The arrangements in connection with the service had been most kindly and cheerfully undertaken by the vicar, to whom the members of St. George's Lodge are very deeply indebted in this matter, as also to Mr. Rogers, Mr. J. M. Kirk, and the members of the choir for their able and voluntary services on the occasion—services which evidently were the result of no little pains, labour, and sacrifice on their part. The service was short and impressive, consisting of the appointed evening prayers, a single psalm, two short lessons, an anthem, and a couple of hymns.

The collectors were all members of the St. George's Lodge—the Worshipful Master carrying the silver plate. The collection amounted to the handsome sum of £40.

The banquet afterwards took place, at which 100 brethren sat down, including Sir Henry Edwards, who presided, and was supported on his right and left by his Deputy, Bro. Tew; the W.M. of St. George's Lodge, Bro. Delaney; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. Jas. Terry, the popular Secretary of the R.M. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and by others of the most distinguished guests.

After dinner the toast list was proceeded with, the Provincial Grand Master having first taken wine with the brethren of St. George's Lodge collectively.

"The Health of the Queen" was drunk with enthusiasm, and that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales" was no less cordially received. Then followed "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England; Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge"—all given from the chair.

Bro. Tew gave "Sir Henry Edwards' Health, as Prov. Grand Master," as also that of "The Deputy Grand Master," which immediately followed. At this point Sir Henry Edwards, who had travelled from the Continent in order to be present on this occasion, was compelled to leave, and his place was taken by his able Deputy.

Bro. Tew, on then rising to respond, received quite an ovation, and his speech was of so much local interest and importance, that we are pleased to be in a position to give our readers the benefit of it—

**THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, on rising,** said: It is somewhat difficult to speak fitly for the office I have the honour to occupy in West Yorkshire, and perhaps still more so for those others appertaining to the rest of the Present acting as well as Past officers of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. All of us, however, desire to express our sense of gratitude for the compliment Sir Henry Edwards has been pleased to pay my colleagues and myself, and to you, brethren, for the fraternal and hearty manner in which you have responded to this toast of the P. G. Master. We consider it a privilege to serve under the banner of this lodge, and to have you, Sir Hy. Edwards, for our Provincial Grand Master. We can assure you that though year after year we are permitted to take part in the deliberations of these Masonic assemblies, and be present at these banquets, the interest we feel in these parliaments of the Craft, and in working to promote the advancement of Freemasonry in this province, does not in any way diminish by frequency of being called together.

On the contrary, we are conscious of the obligations we are ever under to the numerous lodges in the cordial support which their Worshipful Masters give to the several officers from year to year. We are thus enabled to promote the cause of many benevolent and charitable objects brought to our notice, and to cultivate amongst the brethren social unity, harmony, and good fellowship. I will go further, and say as a body, we look upon wrong and injury by mankind as an untoward misfortune to the world, and generosity and mutual forbearance as the one abiding inextinguishable characteristic of Freemasonry, and though many persons and writers outside our circle often disparage our peculiar system, and sometimes praise us, yet those who do not enter the portals of our lodges, and therein master the principles of Masonic science, cannot but admire its intellectual freedom, its beauty as a symbolic art, its infinite ramifications and complexity, perfect in its adjustment, by the utility of its different parts or degrees, by which all minds, and all people can benefit by its influences. Freemasonry is the most fascinating science of the day. It is most popular, most charitable, and it is useful and universal over the globe. The Order enjoys a love for scientific enterprise, a love for order, for the ambition and acquisition of knowledge, and to use that knowledge so that we may be more extensively serviceable to our fellow creatures. Freemasonry is worthy of cultivation, of encouragement, and of our approbation. The records of St. George's Lodge, under whose banner we have been handsomely received to day, furnish several illustrations that benevolence is our foundation stone, and charity our cope-stone. The Centenary of this lodge's institution recalls to our minds many names associated with the history of Doncaster; their virtues, their genius, their deeds of charity all claim the remembrance of our recognition. It was Will Radclyffe, of the 30th Degree, who helped Edward Miller, Mayor of Doncaster, and Organist of our Parish Church, to write his history of this town. It was in October, 1782, two then promising members connected with this lodge, Dr. Chorley, my grandfather, and Mr. Branson who started your charity, the Doncaster Dispensary. To Tetlow, of Knottingley, you owe the translation of your charters from Richard I. to James II., and to William Sheardown, whose history is a remarkable one of industry and energy and literary ability, you are indebted for the publication of Miller's history. The Prov. Grand Master has, however, awakened a few other memories. From

this place or its vicinity sprang Richard Plantagenet, whose intrigues gave rise to those bitter contests between the houses of York and Lancaster. It was Role, a hermit from Hampole, who attempted first to translate the Bible into English. Thomas Scott became an Archbishop of York. You also claim Francis Frobisher, your Mayor in 1535, as the father of Queen Elizabeth's famous Admiral. One of your vicars, assisted by this lodge, established the first Sunday school in this town. There was enacted in Doncaster the tragedy of Rainsford's death and murder in 1647, still shrouded in mystery. Sir Philip Monckton was a prisoner at Belvoir Castle in 1648. Viscount Galway, Sir Ralph Knight, and R. Molesworth were townsmen of Doncaster and remarkable for their devotion to the two Charleses. My grandfather was cornet and my father a captain in the Math troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, whilst in your old churchyard lie the bones of several of my ancestors. There I was born and passed my early youth. Before the passing of the Municipal Act I was made a Freemason at Doncaster, and to-day it is my good fortune, as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to thank the St. George's Lodge for the reception they and the Craft have given to your Grand Lodge, and for the compliment paid to the office I have the honour to occupy. I shall ever remember this visit to Doncaster.

Bro. Tew's remarks were all through received with the liveliest expressions of satisfaction, and the Chairman resumed his seat amidst loud cheers. The toast of the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster was next given from the chair, and Bro. Shirley (as Town Clerk) suitably responded, and alluded to the admirable speech made by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and said that much of the local information he had given them was quite new to him. Other toasts followed, including "St. George's Lodge, 242, on attaining its Centenary," which was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. James Rigby, P.M., to whom St. George's Lodge owes more than any other of its members—even, in all probability, this very Centenary itself. The health of the W.M. of St. George's was also drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and Bro. Delaney suitably responded. The banquet, which was held at four o'clock, closed at eight with the singing of the National Anthem—and so closed, too, the very interesting proceedings of this Centenary Celebration.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. J. M. Case, S.G.D., held the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. G. P. Britten, C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, W. Mann, J. D. Collier, John Constable, William Stephens, Charles Fred. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, W. S. Cantrell, jun., W.M. 771; T. B. Greadingham, W.M. 487; James Weaver, P.M. 862; J. H. Farncombe, P.M. 311; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; J. Ingram, W.M. 147; Edmund Nicholas Grogan, P.M. 749; Adam J. Burr, W.M. 1612; A. McCarthy, W.M. 1076; Samuel E. Moss, P.M. 185; Charles Nott, W.M. 87; Alton Blenkhorn, P.M. 269; A. Scheerboom, W.M. 781; N. W. Fenner, W.M. 1227; A. J. Manning, W.M. 1437; J. Lazarus, P.M. 1017; Wm. H. Dean, P.M. 417; John Docker, W.M. 1687; Nicholson Brown, W.M. 13; H. Shaw, W.M. 1831; John O. Carter, P.M. 209; Henry Hymans, W.M. 188; John Cruttenden, P.M. 1425; J. P. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, P.P.G. J.W. Herts; Robert Harris, W.M. 1158; Hen. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at last meeting that £240 be granted to certain deserving cases, and then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were the large number of thirty-four on the list. Two of these were recommended to Grand Lodge for £100 each; ten were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; five for £30 each; two for £25 each; four for £20 each; five received £10 each; and two £5 each; making a total amount of £940. One case was refused; and three cases were deferred.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

This Provincial Grand Lodge held its eleventh annual session at Montreal in September. The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:

M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham (re-elected) ...	Prov. G.M.
R.W. " T. P. Butler ...	Prov. D.G.M.
" " Hobart Butler ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" " John Shaw ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" " J. H. Starnes ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" " John Massie, jun. ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" " J. H. Isaacson ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" " Isaac Richardson ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" " Wm. J. Hughan ...	Hon. G.S.W.
" " James H. Neilson ...	Hon. G.S.W.

District Deputy Grand Masters—R.W. Bro. Joseph Mitchell, Montreal District; R.W. Bro. Edson Fitch, Quebec District; R.W. Bro. C. A. Hill, Bedford District; R.W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, St. Francis District; and R.W. Bro. Arthur Lyon, M.D., Ottawa District.

On Board of General Purposes—M.W. Bro. M. M. Tait; R.W. Bros. J. B. Charleston, J. P. Martin, and Frank Edgar.

#### SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which started some thirty or forty years ago, but which had fallen into abeyance till it was luckily rescued a few years since by a few surviving members, all of them since dead, has issued its fifth annual report. Its chief features are the realisation of an investment in the 3 per cent. reduced annuities and an advance of £500 at 4½ per cent. to the local Masonic Hall Company on mortgage of their new Masonic Hall—this sum, with £300 invested in bonds of the Southampton Harbour Board, forming the capital of the Association. The Royal Gloucester and Peace and Harmony Lodges have again voted five guineas each this year to make their respective W.M.'s life members. The expenditure has been nominal, exclusive of the following grants, all to

those connected with Lodge 359, Peace and Harmony: a brother £10 (second grant); a brother's widow £5; the family of a late brother £20; a brother £5; and the widow of a brother £10.

#### CONSECRATION OF ALL SAINTS' CHAPTER, No. 1716.

This new chapter was consecrated on the 14th inst., at the Vestry Hall, Fairfield-road, Bow. The principal Consecrating Officer was Comp. James Terry, P.Z., &c., G.D.C. for the Province of Herts. The assistant officers were Comps. W. Clarke, P.Z. 114, Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk, who acted as H.; and W. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 1365, &c., &c., who acted as J. There were numerous Royal Arch Masons present, and the musical portions of the ceremony were ably performed by Comps. F. H. Cozens, Theodore Distin, J. Hodges, and A. Hubbard. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration Comp. James Terry installed Comp. N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162, in the Three Chairs; Comp. John Dennis, P.M. 1716 (P.Z. 907), was inducted in the chair of H.; and Comp. J. K. Coleman, P.M. 1716, was installed as J. The other appointments having been made, votes of thanks and the honorary membership of the chapter were conferred upon the Consecrating Officers. A long list of joining members and of brethren seeking exaltation in the Royal Arch through this chapter was submitted to the companions, who shortly afterwards closed down, and then proceeded to the Inns of Court Hotel, London, where a very choice banquet was ready for them.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. and heartily honoured.

Comp. JAMES TERRY proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z. and Success to the All Saints' Chapter." In doing so, he said that that night, and perhaps for the only time in the history of this chapter, it was his privilege, as the Consecrating Officer, to ask the companions to accept at his hands the present toast, and he was sure they would all heartily, respond to it. Comp. Fenner would not have been elected to fill that position if he had not held, as he did, the esteem, regard, and affection of those with whom he had been connected—companions who felt it was a pride, pleasure, and privilege to say they knew him. Comp. Fenner was in London a most distinguished citizen, who was never tired of doing good, and who, through the whole course of his practical and experienced life, considered it to be his bounden duty to exalt and raise humanity wherever it was in his power to do it. Such a companion had been installed in the chair of Z. that night, and in thus speaking of him, as the companions would wish him to be spoken of, and as Comp. Fenner would wish to be spoken of, he would add that a more honourable, practical, or true man never could be known within the pale of civilisation. It had been his (Comp. Terry's) good fortune upon many occasions to install companions in the M.E.Z. chair, but he did not know that he had ever felt a greater honour conferred upon him by being so selected as on the present occasion. In Comp. Fenner's presence he would not say more, and the companions would forgive him if he had not said enough. The companions, however, knew how highly Comp. Fenner was esteemed by all, and the companions would, therefore, spare him (Comp. Terry) from saying more. He would, however, ask the companions to drink with all the enthusiasm they could infuse into the toast "The Health of the First M.E.Z. of All Saints' Chapter, wishing him and the Chapter every Prosperity."

Comp. FENNER, in reply, said Comp. Terry had been pleased to speak of him so kindly and warmly, and the companions had listened so attentively and responded so heartily that he felt he never could have aspired to so high a compliment. He only hoped that those who had known him longest would feel he was entitled to some small share of what had been said. He had always thought, and he still felt that man should not live in this world for himself alone. Self, no doubt, was the first law of nature; but the proudest man could both take care of himself and look after others. That was one of the first principles which Masonry taught; and when they looked around and saw and knew the good that Masons had done in English society, they might be proud that they belonged to such an Order. He had admired the many beautiful passages in Craft Masonry, and he had lived to love and respect many of the brethren who had repeated them; but much as he had loved and admired Craft Masonry, he did not hesitate to say that he could not have supposed that anything was so sublime as the Royal Arch ritual. What he had heard and witnessed that evening, and he was sure the other companions would bear him out, was most solemn, sublime, and practical, and would do good to the heart of every man that was properly prepared. As far as he was personally concerned he might say he had not a very large brain, but he hoped he had a fairly large heart, and nothing should be wanting on his part within the extent of his ability to do his duty in that chapter. Comp. Terry had spoken of him very kindly and warmly, and he hardly knew how to return him thanks sufficient; but if anything in his past life had entitled him to one half of what Comp. Terry had said, he could only say he should be most heartily glad to do something in return.

Comp. FENNER then said it was extremely gratifying to him to propose "The Health of the Consecrating Officers, Comps. Terry, as Z.; Clarke, as H.; and Stephens, as J." The companions would one and all agree, especially those who were present during the ceremony, not only as to the very able and ready way in which the long and mysterious duties were performed, but also as to the kindly way in which the Consecrating Officers went through those duties. It was a very trying work to do the exaltation, but particularly trying to do the consecration, because, as a rule, companions were not so well up to their work as they were in an ordinary chapter. Therefore, there was greater fatigue, and much time was required for the matter to be thought over. Every portion of the ceremony had to be got up, and this could not be done in an hour, more particularly by those who were commercial men, whose minds for the most part were devoted to other matters. For them it was impossible to go through a long course of training; but they greatly admired, when they had an opportunity of seeing them, the ceremonies performed by others in an unfaltering manner. In drinking this toast he would call on the companions to wish long life, health, and prosperity to the Consecrating Officers of All Saints' Chapter, hoping that all the companions present might live to see them and join them at the banquet for very many years to come.

Comp. JAMES TERRY said the honours of the evening

had been shared by three companions. He might be permitted to return thanks on behalf of himself, for he felt convinced that his two companions who had so ably assisted him were just as much deserving of the chapter's respect, regard, and esteem as, and perhaps more so, than himself. Nothing had given him greater pleasure than to be present at the consecration of All Saints' Lodge, which was performed by the late revered and respected Bro. Hervey. He (Bro. Terry) assisted on that occasion as Director of Ceremonies, and the brethren of that lodge paid him the very high compliment of enrolling him as one of their honorary members. The lodge had progressed, and not a year had been allowed to pass since its formation without a Steward being sent up to the festival of the Institution, of which he (Comp. Terry) had the honour of being Secretary. When Comp. Dennis wrote him a letter asking if he would consecrate the chapter, remembering everything that had been done for the lodge, and by the lodge, he should have been one of the most ungrateful of men in the world if he had not immediately complied with the request. No chapter had started under brighter auspices. They had the most magnificent room to meet in, and splendid furniture, but they had three companions presiding over them, who were fully capable of discharging their duties. A long list of candidates for exaltation had been proposed that night which many old chapters would have been glad to receive in a period of six or seven years. All this was a good augury for the first year of office. It must be a very great compliment to the Principals that so many names had been proposed, and he felt convinced that when the time came that the M.E.Z. would have to give his gavel to his successor he would feel he had done his duty in a most honourable and faithful manner, and that everything which he and his colleagues could have done had been done admirably and zealously. Remembering many things in connection with the companions who had formed the chapter, knowing how zealously they had worked in every good cause, he might venture to think that from their initiation into Masonry they seemed to have been marching with the spirit of the Order. He did not think there was any one of them ever allowed in their lodge or chapter a duty devolving on them to pass unregarded; and, therefore, it was with so much satisfaction that he now returned thanks for the Consecrating Officers on the formation of this new chapter in the presence of so many friends who had done good suit and service in Masonry. Any one looking on their breasts would see that many of them were in the proud position of being Vice-Presidents of the Masonic Institutions; of having fulfilled the duties of Master of one or two lodges, and Past Principals of one or two chapters; and taken upon themselves other distinguished positions in connection with the Craft. When the companions found others who had already obtained such distinction were again willing to come forward for the good of the Order, and perpetuate its glories, and make known to those who had not been enlightened what the Degrees were, he said all honour to them who would put themselves to so much trouble, expense, and anxiety to effect a good end, the perpetuation of the grand, good, and noble Order of Freemasonry. He would conclude by expressing this one wish, that the All Saints' Chapter might go on prospering from time to time, and that the companions might be spared many years to witness it grow a vigorous chapter, and to witness a large family of its children under its roof.

Comp. W. CLARKE, in reply, said this was the third time he had had the honour and pleasure of attending Masonically in the East of London. Although he had been two years in the West, he had not found a home in which he could locate himself with the pleasure he had in the East, and he hoped he had formed associations and friendships in the East which would never be forgotten by him or those with whom he had become acquainted.

Comp. W. STEPHENS also acknowledged the toast, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in rendering any service he had rendered to the chapter. One of the reasons he felt so much pleasure was that for many years he had been engaged in promoting Masonry in the East and North-east of London.

Comp. DENNIS, H., replying to his portion of the toast "The H. and J.," said he had a certain amount of pride and a vast deal of pleasure in finding his old and distinguished friend and companion the M.E.Z. placed in that position. He was certain he only echoed the feelings of all the companions when he said that the occurrences of the day had been gratifying to him, and that it was also gratifying to find Comp. Fenner was in sufficiently good health to take the position to which he had been nominated by the Grand Z. As a P.Z., his (Comp. Dennis') first care was to see as far as practicable, with the assistance and good advice and good fellowship and friendship of the Consecrating Officer, that everything should be carried out so as to be conformable to the principles of Grand Chapter and other chapters, and be satisfactory and gratifying to all the companions assembled. He was glad that Masonry had a strong footing in the East-end of London. This was the second chapter which was formed in its particular district. There was an old one already there. He and Comp. Farnfield found there was room for another, which they thought would do honour to the Craft. They, therefore, set to work to found this chapter, and several companions assisted. The lodge had got on very well, and there were several brethren initiated in it who desired to become Royal Arch Masons. He hoped that when the chapter got to work the companions now present would come to see them, because they might need assistance (he did not say they would). They desired to extend the principles of pure Freemasonry, and to give to all the information they possibly could.

Comp. COLEMAN, J., also replied. He had received so much pleasure and profit from the companion who had just spoken, and from other companions, that it made him feel there was more in Masonry than many Masons gave it credit for. He quite agreed with Comp. Dennis that they would need assistance. He believed the M.E.Z. would shine in the chapter as a midsummer day's sun; and this led him further to say that when that grand luminary of nature shone forth in all its lustre it needed not the moon, stars, or any artificial light; and anything he (Comp. Coleman) might say after what had been said in the bright speeches by the companions that evening would be but an artificial light. He should therefore content himself by simply thanking the M.E.Z. and the companions for the toast just proposed and drunk.

Comps. WRIGHT, BONCFY, ROBERTS, W. R. MARSH, RENDALL, F. H. COZENS, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Comp. FARNFIELD, responding to the toast of "The Officers," said he hoped they should not forget the Charities, but follow the rule they had laid down in the two lodges they had formed in the East end of London, to send a Steward to one of the Charities each year. If the M.E.Z., the H., or the J. did not feel inclined to take the office he would himself.

The other officers also replied. Comp. TERRY said that Comp. Dennis had given him his name as Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

Comp. FARNFIELD observed that in that case he would take the Stewardship of the Girls' School.

The Janitor's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The intervals between the toasts and replies were enlivened with the performance of a beautiful selection of music by Comps. J. L. Hodges, Fredk. H. Cozens, Theodore Distin, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Comp. Fred. H. Cozens.

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. JOHN HUYSHÉ.

Another of our old brethren has been taken from us in the person of the Rev. John Huyshe, who for thirteen years held the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master for Devon, and who at his death was rector of Clyst-Hydon, Exeter. He was born in 1800, and was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford. He took his B.A. degree (first class in mathematics) in 1822, and his M.A. degree in 1824. At the age of twenty-two he was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, No. 357 (then No. 460), on the 18th of February, 1822; but he remained a member of that lodge only till 1827. He became a member of other lodges however, and on the 12th November, 1838, he joined the St. John Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, and became W.M. of that lodge in 1840. Of this lodge he remained a member till his death. He was also a member till his death of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, London, which he joined in January, 1863, and of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 230, Devonport, which he joined on 2nd March, 1861. He was appointed Prov. Grand Master for Devon on the 22nd Jan., 1866, in succession to the late Earl Fortescue, and he was also a Past Grand Chaplain of England, besides being Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Degree for the Province of Devon. In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master he frequently presided in Grand Lodge, but more frequently in Grand Chapter. He was likewise a constant attendant at the festivals of the Masonic Charitable Institutions till three or four years ago. He resigned his office of Provincial Grand Master for Devon last year, on account of age and increasing infirmities. It was, however, only about two years ago that he was in attendance at Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and he then appeared to be remarkably strong for a man of his years; He had then long exceeded the allotted three score years and ten. At his death he was eighty years of age.

SWIMMING BATHS.

We are requested to publish the following;—  
"Castle House, Bexley,  
"9th October, 1880.

"Dear Bro. Colonel Creaton,—  
"May I venture to ask whether attention is given at our Boys' School to a very important and healthy matter of physical training, viz., swimming?"

"I am told by Bro. Under-Sheriff Layton that there is an admirable swimming bath at the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, and that one of the pupils, through his knowledge of swimming acquired there, was recently enabled to save life.

"Is a swimming bath yet established at our School?  
"Pardon my troubling you. Were I able I would be present on Monday, and personally put the question after the abstracts of Committee minutes have been submitted to the Court. If the question be answered at the Court, so that the answer may appear in the Masonic press, it will, I think, be interesting to the supporters of the Institution generally, and not merely to  
"Yours very truly and fraternally,  
"JOHN SYMONDS.  
"Lieut. Col. Creaton, G. Treas., V. Patron and Trustee,  
R.M.I.B., &c., &c., &c."

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—This popular and distinguished college held a meeting on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. Among those present we noticed Fraters Dr. Woodman, S.M. of the Order; H. C. Levander, P.S.M., &c.; Thomas Cubitt, Master of the Temple; H. Peck, 8<sup>o</sup>; G. Lambert, 6th A.; D. M. Dewar, 5th A.; F. H. Thiellay, Precentor; G. Cooper, Organist; C. F. Matier, 9<sup>o</sup>; T. C. Walls, John Cox, Collinson, Keddell, Massa, Gilbert, Acolyte. The College having been opened in due and ancient form, the minutes of the last meeting were duly read and confirmed. The acting Secretary General then read the numerous letters of apology for non-attendance that he had received. Previously to the M.C. being dissolved, Frater H. C. Levander proposed for election to the grade of Zelator at the next convocation, Bro. William Stephens, of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge. The Fraters then adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly proposed and heartily received.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scorbutic annoyances. The most timid invalids may use both the ointment and pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying directions. Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other most materially in effecting cures and renewing strength, by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.—ADVT.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at six o'clock p.m., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Halle, W.M.; Cordingly, S.W.; Humphries, J.W.; Follett, Treas.; Wing, Sec.; Dean, J.D.; Smith, D.C.; Balls, I.G.; Nell and H. J. Symons, Stewards; Steed, Tyler; Driver, P.M.; Reed, P.M.; Vass, P.M.; Moss, P.M.; Tukley, Brown, Herbert, E. H. Dove, Ayres, Coulden, Hunt, Callow, Thomas, Allen, Luck, Greenfield, Cubbon, Jones, Wood, and Barnes. Visitors: Bros. Gabriel, 860; Brocklehurst, 862; and Codd, 1728.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Coulden and Ayres were duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The Secretary read letters and other communications. Bro. King, of the Confidence Lodge, No. 103, was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was then closed.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 19th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There were present during the evening Bros. W. H. Boswell, W.M.; J. M. Klenck, P.M.; W. G. Brighton, P.M.; N. J. Basnet, P.M.; James Pain, P.M.; John Coe, P.M.; F. J. Sawyer, S.W.; W. Harris, J.W.; E. Cocks, S.D.; W. F. Masters, J.D.; H. E. Frances, P.G.D. Surrey, Sec.; W. McKay, I.G.; J. Parkinson, Tyler; H. J. Pain, James E. Norman, J. Salmon, Chas. Ellicott, R. B. Temperman, and others; and the following visiting brethren: A. Southam, P.M. 1420; E. Ayling, S.W. 975; Dowding, 145; H. J. Amphlett, 1571; John D. Smith, 1658; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason). The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Boswell, when the minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Brighton then rose and proposed that the sum of £2 2s. be voted to the testimonial fund for Bro. Frances, which being seconded by Bro. Sawyer, S.W., was carried unanimously. The next business was the initiation of Mr. Woodhams, and when that brother appeared he received in due form the First Degree of Freemasonry, the W.M., Bro. Bosworth, delivering the ceremony in such a manner as to impress upon the candidate the solemnity of the proceeding.

After the names of a candidate for Freemasonry and a joining member had been submitted, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to supper. At its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. A most interesting event occurred during the evening in the form of a presentation to Bro. H. E. Frances, Past Grand Deacon of Surrey, a brother well known and much respected in Freemasonry, more particularly perhaps in the South of London. Bro. Brighton, P.M., in making the presentation, gave a brief account of the origination of the testimonial, from which we gathered that at a meeting of the Paxton Lodge in October last the sum of £5 5s. was voted towards a testimonial to Bro. Frances, in recognition of the many services he had rendered to Freemasonry in general, and to the Paxton Lodge in particular. Since this amount was voted, brethren of various lodges had subscribed in small sums until the list had swelled to a most satisfactory amount. The presentation took the form of a gold watch and chain and a testimonial on vellum handsomely framed and mounted. In making the presentation, Bro. Brighton spoke in feeling terms of the many services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Frances, and trusted he would be spared for many years to be among them. Bro. Klenck in a few remarks expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to act as one of the secretaries to a fund raised for so good a purpose. They all appreciated the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Frances, and he had experienced very great pleasure in being present at the presentation that evening. Bro. Frances, who appeared too much affected to speak at any length, returned thanks from the depth of his heart for the testimonial, and would endeavour to show in the future his thanks for the gift. The various other toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present among others Bros. Köhler, W.M.; Speedy, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Marsden, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Boulton, D.C.; Stephenson, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Lee, 205; Herbert, 903; Gunningham, and Eleanor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the case of a distressed brother, late of the lodge, was fully considered, when it was unanimously resolved, upon the proposition of Bros. Everett and Higgins, that the sum of five pounds should be given.

Several communications having been made, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was exceedingly well served. The Royal and Craft toasts having been duly proposed, and enthusiastically drunk, "The Health of the W.M." was given in appropriate terms by the I.P.M., and warmly received by the brethren. The W.M., in reply, briefly expressed his thanks to the brethren for the great kindness that they had always exhibited towards him. He felt sorry that since his accession to the chair there had been but little work to do, but he hoped during the forthcoming season that there would be no dearth of candidates, and that the Kennington Lodge would continue to prosper. "The Health of the Visitors" followed. This toast was acknowledged at length by Bros. Lee, Herbert, and Gunningham. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. in his remarks particularly expressed his acknowledgments to the members of that body for the great assistance and advice that they had hitherto given him. The proof that the Past Masters' interest in the lodge was unabated was evinced by the fact that with two exceptions all were present that evening. This pledge having been heartily drunk, the I.P.M. and Bros. Mann and Everett responded on behalf of themselves and colleagues, the latter brother's speech as usual being full of

point and humour. "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and this important toast having been duly drunk, Bros. Mann and Stuart briefly replied. "The Health of the Officers" came next in order, and drew from Bros. Speedy, Webb, Stokes, and others, exhaustive replies. The amusement of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Webb, Town, Lee, and others.

**WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).**—On Saturday week, the 9th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at The Institute, Ealing, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Kasner, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings read and confirmed. Bros. C. O. Walter, T. A. Smith, M. J. M. Flint, F.R.G.S., and G. Crook having been passed to the Second Degree, the principal business of the day, namely, the installation of Bro. A. J. Burr, as Worshipful Master, was then proceeded with, the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Kasner, I.P.M., rendering the ceremony in a most effective manner; Bro. J. Chambers Roe, P.M. 780, acting as D. of C. This we believe was the first time Bro. Kasner performed the installation ceremony, and the able manner in which he executed his task is deserving of as much praise as his rendering of the other ceremonies, in which he is acknowledged to be so proficient. After the customary salutes, Bro. Burr appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. Henry Kasner, I.P.M.; James Green, S.W.; Samuel Dyer, J.W.; Henry E. Tucker, Treas.; J. Chambers Roe, P.M. 780, Sec.; W. Seward, jun., S.D.; J. W. Fisher, J.D.; Wm. Nye, I.G.; G. S. Wright, D. of C.; E. Porter and J. L. Hamilton, Stewds.; F. Delevanti, Org.; and J. Harrison, Tyler. The brethren shortly afterwards adjourned to Christ Church School Room, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, where they sat down to an elegant banquet. During the banquet several ladies occupied seats in the gallery and appeared much interested in the proceedings. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. gave the first toast at all meetings, "The Queen and the Craft," and said that Her Majesty was too well known to need any words from him. The National Anthem having been effectively sung by Miss Delevanti, the W.M. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M.," which was always, the W.M. said, heartily received, H.R.H. having endeared himself to them all, as, since his connection with Freemasonry, he did all he could for the benefit of the Craft. The next toast, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.V. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers," was in his (Bro. Burr's) experience, always treated in the same hearty manner as the previous one. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., to whom he owed all he knew of Masonry. Bro. Cottebrune thanked the W.M. for attaching his name to such a toast, and the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured it. The Grand Officers were always anxious to do their best for the interests of the Craft, and their popularity at the present time spoke well for the selection made by the Grand Master. Bro. Cottebrune then feelingly expressed the very great gratification it gave him to see Bro. Burr—who he amusingly called his child—in the distinguished position of Worshipful Master. Bro. Burr appeared to be very popular to all the members of the lodge by the reception they had accorded him that evening. Bro. H. Kasner then proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the W.M.," which toast was heartily and enthusiastically received. Bro. Burr briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the kind reception of the toast. He felt fully the responsibility that rested upon him as W.M. His feelings during his installation were similar to those he experienced at his initiation. He hoped to perform the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren, and with credit to himself. He was extremely pleased to see the Grand Officers represented by his old friend Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., to whom, as he had already observed, he owed all he knew of Freemasonry. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed the difficulty he was in as to which of the three he could mention first—Bro. Beasley had been his friend for very many years, for twelve at least, and he thought he esteemed him more now than then. Bro. Kingston they all knew and appreciated. Bro. Kasner he had known before he was a Mason, but they had been better friends, if that were possible, since. Bro. Burr then presented Bro. Kasner with a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with a few remarks, highly congratulatory on his popularity. Among the members of the lodge, Bro. Beasley, as the oldest Past Master of the lodge present, replied first, and in the course of his remarks expressed the very great pleasure it had given him to see their W.M. installed that night, as he was connected with Bro. Burr in ties of business, and very intimate ties of friendship. Bro. Kasner, in reply, took this opportunity of thanking the various officers of the lodge for the very able support they had given him during his year of office. From the jewel, and the manner in which the mention of his name had been received, seemed a fair proof to him that he had given satisfaction to the brethren during his year of office. He should always look upon the jewel presented to him that evening as the most cherished object he possessed. Bro. Kingston also briefly replied. The toast that followed was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Brown, Cantrell, Goss, and Herbage replied. The next toast, that of "The Press," was duly acknowledged. Bros. J. Chambers Roe and Henry E. Tucker acknowledged in well chosen words, on behalf of the Treas. and Sec., the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," eliciting replies from Bro. J. Green, and others. During the evening the brethren were favoured with some excellent singing; Miss Delevanti, daughter of the Organist of the lodge, being deserving of special mention for the charming and pleasing manner in which she sang several songs, particularly "The Last Chord."

Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. A. J. Burr, W.M.; Henry Kasner, I.P.M.; Thomas Kingston, P.M.; A. Beasley, P.M.; James Green, S.W.; Samuel Dyer, J.W.; Henry E. Tucker, Treas.; J. C. Roe, Sec.; W. Seward, jun., S.D.; J. W. Fisher, J.D.; Wm. Nye, I.G.; G. S. Wright, D. of C.; J. L. Hamilton, E. Porter, Stewards, F. Delevanti, Organist, John Allen, W. Houns, E. Allen, C. R. Belleby, E. J. Acworth, G. H. Parsons, F. Millson, Montagu Flint, F.R.G.S.; J. R. Ferne, A. Pooley, E. Woodbridge, G. Coop, J. M. Mitchell, E. Leney, and E. T. Brown. The visitors included Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. S. Cantrell, jun., Past G.D. Berks and Bucks, W.M., 771; B. E. Blasby, W.M., 780; T. Brown,

P.M., 780; C. Gardiner, P.M., 780; Walter Goss, P.M., 780; E. Hoppgood, P.M., 946; W. Herbage, 177; O. J. Bacon, 186; J. Lawrence, 186; W. W. Morgan, 211; R. E. Harris, 771; George Wills, 780; T. Youens, 1287; Thos. J. Robinson, 1580; W. Heath, 1681; Walter Barnard, 1691; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

**UNITY LODGE (No. 1637).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. The W. Master, Bro. C. J. W. Davis, Prov. G. Asst. D. of Cer., raised and Crafted two brethren in the presence of a large lodge and many distinguished visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Williams, Cattle, K. Smith, Fradd, and Reynolds. Bro. William Stephens then installed the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Cooper, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Grist (by proxy), S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; W. Stephens, P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; John B. King, Secretary; Adkins, S.D.; Slyman, J.D.; George Penn, I.G.; and Middleton, Tyler. The W.M. accepted the Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and ten guineas was voted by the lodge to be placed on his list. A vote of sympathy was feelingly passed regretting the absence of Bro. Grist through continued illness (and who has since departed this life). The Auditor's report being most satisfactory to the members, the funds being now in a sound and flourishing condition, was unanimously received and adopted. After the close of the lodge the usual banquet followed, when the newly-installed Master proved an excellent President. The usual toasts were given, and an enjoyable evening was spent, interspersed with excellent music by Bros. Knight, Smith, and Cattle.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—The October meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. H. J. Johnson, W.M., supported by Bros. Col. John Creaton, Grand Treas., I.P.M.; John Williams, S.W.; J. Neilson, J.W.; E. Thurkle, Treas.; J. Ion Cattle, P.M., Sec.; John H. Buck, S.D.; W. Carrington, J.D.; W. Williams, D. of C.; R. G. Shute, I.G.; D. Ferguson and R. H. Rogers, Stewards; John Woodstock, Tyler; J. B. Colwill, E. Austin, G. F. Williams, H. W. Hancock, B. J. Cowell Hilden, J. Johnson, Thos. Pink, Wm. Russell, H. Johnson, W. Marden, T. T. Matthews, A. Walter, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Maxsted, 180; W. Park, 511; J. F. Hallet, 907; W. H. Munday, 120; D. Keyse, 1344; J. H. Boote, 1426; Knight Smith, P.M. 1441, and F. A. Kelly 1524 (*Freemason*).

The business before the lodge was at once proceeded with, commencing with the raising to the Degree of Master Mason Bro. Henry Johnson, a son of the Worshipful Master, the second son that it has been the pleasure of that worthy brother to introduce into the Craft. Messrs. Benjamin Brett, Thos. Hine, and Richards were then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the whole ceremony being clearly and impressively given by the W.M., Bro. Johnson, assisted by his efficient officers. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they were served with an excellent dinner, to which ample justice was done. At its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Col. Creaton said he felt confident the toast would be received heartily, as it deserved. Bro. Johnson had given good evidence of his ability to work the various ceremonies, and he (the colonel) felt highly pleased at having a successor so proficient in his duties. He was sure the brethren fully appreciated the services of such an able Master. The W.M. in reply thanked the gallant colonel for his kind remarks. He had endeavoured to do his best for the continued success of the lodge, which he hoped he had maintained with the able support rendered him by his officers. He deemed it a very great honour to be the second Master of a lodge bearing such a distinguished name. The toast of "The Initiates" having been proposed and duly acknowledged by those newly-enlightened brethren, the W.M. gave "The Health of the Visitors," wishing them a very hearty welcome. Bro. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441, replied. In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. E. Thurkle and J. Cattle, the W.M. spoke in high terms of their services. The Treasurer was most assiduous in his duties, as also was the Secretary. Bro. Cattle he had known for upwards of twenty-five years, during which long friendship he had held him in the highest esteem. Bro. Cattle, in returning thanks, referred in eulogistic terms to their excellent Treasurer, and considered it a great honour and pleasure to be allowed to respond on behalf of Bro. Thurkle. When he (Bro. Cattle) first assisted to form the lodge he never expected to be appointed to office, but having that honour conferred upon him, he had endeavoured to make the lodge one of the most successful in the Craft. The success attained was to that extent that brethren of other lodges had referred to the Creaton as one of the best. As Secretary, he would continue to work hard for the welfare of the lodge, and was always sure of receiving the most genial support from their worthy and esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Thurkle. "The Officers of the Lodge" (responded to by the S.W., Bros. John Williams), and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a close. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some excellent vocal music by Bros. Cattle, Knight Smith, and Arthur Thomas.

**COVENTRY.**—Trinity Lodge (No. 254).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Craven Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. M. J. Davies, W.M.; L. Avise, S.W.; F. J. Curtis, J.W.; Rev. F. M. Beaumont, Chap.; R. Croxson, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Hayward, S.D.; H. Holland, J.D.; J. Anslow, I.G.; J. J. Bates, Steward; T. Hartley, Tyler; E. Powers, P.M.; D. Cole, P.M.; W. D. Clevedge, P.M.; T. Richard, P.M.; C. Edwards, P.M.; C. Slingsby, Dr. Brown, T. S. Harvey, J. T. West, W. B. Tomlinson, T. M. Stiff, B. Dunn, and C. R. Adams, P.M. 725. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Two candidates for Freemasonry were balloted for and unanimously elected, also one joining member. The W.M., in an impressive manner, then initiated Dr. W. B. Brown into the Degree of E.A. The lodge was closed in due form at eight o'clock.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. M. Vickers, W.M.; W. Nicholl, S.W.; H. Walmsley, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; Robert Tomlins, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, Org.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; John Church, S.D.; Jas. Wilson, J.D.; P. Holmes, I.G.; W. Eckersley, R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*) and W. J. Edwards, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. R. Lever, I.P.M.; George D. Wenham, Jas. Gooden, R. B. Harper, Edward, Smith, J. G. Elderton, James Cummins, and others.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. M. Sinclair, J.W. 163; G. C. Williams, J.W. 152; E. Coxon, 152; J. L. Lambert, 1387; Matthew Owen, 163; Robert Westbury, and others.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes Bro. R. R. Lisenden delivered the E.A. charge to Bro. Edward Smith, who was initiated at the previous meeting.

The brethren adjourned to tea, and on the re-assembling of the lodge the W.M. passed Bro. Edward Smith to the Degree of F.C., and afterwards delivered a lecture on the Second Tracing Board in a very able manner. The lodge was duly lowered, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, was closed in peace and harmony at 8.40.

**LIVERPOOL.**—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The chair was taken at 6 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Lewis Herman, supported by the following officers and upwards of eighty brethren:—Bros. Brackenbury, I.P.M.; H. Burrows, P.M.; J. Roberts, P.M.; D. Jackson, P.M.; J. Ball, (Town Councillor), S.W.; C. Marsh, J.W.; J. Clark, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Treas.; W. May, P.M., Sec.; W. Marshall, S.D.; R. Whitehead, J.D.; J. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas., M.C.; S. W. H. Halse, S.S.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. C. B. Robeson, which proved unanimous. Bro. M. Bergl, of Lodge No. 1, St. Mary's Chapel, Scotland, was duly elected a joining member. Mr. Robeson being in attendance was initiated by the W.M. Bros. Bennett, King, Roberts, and Jones being desirous of joining, were passed to the Degree of F.C., by the W.M.; the working tools were explained by the S.W.; the work in both Degrees by the W.M. and his officers being performed in a manner that elicited the praise of the whole of the visiting brethren. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting; the sum of £3. 5s. was also proposed for the relief of a brother.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the old lodge room for banquet. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to. The W.M. then rose and in the name of the lodge presented to Bro. Brackenbury, I.P.M., a handsome marble and bronze clock with a pair of bronze side ornaments, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a token of their esteem and regard. Bro. Brackenbury thanked the brethren for the present, and stated that it was seven years that day since he was initiated in the St. John's Lodge. Bro. Callow, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in suitable terms. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**MANCHESTER.**—Blair Lodge (No. 815).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held at the Hulme Town Hall, on Friday, the 8th inst. Bro. H. L. Rocca, W.M., assisted by his officers and a numerous assembly of members and visitors, opened the lodge at 4 p.m. Amongst the latter were Bros. John Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G. Treas.; W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633, P.P.G. D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C.; John W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of C.; Ernest Link, P.M. 633; Jas. Dawson, P.M. 317; Mark Vickers, W.M. 317; Rev. H. D. Marks, S.W. 1798; Elias Nathan, P.M. 201, and W.M. 1798; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. L. Aspland, P.M. 633, and others. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. R. Sowter, S.W., was presented to the W.M. for installation, which ceremony Bro. Rocca, assisted by Bros. W. F. Towle, P.M., and J. Bayley, P.M., performed in a praiseworthy manner. The newly installed W.M. afterwards invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

Bros. S. Hildesheimer, S.W.; A. E. Gaskell, J.W.; H. L. Rocca, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Sheldrick, Sec.; E. Harris, S.D.; J. F. Anderson, J.D.; H. R. G. Bayley, P.M., M.C.; J. St. P. Riley, I.G.; A. Bickley, Thos. Newton, and J. R. Straus, Stewds.; James Sly, Tyler.

The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Towle, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. Bayley, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. Rocca, I.P.M. Other routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in solemn form at 6 o'clock. The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the good things of this life were abundantly provided, and under the presidency of Bro. Sowter, W.M., a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the proceedings a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Rocca, I.P.M., by the W.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, and the long and enthusiastic applause which greeted the worthy recipient as the jewel was attached to his breast bore testimony to the high esteem in which he is held, not only by the members of his own lodge, but by every visitor who was present. Some excellent vocal music was rendered by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, W. Dumville, H. Lister, and H. D. Marks.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH.**—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1330).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this flourishing country lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Assembly Room, Three Swans Hotel. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Foller, jun., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, who was warmly welcomed by the members of the lodge on the occasion of this, his first, visit since his appointment. Amongst others present in lodge were Bros. J. Healey, W.M. elect; E. Fuller, I.P.M.; Dr. F. Grant, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. C. Danby, Chap.; J. H. Douglass, P.P.G. Reg.; W. W. Wartuaby, Sec.; J. Wiggins, J. O. Costin, W. Martin, C. W. Wartuaby, A. Melvor Tindall, H. Freestone, Treas.; R. Symington, C. J. Massie,

H. H. Holloway, R. Lawrence, and Hopton. Visitors: Bros. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; S. Cleaver, P.P.G. A.D.G.; Kekwich, P.M. 502; E. J. Massie, 993 and 1513; and T. R. Pickering, 523.

Bro. Dr. Grant, in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair, and performed the duties of Installing Master. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes relating to the election of W.M. having been confirmed, Bro. Joseph Healey, S.W., was presented for the benefit of installation, and was duly installed into the chair in ancient form, the ceremony being most ably and impressively rendered by the Installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. W. Wartyaby, S.W.; Martin, J.W.; Rev. C. Danby, Chap.; H. Freestone, Treas.; Dr. Grant, P.M., Sec.; Wiggins, S.D.; A. McIvor Tindall, J.D.; C. W. Wartyaby, I.G.; and E. Clarke, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was next passed to the Installing Master for his valuable services. Some other routine business having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form and in harmony. The proceedings terminated with an excellent banquet, admirably served by mine host of the Three Swans Hotel.

**CREWE.—The Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues (No. 979).**—The annual installation meeting and St. John's Festival of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The business for the occasion was the installation of the W.M. elect and the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year and to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The brethren assembled in large numbers, and there was an unusual number of visitors from adjoining provinces, including many Provincial Officers, present. The W.M., Bro. Gibson, opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, to take his place as Installing Master. This done, the W.M. presented Bro. George Young, W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This received due attention, and afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Young placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Board was then closed, and the brethren re-admitted, when the salutation, proclamation, and greetings, usual on such occasions, were duly observed. The W.M. then invested the officers for the ensuing year, and each one was addressed by the Installing Master as to the nature of his duties. The ceremony being completed, Bro. Bowes delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. then said his first duty was one most pleasing to himself—he proposed that the warmest thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. Bowes for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The I.P.M., Bro. Gibson, seconded the proposition, and, in doing so, said the solemn impressiveness with which Bro. Bowes had rendered their beautiful ceremony must make a lasting impression on the minds of all present. For his own part, he should go home a better man. The vote was accorded by acclamation and briefly acknowledged. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of a *recherché* character, and reflected infinite credit upon mine host of the Royal.

**TORQUAY.—Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).**—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 12th inst., a Past Master's jewel was presented by the brethren to W. Bro. William A. Goss, junior, I.P.M., in recognition of the efficient and zealous discharge of his duties as W.M. of the lodge, during his term of office just ended.

W. Bro. James Murray, P.M., made the presentation in very eloquent and feeling terms. W. Bro. W. A. Goss, junior, thanked the brethren for such genuine testimony of their fraternal esteem, and congratulated the lodge upon that harmony and unanimity which have always distinguished its working. The brethren afterwards adjourned to Bro. Bolt's, Queen's Hotel, where supper was partaken of.

**MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).**—The annual installation meeting and festival of St. John was celebrated at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, on Monday, the 11th inst. It is a most pleasurable fact to record that this rising young lodge has during the past twelve months made great progress. There have been no less than eleven members initiated, and this success has doubtless arisen from the fact of the unanimity and good fellowship that always prevails amongst the members, and the efficiency that is shown in "working" by the officers. There is every prospect of this lodge becoming one of the largest in the province, and with such a W.M. as now presides no fears need be entertained as to the exactitude and precision with which future ceremonies will be performed. The following brethren were present: Bros. John Rowe, W.M.; S. D. McKellen, S.W.; P. Johnson, J.W.; E. B. Harding, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; George Burslem, Secretary; James McGrath, J.D.; E. Pugh, Organist; J. Brierley, I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; W. S. Watson, I.P.M.; B. Helliwell, R. D. Ausfield, G. R. Cowgill, George Johnson, E. Jordan, Henry Jones, P.M.; Edward Roberts, Thos. Maudsley, C. W. Willis, J. C. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D.; F. Dickenson, P.M.; John Elms, and George Ainscow. Visitors: Bros. Benj. Taylor, P.M. 935, P.P.G.T. E.L.; Geo. A. Packwood, P.M. 852, P.G.D. of C. E.L.; J. Barker, P.M. 1114, P.P.G.T. E.L.; J. T. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G.T. E.L.; W. H. Anderton, P.M. 1161; Thos. Elliott, P.M. 1147; Harry Elliott, 1147; Thos. J. Cowen, J.W. 1161; J. W. Watts, P.M. 852; William Mallalieu, 337; Albert Kenworthy, 277; W. T. Norton, P.M. 1161; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; R. Wild, 467; W. M. Rye, 467; Geo. Jackson, P.M. 1077; John Blum, Thos. Maudsley, William Hollins, P.M. 152; Samuel Roma, 152; John Church, S.D. 317; Arthur Painter, W.M. 1633; A. B. Whittaker, S.W. 1633; S. D. McKellen, S.D. 1633; G. Yates, Sec. 1633; Thos. Cavanah, P.M. and Treas. 1633; Wm. Bestock, P.M. 1633; W.M. 1213; Thos. Cairney, P.M. 1633 and 1213; Wm. Byway, S.S. 1633; H. Bracewell, I.G. 1633; Wm. Brown, J.D. 1633; W. H. Leigh, P.M. 1633 and 1213; Samuel Titmas, P.M. 317, P.P.G.T. E.L.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 2.40, and after the minutes of the last regular, and also the emergency meetings, had been

read and confirmed, Bro. Watson, I.P.M., assumed the chair of K.S., and Bro. Coppuck was passed to the F.C. Degree. On the conclusion of this ceremony, the installation of Bro. S. D. McKellen was proceeded with, Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. W.L., the Installing Master, occupying the W.M.'s chair, whilst that of the S.W. was taken by Bro. E. B. Harding, P.P.G.S.O. W.L.; and that of J.W. by Bro. J. Barker, P.P.G.T. E.L. Bro. McKellen was duly presented to the Installing Master by P.M. Dickenson, and was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., the whole ceremony being performed in a most creditable manner, and justifying the fame which Bro. Gillman enjoys. Bro. Gillman, the Installing Master, then proceeded to invest the newly appointed officers as follows: Bros. David Johnson, S.W.; Jas. McGrath, J.W.; F. Dickenson, P.M. Treas.; Geo. Burslem, Sec., re-appointed; H. P. Jones, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; F. Pugh, Org.; J. T. Brierley, S.D.; Christian W. Willis, J.D.; Jas. Atkinson, I.G.; and J. Hill, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. Dickenson, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. Henry Jones, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Benj. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.T. E.L. The ceremony being concluded, a copy of the annual balance sheet was handed to each brother, and a report thereon given by the Auditors, Bros. McGrath and Helliwell, who both eulogised the painstaking and concise manner in which the books had been kept by the Sec., Bro. Burslem. The report was adopted. A vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., seconded, and carried with acclamation to the retiring indefatigable Treasurer, Bro. E. B. Harding, P.M., for his valuable services during five years' fulfillment of that office. The W.M. dwelt most warmly on the assiduity and zeal displayed by Bro. Harding for the welfare of the lodge, and the regret all felt at losing so valuable an officer, who had worked so disinterestedly and successfully for the success of their lodge. Bro. Harding gracefully acknowledged the compliment. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 4.50.

The St. John's Festival was celebrated by a choice banquet, which gave every satisfaction to all who partook of it, and reflected credit on the worthy host, Bro. Wood. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and responded to, in reponse to the toast of "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. E. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D., remarked he was rather unfortunate in being called upon to respond to this toast in preference to the father of the lodge—Bro. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D.—who was better able to do it. However, he would simply say that he was very proud to see so many well known faces around him. He was also extremely glad to know how successful the lodge had been since its consecration; and he assured the brethren he looked back with delight on the many happy hours he had spent amongst them. He had attained very high honours in the Craft, and it would afford him much satisfaction to see other members of the Trafford Lodge equally favoured. Bro. Harding informed the brethren that he attended the Prov. G. Lodge meeting of West Lancashire, at Chorley, the previous week, and it was gratifying to see such a large assembly of influential Masons, and to notice how great an interest their Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, took in the proceedings and in Masonic matters generally. It was also a most pleasurable fact to record that their province had subscribed during the past year no less a sum than £2260 to the Charities, and that their own lodge had given recently £26 to the Boys' School, which, although not a very large sum, would attain formidable proportions if every lodge in the province gave a similar amount. Bro. Harding further stated that he was pleased to see many Provincial Officers of East Lancashire present, and to know that one common interest in the cause of Charity united them all. With respect to their new W.M., Bro. McKellen, Bro. Harding said he was proud to see him in his present position, which he was worthy of filling; and if he only carried on the work with the same spirit as it had been begun for the interest of the lodge, he will have done well. Bro. Geo. A. Packwood, P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; Bro. B. Taylor, P.P.G.T. E.L.; and Bro. Samuel Titmas, P.P.G.D. of C. E.L., also responded to the toast. In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Rowe, I.P.M., said in asking the brethren to drink this toast very heartily he was sure they would do so, as Bro. McKellen was highly esteemed by them all, and would prove himself a W.M. second to none in the province. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. S. D. McKellen, in reply, said he believed a large proportion of the brethren present had already passed through the position he now occupied, and they would therefore, from their own feelings, know that it was a very proud position for any man to attain. He felt especial gratification at the reception which the brethren had accorded to the toast, and at the enthusiasm which had been displayed in connection with it. But he felt also that the position to which he had been elected was not merely one in which a man should be elated for the present time only, but rather be a lasting pleasure to remember, as with that feeling of elation there was also a sense of a very deep and lasting responsibility, which he trusted he might ever carry with him. He certainly could not help feeling elated, because he was surrounded by a band of brethren whom he knew personally were every one his friends. He was quite sure the election which took place on the preceding lodge night was not a mere pushing forward of the S.W. into the Master's chair because he happened to be the nearest to it. He was satisfied that every brother who voted for him on that occasion did so because he wished to see him in the chair of K.S., and because he had some feeling of regard for him. He congratulated himself upon that, but at the same time he felt sure he had undertaken a very serious responsibility, inasmuch as he had the temerity—should he say the courage—to take a chair which had been filled by men who had performed their duties in such a way as to warrant the commendation which had been given to the work of the Trafford Lodge by brethren old and experienced in Masonry. Recollecting that he felt that it was no easy task for a comparatively young Mason like himself to accept the responsibility of filling the chair. The eyes of the lodge would be upon him, and the eyes of the outside Masonic world would be upon the lodge during his year of office, and if he did not perform the duties as they ought to be performed, he should deserve the condemnation of those who saw the working. He was quite sure the brethren who had preceded him had all of them the support of the Past Masters, from Bro. Gillman, their father and founder, and Bro. Harding

was also, he might say, one of the founders, to the last W.M., Bro. Rowe. He hoped and expected that the same support would be given to him whenever he required assistance, and he had very little doubt that it would so be given, as the Past Masters had the interests of the lodge at heart. It was something to see brethren, who had passed the chair years ago, taking such an interest in the lodge still, and attending as diligently as its youngest members. He was warranted in believing, and he trusted he should not be disappointed, that the Past Masters would at all times be in their places, to help the members of the lodge to learn their duties, and to assist the W.M. to do his duty. Turning from the Past Masters to his officers, Bro. McKellen further remarked, he had no hesitation in saying he had as good a band of officers as could be found in any lodge in England. Some of them were young to the work, but he was persuaded that with the rehearsals he intended to have, before the next meeting they would perform their duties so as to be a credit to the lodge and not a disgrace. He trusted also that in time to come every brother would be able to work in the lodge, so that everything might be carried on smoothly and without a hitch. In conclusion, Bro. McKellen expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see so many Prov. Grand Officers and visiting brethren present that day, and he hoped that when his year of office expired it would be said of him, as he should presently say of his I.P.M., and as had been said of others who had finished their course, that he had been a good Mason. The W.M., in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Rowe, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel. He trusted Bro. Rowe would prize the jewel, and that his children and grandchildren would exhibit it as a testimony of the high esteem in which he had been held by the members of his lodge. Bro. Rowe returned thanks. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. G. R. Congill, W. Dumville, and J. D. Smith.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—On Monday night, the 11th inst., there was a more than usually large muster of the members of this lodge, the occasion being the annual election of Worshipful Master. The present W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, is unfortunately suffering from an attack which confines him to the house, so that the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. T. Sellar, S.W.; G. Simpson, J.W.; M. Millington, S.D.; W. York, as J.D.; J. Kay, Secretary; W. P. Husband, Asst. Secretary; J. Blenkin, I.G.; O. Marshall, Organist; A. T. B. Turner, M.C.; G. H. Simpson, Asst. M.C.; together with many other members and two visiting brethren of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers at present in York. The first business was the raising of Bro. B. Stephenson to the Third Degree, after which the balance-sheet of the lodge was passed and signed. The ballot for W.M. was then taken and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. J. T. Sellar, the Senior Warden, who thanked the lodge for this mark of their confidence. A ballot for Treasurer was then taken, and Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Paul Pearson was also re-elected Tyler. The lodge Benevolent Fund vote was then taken, and it was decided to vote ten guineas to one of the Charities, and to leave the selection to the Lodge Committee to report to a future meeting. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next festival of the Masonic Boys' School. A subscription list was opened for the purchase of a number of books for the lodge library, and resulted in a handsome sum. At the close of the lodge the brethren partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were drunk, including "The Three Grand Masters," "The W.M. Elect," "The Present Officers," &c., and an agreeable evening was spent.

**LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1500).**—The first regular meeting of this lodge for the present session was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, the chair was occupied by the muchesteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B., who, after the minutes had been confirmed, and the other preliminary business disposed of, proceeded to pass Bro. C. L. Rolleston to the Degree of F.C., in his usual efficient style, being ably assisted in the ceremony by the officers of the lodge, who were all well up in the duties of their respective offices. This being the day of election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the ballots were taken for those officers; the popular Senior Warden, Bro. John Fowle Lancelot Rolleston, being unanimously elected to fill the chair, and Bro. Sculthorpe to the post of Treasurer. Elections also took place for representatives on the Masonic Hall and Provincial Charity Committees. The lodge, by unanimous vote, agreed to bear its share of the cost of the Local Masonic Calendar and Directory, edited by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the thanks of the lodge were accorded to him for his trouble in compiling it. Letters of resignation were read from Bros. C. E. Stretton, Rev. W. M. Hutton, and Rev. F. P. B. Hutton, and accepted with much regret. This concluded the business of the lodge, which was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

Amongst those present in lodge were W. Bros. G. Toller, jun., D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. Langley, P.P.G.S.W.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; Capt. Richardson, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; and Rev. J. Bird, P.P.G. Chaplain Norths and Hunts; and Bros. Rev. C. H. Wood, J.W., Prov. G. Chap.; Capt. Goodchild, Treas., P.P.G.S.B.; R. S. Toller, S.D.; J. D. Harris, J.D.; A. Stretton, I.G.; W. J. Freer, Steward; H. Howard Bell, C. L. Rolleston, W. A. Burnaby, H. Clough Taylor, M. J. Walker, and J. A. MacDonald.

Haverley's Mastodon Minstrels have commenced a three weeks engagement at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, and are drawing crowded houses. The bill of fare each evening is a most liberal one, and the regularity and clock-work precision, which each item is run through, is highly commendable, and gives evident proof of the constant rehearsals which bring about such satisfactory results. Leeds is the next destination of the troupe.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

MISS GRAVE and other relatives tender their sincere and grateful thanks to those brethren who by their interest and assistance secured the election of their nephew,  
RICHARD ARTHUR GRAVE,  
On Monday, the 11th inst.  
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### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Croydon Guardian," "Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hand and Heart," "Egyptian Gazette," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islaender," "Le Monde Maconique," "Masonic Age," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or de Espana," "The Common Good," "Masonic Record of Western India."

### NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1881 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1880.

THE Grand Scribe E., our esteemed Comp. Lieut.-Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, consecrated the new Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1572, on Saturday last, with much effect and ability. He was assisted by Comp. W. BUSS and the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, and Comp. JAMES TERRY as Master of the Ceremonies, and the whole proceedings were marked both by Masonic accuracy and efficiency. The "work" of the Grand Scribe was much admired and much commended, and we are much pleased to note that our excellent companion is a very efficient and careful Consecrating Officer. We trust that all prosperity will attend the Carnarvon Chapter.

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SOME remarks fell from Comps. WOODFORD and BUSS at the Carnarvon Chapter consecration ceremonies and banquet which deserve consideration. Comp. WOODFORD was of opinion that the proportion of chapters to lodges was far too small. Comp. BUSS seemed to think that there was not much room for complaint, and that Royal Arch chapters were steadily increasing. Comp. WOODFORD stated they were under 800, but the fact is, we think, that they are not much over 700. It would be well if the exact number could be ascertained. Now we are of opinion that all lodges, where it is possible, should have chapters of their own, though sometimes one or more lodges may perhaps combine to form a chapter, as the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges have done. We hope that we shall not be considered very "revolutionary" if we venture to suggest that each lodge at the expiration of a twelve-month shall be able to petition for a chapter, and that Master Masons should be exalted to the Supreme Grade of the Royal Arch after six months. As it takes, most properly, a minimum of two months to be made a Master Mason, so, we think,

that a minimum of six months, three times that period, might suffice for exaltation. In this way, we think, Royal Arch Masonry would speedily assume its rightful and proper footing, as the completion of Craft Masonry. The old fashioned view was that it was not desirable to have too many chapters; we, on the contrary, think that it is this very mistaken policy—and unfair as we deem it to Master Masons—which has dwarfed and kept back the status and position of Royal Arch Masonry amongst us. Let us hope for better days for this very beautiful and interesting Grade.

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OUR illustrious Bro. the EMPEROR OF GERMANY proclaimed the completion of the noble "Dom-Bau" of "Koln," or the great Minster at Cologne, on Friday last, in the midst of a notable assemblage of Royal and distinguished personages. The completion of this historical building carried back archaeological students, and German Masons specially, to the days of the "Bau-Hutten," of the "Steinmetzen," the "Lodges of the Stonemasons," and reminds us forcibly of that most interesting portion of Masonic history.

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It seems becoming clearer and clearer, we think, to the Masonic investigator of the past that we must set to work to look into the history of Hermeticism, too long disregarded, if we wish to grasp the true estimate and exact history of Freemasonry. The theory of preservation and continuation of Masonic life in the world is not altogether satisfied by the Guild theory, for though good, and sensible, and historical, as far as it goes, it does not exhaust critical objections or meet palpable difficulties.

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It is a "point" which deserves to be noted by us all who value our excellent Charities that the support of the lodges from No. 1700, and from the chapters, is not as general as it should be. Indeed, a great number of lodges and chapters have never yet sent anything to the Charities, and it has been specially noted how small a proportion of the lodges from 1700, and of the younger chapters, have yet sent any Stewards to the Charities. A good deal may, no doubt, be said on behalf of pressing preliminary expenses, and subsequent expenses, and yet the reality remains, explain it or "discount" it as you will, as a grave "factor" in the discussion of the question, that the material needs and claims of our younger lodges militate with charitable efforts. This ought not to be.

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THE reports of some of our provincial gatherings are very striking indeed, particularly those of Durham and Sussex. In Durham a distinguished nobleman, the MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, has been appointed to succeed our old and valued Freemason, Bro. JOHN FAWCETT, as Prov. G.M., and there before a brilliant assemblage the new Prov. G.M. was ably installed by the EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M. In Sussex a succession of Masonic assemblies were carried out with great skill and excellent management. We believe we are betraying no confidence when we say that a good deal of the success of the meetings was owing to the admirable labours of Bro. C. J. SMITH and other excellent brethren.

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WE understand that our distinguished Bro. LORD SHERBORNE has resigned, through increasing infirmities, the Prov. G. Mastership of Gloucestershire.

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WE have been requested to state with reference to some remarks at the banquet of the Carnarvon Chapter, that the Mizpah and Carnarvon Lodges, from which the Carnarvon Chapter has been constituted, have already made most meritorious efforts for the Charities, and we do not doubt but that when it is able to do so the Carnarvon Chapter will follow suit in so good a cause, and with such an admirable and united example before it.

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A VERY large number of invitations have been issued by our distinguished Bro. the LORD MAYOR to the leading members of the Order, and we also

understand that a very large number of applications have been made for invitations, a fact which we do not profess to realize or understand. We hear that about 350 can be seated, and that that number or thereabouts will be present, notwithstanding some unavoidable absences. The idea of the LORD MAYOR is a very admirable one in itself, and most complimentary to the Fraternity—of which he is a member. We believe that since a previous entertainment of LORD ZETLAND by a large number of Grand Officers, &c., no such interesting gathering for Freemasons has taken place. We understand that their Royal Highnesses the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT and PRINCE LEOPOLD will both be present at the LORD MAYOR's banquet. We venture to add that we think the idea of the LORD MAYOR inviting his Masonic brethren to participate in the hospitalities of the Mansion House is entirely in keeping with that kindly and graceful hospitality which has distinguished his year of office.

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OUR old friend, and once very active brother, whose services to Masonry and the Charities are not forgotten by Freemasons, has written a letter to the GRAND TREASURER, which we print elsewhere, relating to swimming at the Boys' School. We quite agree with Bro. JOHN SYMONDS as to its usefulness and value on hygienic and utilitarian grounds; but all such questions in a great Institution like that of our Boys at Wood Green must be governed by the prosaic consideration of expense and practicability. We feel sure that the governing body will not lose sight of the matter.

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WE have to record with much regret the decease of our well known and much respected Bro. E. SNELL, a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge and Chapter, and Treasurer to the Royal Arch Dinner Mess. He was much appreciated for his kindness of heart, and many other excellent qualities, and will be much missed by many friends.

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WE have also to record the death, with deep regret, of a very old and distinguished member of Grand Lodge,—Bro. Rev. JOHN HUYSHÉ, late P.G.M. for Devonshire. His long and faithful services to Freemasonry in various capacities are too well known to our readers to require a passing, if regretful, eulogium from us, while his amiable and kindly character, as well as his gifts of heart and head, endeared him to a large circle of Masonic and private friends, by whom his memory will long be revered.

### FREEMASONRY IN DURHAM.

(Continued)

It will be well perhaps if we supplement the former details, which it cannot be denied were somewhat dry reading, with a few particulars respecting the government of the province. It appears from the "Freemasons' Magazine" (Vol. III.) for 1794, that on 21st March, 1735, a Bro. Joseph Laycock of the Swallow Lodge (now the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead), was appointed Prov. G. Master of Durham, by the then Grand Master, the Earl of Crawford, and according to the same authority the Prov. G. Lodge was held for many years in Swallow. On 9th September, 1788, Bro. W. H. Lambton, M.P., was formally installed Prov. G. Master in the presence of about 150 brethren, his patent having been granted the year previous, in response to the request of the brethren, by H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master. On the 24th September, 1793, the foundation stone of the Wearmouth Bridge at Sunderland, was laid by Bro. Rowland Burdon, M.P., who at the time was W.M. of the Sea Captains' Lodge, No. 129, now the Palatine Lodge, No. 97. A Grand Lodge had been previously opened in the Phoenix Hall by R.W. Bro. W. H. Lambton, P.G.M., and that distinguished Mason, assisted by his Grand Officers took part in the interesting ceremony. Bro. the Rev. W. Nesfield delivered an eloquent oration on the occasion, and subsequently a grand banquet was held. On the 9th August, 1796, the structure, which in more senses than one had been founded by Bro. Rowland Burdon, was formally opened by that brother, who in recognition of his valuable services had been honoured with a blue apron, H.R.H. Prince William of Gloucester, Past Grand Master, being present, together with upwards of 300 brethren. In the procession marched the "Worshipful Masters of the following lodges, with their mallets or truncheons," namely: "Sheffield; St. George, North



Shields; Globe, Scarborough; Raby, Staindrop; St. Hild's, South Shields; Union, Gateshead; Concord, Barnard Castle; Sion, North Shields; St. Nicholas, Newcastle; Granby, Durham; Restoration, Darlington; Halifax," and also Bros. Scarth, P.G.S.W., and Finch, D.P.G.M., both distinguished Craftsmen of that day. Two points of interest in connection with this event are worth noting. First, the Committee entrusted with the arrangements ruled that none under the Degree of Master should be admitted to take part in the ceremony, and that, with the exception of Present or Past Grand Officers, all were to wear white aprons or bound with white silk. In the second place, immediately following the two trumpeters, who headed the procession, was "a detachment of operative Masons, joiners, smiths, and labourers." The oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. W. Nesfield, and the sermon preached by Bro. Rev. John Brewster. A full account will be found in Vol. VII. of the aforesaid "Freemasons' Magazine."

The Bro. W. H. Lambton, M.P., referred to above, was father of the late Earl of Durham, who died in 1840, after having filled the Prov. Grand Mastership for some years. On 21st January, 1834, a grand Masonic festival was held at the noble earl's seat, Lambton Castle, for the purpose of presenting his lordship with a Masonic medal, about 140 brethren being present. At the Prov. Grand Lodge held on 5th November, 1839, at Chester-le-Street, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master, honoured the brethren with his presence. On 28th July, 1840, the Earl of Durham died, and in the interval between that sad event and the appointment of a successor the province was administered by Sir Cuthbert Sharp, D. Prov. G.M. On 5th December, 1842, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.—father of the present Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.P.G.M.—was installed as Grand Master of the province, and he, in turn, was succeeded in 1847 by Bro. John Fawcett, who has just retired from office.

It is worth while noting, in conclusion, a leading feature in Durham Freemasonry. No less than nineteen of its twenty-five lodges meet in Masonic Halls; one of them, the Freemasons' Hall of Sunderland, where meets the Phoenix, No. 94, the third senior lodge in the province, being very nearly as old as the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. This hall was originally built by Captain George Thompson, who presided as Master for seven years, for the Phoenix Lodge or, as it was designated at the time, the King George's Lodge, the first stone of the building having been laid on the anniversary of George the Third's accession to the throne. The hall was solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry on the 18th of July, 1778, when the music performed at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, London, was kindly lent by Grand Lodge. The learned Bro. Hutchinson, of Barnard Castle, the author of the "Spirit of Masonry," "History of Durham," and other works, delivered an animated oration in honour of the event, and a banquet was subsequently held at which some 140 brethren sat down. On the 19th November, 1783, after a Master's lodge had been held, the hall accidentally took fire, and was entirely destroyed. Some of the furniture and papers were saved, but the loss was heavy, including as it did several valuable paintings. On the 5th April, 1784, Dr. Tipping Brown, who succeeded Captain Thompson as W.M. of the lodge, laid the first stone of a new hall, known as the Phoenix, and a twelve-month after to the day exactly, the building was solemnly dedicated, an ode, especially written by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Brown, being performed by the whole musical strength of Durham Cathedral and the neighbourhood. A suitable oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. Thomas Hall, Chaplain to the lodge, and at the close of the proceedings 176 brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet. We refer our readers for a full account of the Phoenix Lodge during the earlier part of its career to Vol. II. of the "Freemasons' Magazine" for 1794, and we may congratulate the Sunderland brethren on the earnest support they have given to Masonry from the very first.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—  
I note in the *Times* of the 18th inst. a report of the Carnarvon Chapter consecration meeting on the 16th inst., and that by the verbiage used, though not intentionally, it would seem as if our good friend Comp. Buss at the banquet thought it his duty to correct a statement of mine in chapter in the oration. I stated, as our lamented friend John Hervey stated, if I remember rightly, at the consecration of the Granite Chapter, that Royal Arch Masonry until of late years had been comparatively neglected, though the reason was difficult to discern.  
I also alluded to the fact that, while the lodges were over 1800, the chapters were, I believed, under 500. I expressed a hope that the "margin" might be reduced. I differ from our esteemed Comp. Buss as to the present number of Royal Arch chapters being either sufficient or satisfactory; but I do not write to commence a controversy, but only to point out that it is a fair matter of opinion, and that, as good companions of the Royal Arch Masonry, if we do "agree to differ" we "differ, after all, only to agree."  
Yours fraternally,  
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "Not Infallible" has altogether misapprehended the point which it has been my object to raise, my contention being that Provincial and District Grand Masters are not "Officers of Grand Lodge." Upon the question of their being "Grand Officers" I shall have a word to say presently; but so far as my argument has yet extended, I have only endeavoured to show that they are not "Grand Lodge Officers." In their provinces or districts they are veritable "Grand Masters," but in the Grand Lodge of England, whilst assigned, very properly, a high position in the Masonic hierarchy, they hold no office, and are simply members\* to whom a marked superiority of rank has been given by the Table of Precedence. I do not profess to understand the argument of "Not Infallible" as presented in his first letter. He there states, "It is true that Provincial and District Grand Masters are not actual officers of Grand Lodge, but are they not reckoned in some sense as such by the Book of Constitutions?" If "it be true" that these dignitaries "are not actual officers of Grand Lodge"—as conceded by your correspondent—the question with which the foregoing extract concludes can only be answered in the affirmative by assuming that they are *supposititious* officers of Grand Lodge. This conclusion, though necessarily resulting from the premises, can hardly, I imagine, be what the writer intended to convey.

Your correspondent in his last letter observes "that if Bayard's" contention be correct, the whole practice of Grand Lodge since 1813 has been unconstitutional." A sweeping assertion of this kind, unaccompanied by proof and unsustained by argument, I shall not attempt to confute; indeed, it would be beyond my province to do so. The law of Grand Lodge is one thing and the practice or usage of Grand Lodge is another thing. The latter is subordinate to the former; but I have yet to learn, even supposing the practice of Grand Lodge to have been "unconstitutional since 1813," how any amount of irregularity can vary or repeal the law; and it is with the "law" only that I am concerned.

Perhaps you will accord me space to briefly sum up the result of the correspondence on this topic, and, at the same time, to slightly widen the area over which my contention extends. It has been shown on the authority of the Book of Constitutions—

(a) That Provincial and District Grand Masters rank in Grand Lodge after Past Deputy Grand Masters and before Grand Wardens—(p. 17).

(b) That the Grand Master, at the annual Masonic festival or on the day preceding, is to nominate his Grand Officers, who, with the exception of the President of the Board of General Purposes, are to be thereupon installed or invested—(p. 29).

(c) That no Grand Officer can be removed without the approbation of Grand Lodge—(p. 31).

(d) That a Provincial or District Grand Master is invested with a rank and power in his particular district similar to those possessed by the Grand Master—(p. 45).

(e) That a Provincial Grand Master holds his office at the pleasure of the Grand Master—(p. 49).

(f) That in the absence of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge is to be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in seniority who may be present, and if no Grand Officer be present by the Master of the senior lodge—(p. 23).

The foregoing laws may be read together without any ambiguity becoming apparent. Provincial Grand Masters are *not* nominated and invested at the annual festival (b), they are removable without the consent of Grand Lodge (c), and are not, therefore, according to the Book of Constitutions "Grand Officers" (c).

As bearing, however, against this conclusion there has been cited the usage or practice of Grand Lodge, whereby in the absence of the G.M., Pro G.M., and Deputy G.M., the senior Provincial or District Grand Master is called upon to take the chair, and it is contended (according to a letter in your Masonic contemporary from a London and Colonial P.M.) that because the law enacts that Grand Lodge is to be ruled by the senior Grand or Past Grand Officer (f); and as Provincial or District Grand Masters do take the chair—*ergo*: these dignitaries are Grand Officers. This reasoning, if you will, deservedly merits the appellation of "special pleading," and the Latin phrase, "post hoc, propter hoc," with which "Not Infallible" has decorated his last letter, also recurs to one's memory.

A learned brother informs me that a Provincial Grand Master is a Grand Officer *in* but not *of* Grand Lodge, and that as such he is entitled to preside over Grand Lodge (a and f), although not a Grand Lodge Officer. This may be so, but if we take the plain meaning of words and are right in believing that the laws of Masonry are published for other purposes than those of quibbling and mystification, † there seems no escape from the conclusion that Provincial and District Grand Masters are not "Grand Officers," and that the practice of Grand Lodge in placing them in the chair is, as "Not Infallible" correctly puts it, "unconstitutional." I must apologise for the length of this letter, but I was desirous to state the case clearly.  
I am, yours, &c., &c.,  
BAYARD.

[By some unaccountable delay in the post this letter has only just been received. It should have appeared early in September.—Ed. F.M.]

\* The Constitutions of 1815 state of the Provincial Grand Master—"He is, by his office, a member of the United Grand Lodge, and ranks immediately after the Past Deputy Grand Masters. After acting in his office for five years he becomes a member of the Grand Lodge for life." It is fairly inferential that if the framers of the first Book of Constitutions published after the union of the two Societies had intended Provincial Grand Masters to rank as "officers" of Grand Lodge, they would have used the word "officer" in lieu of "member" in the passage above cited.

† If Provincial and District Grand Masters are reckoned in any sense as "Grand Officers," the various extracts from the Constitutions above cited become irreconcilable, and the usage of Grand Lodge effects a practical repeal of the enactments lettered respectively b and c in the text.

#### THE ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to make a suggestion in reference to the above question.

It appears to me that a brother about to visit a lodge where he is not personally known would do well to go armed with his certificate, and thus be in a position to produce it if required.

The inconvenience of carrying such a cumbersome document might be got over by having it folded and gummed into a pocket book with a tuck, precisely as some continental tourists carry their passports.

The name and number of lodge could also be embossed thereon.

I am, yours fraternally,  
SEMPER FIDELIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Appreciating thoroughly the intended kindness of Bros. James Stevens and E. de Francois de Pontchalon, and thanking them sincerely for bringing into notice my "Masonic Portrait and Certificate Case," still, I scarcely think the "Original Correspondence" column should be occupied by discussing the advantages or disadvantages of my novelty, therefore, I beg to refer those brethren interested on the subject to your advertisement columns, and I shall be pleased to argue its usefulness (pro. and con.) with any brother who will honour me with a call during business hours.

I may add that I have not registered my idea, for I am most anxious that any suggestion for its improvement should be carried out by myself, or any one having the welfare of our Craft at heart.

Thanking you, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
W. SHURY MARSHALL.

#### LODGE SUPPORT TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The solution of the question raised in the following statement will doubtless be of interest to the members of many of our lodges—

The old lodge of which I am a P.M. has for many years done scarcely anything for the Masonic Charities—the subscriptions and initiation fees being almost entirely absorbed by hotel and other expenses. Nevertheless, we have been very successful in our candidates for the Masonic Institutions, and for years an old member and the widows of two members of our lodge have been annuitants.

A few years ago, a Charity Association was established in the province, through which nearly two-thirds of the members of my lodge have either already secured, or will within a short time obtain, Life Subscriptions to our Masonic Institutions.

A short time since a Committee was appointed by the brethren of the lodge in question for the purpose of suggesting some mode, either by reduction of expenses or otherwise, whereby the lodge contributions to the Charities could be increased; and, in their subsequent report, the Committee recommended that the annual subscription should be increased from £1 to £1 5s., the additional five shillings being carried to a separate fund to be devoted exclusively to the purchase of lodge votes; but some of my brethren now hold that as many of them are for a time subscribing £1 is. yearly for Charity votes, their lodge, in its corporate capacity, is not called upon to make any special payment for the like purpose, because of the additional tax thereby imposed on themselves. Others, like myself, on the contrary, say that the £5 5s. payment for a Life Subscription is a *personal* matter between the member and the Institution he has selected, for which contribution he has the pleasant equivalent of being able for life annually to record his two votes, and that the lodge is not thereby relieved from its manifest duty to the Benevolent Institutions.

Kindly give me your valuable opinion, and permit the insertion in the *Freemason* of any comments on this letter your readers may be good enough to make.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
CHARITY.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### LIST OF LODGES, 1735.

Your correspondent "Bro. G.H.J.H." seems to have lost sight of the fact that years ago I gave the list of the year 1735, from Picart, and of late, our learned Bro. Kenneth R. H. MacKenzie also gave it in full in the *Freemason*. The list is a copy of one of Pine's Engraved Lists of 1735, by Bernard Picart. The work was published (i.e., The "Cérémonies" &c.) in nine vols. in all, ranging from 1723 to 1743, the tome in which the List of Lodges occurs being of the year 1736. As yet the medallion portrait of Sir Richard Steele has not been explained, that of Lord Weymouth as Grand Master being most appropriate.

Those interested in these old Lists of Lodges should consult Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants," in which all the registers known are given from 1723 down to 1813! The value of this work increases with the advance of time, and is not likely to be thoroughly appreciated as it deserves by the present generation, so few being versed in the intricate details of the early old lodges. The lists above are not obtainable anywhere in one lot, and even a few are worth more pounds now than there are leaves in the work! The "Atholl Lodges," by the same able brother, and my "Masonic Register of Lodges" complete the information down to the year 1878.  
W. J. HUGHAN.

#### ARMS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

My friend Bro. Whythead, P.M. 1611, &c., desires "to hear competent authority" as to the Arms of Provincial Grand Lodges, and suggests the honoured name of the R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods.

I can afford the information wanted by Bro. T. F., and others, as to this point, because our new banner for the Province of Cornwall was painted from a design kindly supplied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. It consists of the Arms of the Freemasons (Grand Lodge of England), painted in proper colours on garter blue silk, having the words above and below (divided) "Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall." Around the silk is bullion fringe, and the

banner is suspended from a roller painted garter blue, with gold points. Above the banner is a shield of wood, having the Arms of Cornwall thereon, and the motto below ("One and All"), and surmounted with an Earl's coronet (our beloved Prov. G.M. being the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe). The shield is fastened to the pole, the latter having a spear head of gold at top.

The banner is effective, and I do not think it can be improved upon. The Arms of the Grand Lodge are the same as R.W. Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, *Garter*, kindly supplied for my "Masonic Registrar," and may be relied upon as being correct, coming as it does from one of the first heraldic authorities in the world.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### ARMS OF PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

Referring to Bro. Whythead's query, some few years ago, a very handsome and costly banner was presented to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, by Bro. F. Smith, of Chester, the then Prov. G. Supt. of Works.

The Arms of the Prov. G. Lodge, as depicted thereon, are an exact reproduction of Grand Lodge Arms, with the simple addition of the word "Cheshire" in gilt lettering at the foot.

As Bro. Smith received directions from Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C., in designing the banner, it may be taken for grant that the form is in order.

The Grand Lodge Arms are beautifully set out in proper heraldic colours in a plate to be found in Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register," which also contains an heraldic description of the arms by Sir Albert Woods.

The Arms of the Prov. Grand Master are emblazoned on the "Standard," a smaller banner borne immediately before the Prov. Grand Sword Bearer and Prov. Grand Master in Masonic processions in this province.

HERBERT FINCH, P.G.D.C. Cheshire.

#### A MASON'S EXAMINATION—A.D. 1723.

The Premier Grand Deacon of England (Bro. R. F. Gould) has done good service to Masonic Archaeology by the publication of the *Mason's Examination* from the *Flying Post* of 1723.

I believe it has never seen the light of late years, and certainly has not been reproduced in any way, or even alluded to, during the present century, so far as my researches have gone.

As it precedes the "Grand Mystery" by a year, it may fairly be considered the first of the so-called *Exposures*, of which so many have been printed, and sold to Freemasons generally, who like the amusement of reading all such harmless pamphlets.

Dr. Plot, of A.D. 1686, in his *History of Staffordshire*, was the first in print to start objections to the fraternity, and he was followed early last century by other "would-be" detractors. They however did not pretend to furnish the secrets of the Society, and it was not until 1724 that we understood an "exposure" was published.

We have now to go back one year earlier through the fortunate discovery of Bro. Gould's, and it is time, as he says, that this, the apparent original of the wonderful revelations which have followed, was made the standard for the various catechisms, rituals, &c., from 1724 downwards.

Although of little value esoterically, they are all of importance in one way or another to Masonic students, especially when the various additions and alterations are noted from time to time in subsequent issues.

That apprentices had to select their marks on becoming connected with the old lodges is proved beyond question by an examination of the Aberdeen Lodge records from 1670; so that the reference to the "Mark" in the 1723 document is not to be wondered at. The allusion to the "Arch" is also to be found in the "Grand Mystery" of 1724, and said therein to be derived "from architecture." The arch is likewise noted in the "Broadside" of 1730 in the Guildhall Library, which has been made public by Bro. A. ——. There was it seems a similar account published in the *Daily Journal* of August 22nd, 1730, and Prichard declares the latter to be like his work of the same year, sworn to be correct (!) in October following! Prichard of 1730 says nothing about "Arch" or "Mark," but is an improvement on the earlier productions in many respects. These allusions to the "Arch" and "Mark," however, are not in any way to be connected with the Degrees known as such subsequently, but are evidently to be accepted as references to operative terms and customs, continued by the speculative Freemasons.

The allusion to the "Kitchen and the Hall," &c., of 1723, is in the Guildhall print of 1730, but not in the 1724 pamphlet, or Prichard. The phrase is singular, the answer according to the "Grand Mystery" being somewhat slightly different.

I do not look upon the statement of the Fellow Craft and Master Masons' Degrees being only conferred in Grand Lodge to 1724, as established so clearly as claimed.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—A regular meeting of this conclave was held at York, on Thursday, the 14th inst. In the absence of the M.P.S., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who had been suddenly called away by business, Bro. T. B. Whythead presided. Bro. W. B. Dyson occupied the chair of V.E. in the absence of Bro. C. G. Padel through illness. The following were also present amongst others: Bros. G. Simpson, S.G.; M. Millington, J.G.; A. T. B. Turner, Prefect; W. P. Husband, Recorder; R. Walker, T. Humphries, Herald; H. Jackson, Sentinel, &c. Bro. Oates, of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, was duly installed a member of the Order. Subsequently the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were opened, and those Degrees conferred upon Bro. Oates.

The grand Masonic re-union in connection with the opening of the magnificent banqueting room of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, promises to be a great success. The tickets, which are limited in number, have nearly all been sold, and the general entertainments, which embrace a fine art exhibition, dramatic and musical selections, and a ball, will be of the most attractive kind.

#### CRAFT MASONRY (Continued).

##### INSTRUCTION.

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—A meeting was held on Monday, 11th October, 1880, at the George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican. There were present Bros. Collison, W.M.; Dehane, S.V.; Wing, J.W.; Wing, Treas.; Fox, Sec.; Kidder, S.D.; Brocklehurst, J.D.; Appleton, I.G.; Gush, Preceptor; and several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fox worked the First Section; the lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed; Bro. Hancock was the candidate, and answered the questions. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hancock passed the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fox worked the Second Section; Bro. Gush the Third and Fourth, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree; Bro. Dehane was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; Bro. Campbell was elected a member, and the lodge adjourned.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren, November 1st, at 7 o'clock:—

##### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Gates, S.D. 1599.
2nd	"	" Brocklehurst, 862.
3rd	"	" Godden, W.M. 862.
4th	"	" Larchin, S.W. 1541.
5th	"	" Brown, J.W. 862.
6th	"	" Lardner, S.W. 1745.
7th	"	" Hill, 862.

##### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Collinson, D.C. 862.
2nd	"	" Marston, P.M. 1599.
3rd	"	" Tate, S.W. 862.
4th	"	" Fox, J.D. 201.
5th	"	" McCulloch, 1541.

##### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Wing, P.M. 45.
2nd	"	" Dehane, 1543.
3rd	"	" Hayes, 619.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).

The first meeting of the session of this popular lodge of instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday the 8th inst., at 8 p.m. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. C. Erwin, W.M. 1393; supported by the following members: Bros. T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; R. H. Evans, P.M., P.P.G. Deacon; Dr. A. Soldat, 1547; Rev. R. T. Leslie, 1718; W. Ladyman, S.W. 1547; R. Ripley, 1547; Jas. Pilling, W. S. Stanton, J. G. Fisher, S.W. 1299; M. Callaghan, F. Foulkes, C. Wadsworth, W. Ladyman, T. Pierpoint. Visitor J. C. Robinson, P.M., 249 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Evans, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks be given to Bro. H. Jackson, P.M., who had acted as Preceptor for the last three years. He spoke highly of the ability and kindness of Bro. Jackson, who owing to the press of business was unable to attend to the duties of the Preceptorship.

Bro. Erwin seconded and a number of brethren supported the resolution, all of whom expressed their sorrow at losing the services of so able a brother.

It was proposed by Bro. Evans, and resolved, that Bro. C. Erwin be the Preceptor for the year. The Treasurer's account having been submitted and passed, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A pleasant evening was spent.

#### Royal Arch.

**ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER (No. 142).**—The installation meeting of this famous chapter was held last Saturday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the following companions were present: Comps. G. A. Rooks, M.E.Z.; James W. Lambert, H.; Charles F. Hogard, J.; H. A. Dubois, Treas.; F. W. Levander, S.N.; H. C. Levander, P.Z.; J. Terry, Benj. Newstead, F. W. Percival, J. Boyes, B. G. Searth, J. C. Hayes, and Geo. Motion. Exaltés: Bros. J. A. Gartley, 205; G. Wood Bennett, Rev. G. W. Weldon, and Edgar Bowyer.

Comp. Rooks performed the ceremony of exaltation on a candidate, after which the Audit Committee's report was read, which showed a balance, after every expense had been paid, and the accounts for furniture, &c., of between £6 and £7. There was also a balance of £7 4s. on the Benevolent Fund. Comp. Rooks afterwards installed Comp. J. W. Lambert in the chair of M.E.Z. Comp. Lambert inducted Comp. C. F. Hogard in the chair of H. Comp. W. Beattie, who had been elected J., was not able to attend, being absent in France. The officers appointed were: Comps. F. W. Levander, S.E.; F. Statham Hobson, absent, by proxy, S.N.; B. G. Searth, P.S.; who appointed as Assistants A. V. Haines, 1st Asst. S.; A. Yoekner, 2nd Asst. S.; H. A. Dubois was invested again as Treasurer; and J. Rawles, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s. was presented to Comp. Rooks.

The companions then adjourned to banquet, and in the course of the speeches, the M.E.Z. announced his intention of serving the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and solicited assistance in making up a good list.

#### LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 102).

The October meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Comps. H. Birdseye, P.Z., M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., H.; Charles Arkell, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; E. F. Storr, S.E.; C. B. Cheese, S.N.; Thos. Cohn, A.S.; J. Lorkin, P.S.; G. J. Potter, C. Lorkin, A. Carnell, H. Cuff, F. J. Page, and J. Taylor. Visitor: Comp. Darcy. The officers elected for the new year was as follows: Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, Z.; C. Arkell, H.; E. F. Storr, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; H. Cuff, E.; Jas. Lorkin, N.; T. Cohn, P.S.; and — Marsh, Janitor.

**BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 14th inst., to which place the chapter has now been removed from the Horns Tavern, Kennington, Comps. J. Wyer, M.E.Z.;

H. Thompson, H.; and F. Sharratt, J. The other companions present were Comps. A. Avory, P.Z., Treasurer; W. H. Green, P.Z., S.E.; Jacobs, P.Z.; Coste, P.Z.; Pridmore, Bond, Dawes, Callingham, and the following visitors: Comps. Ridley, 733; Turner, 186; Godfrey, 180; Cook, 55. The chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot then took place for Bro. Samuel Wood, No. 45, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was introduced and most impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the whole of the officers being well up to the work of this Sublime Degree. This being election night, the next business was the selection of the Principals and other officers for the ensuing year, and in each case the votes were unanimous. The elections terminated as follows: Comps. H. Thompson, M.E.Z.; Sharratt, H.; Dodman, J.; A. Avory, Treasurer; Green, S.E.; Dawes, S.N.; Pridmore, P.S.; and Bavier, Janitor. The Audit Committee having been appointed, the companions adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a bountiful repast was prepared by mine host, Comp. Wood.

On the removal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. Comp. Coste, P.Z., in highly complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of Comp. Wyer, M.E.Z. of the Beadon Chapter," and alluded to the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of exaltation that evening. The toast was enthusiastically received. The M.E.Z., in replying, thanked the companions for the very flattering way in which the toast proposed by Comp. Coste had been received by them, and remarked that both in the lodge and in the chapter he had by gradation served every office, and had now arrived at the summit of his profession. It should be his study in the future as well as it was in the past to deserve their confidence. The M.E.Z. then gave "The Health of Comps. H. Thompson and F. Sharratt, H. and J., and the former as M.E.Z. elect," and said he had no doubt that they would maintain the reputation of the Beadon Chapter. The toast was well received. Comp. H. Thompson, in acknowledging the honour which had been conferred upon them, said he wished, on his own part, to thank them for the unanimous way in which they had that night elected him to fill the exalted position of M.E.Z. of the Beadon Chapter. His elevation to that dignity had been more rapid than he expected, for unlike their present M.E.Z. he could not say that he had passed through all the subordinate offices, and consequently he had not had the same time for making himself acquainted with the duties he should have to perform. He must, therefore, ask if they should discover any shortcomings on his part that they would grant him their indulgence. At the same time he could assure them that no effort should be wanting on his part to give them satisfaction, and if he failed it would not be from want of inclination, but ability to do so. The M.E.Z. then gave "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter," for which Comps. Jacobs, Coste, Avory, and Green severally returned thanks. The next toast was that of "The Health of the Newly-exalted, Comp. Wood," the M.E.Z. remarking that this was a toast that was always given with great pleasure, as they required the introduction of new blood to keep up the vitality of the body. Comp. Wood returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and said he was deeply interested in the ceremony through which he had passed, excelling anything he had yet known in Freemasonry. "The Visitors" was the next toast, for which Comps. Redley, Turner, Godfrey, and Cook responded, each expressing the gratification he had experienced in visiting the chapter, not only on account of the hospitality they had received, but for the admirable working they had witnessed in the chapter. The Janitor's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close.

#### NORWICH.—Cabbell Chapter (No. 807).

This chapter in Royal Arch Freemasonry, which has for some ten or twelve years remained in abeyance, has, through the untiring energy of the respected W.M. of Cabbell Lodge, Bro. S. N. Berry, Prov. G.O. in Royal Arch Freemasonry, P.G.S.W., assisted by several other companions, including Comps Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. 40, P.Z. 213, and P.G.S.E.; James Dunsford, P.G.P.; Henry G. Barwell, P.M. 52, P.G.S.H., No. 52, and others, been resuscitated, and is now in full working order; and the first quarterly convocation of this chapter since its resuscitation was held on Thursday evening, the 14th of October, at the Masonic Club Rooms, No. 23, St. Giles'-street, under dispensation obtained from the Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Freemasonry in Norfolk, the Right Hon. Lord Suffolk, K.C.B., R.W.P.G.M. (Norfolk), M.E.Z. No. 102, &c.

The companions present included Comps. Dunford, C. H. Capon, Z. 213; E. Baldwin, E. Orams, S. N. Berry, A. J. Berry, P.P.G.P.; F. Mills, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Rosling, H. A. W. Reeves, J. W. Browne, H. G. Barwell, Sutton, Shorten, J. E. Watson, W.M. 213, P.G.A.D.C.; Barnard, M. Bailey, R. Thorns.

The chapter being opened in ancient and solemn form, Comp. E. Baldwin acted as M.E.Z., Comp. Capon as H., and Comp. Dunford as J. The minutes of the two previous chapters of emergency were confirmed, and the election to offices vacant was duly made. The ceremony of installing Comp. S. N. Berry as M.E.Z., Comp. A. J. Berry as H., and Comp. J. B. Bridgman as J., was done in an exceedingly impressive manner by the three acting Principals. The companions being admitted the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest his officers, and the following now constitute the chapter:—S. N. Berry, M.E.Z.; A. J. Berry, H.; J. B. Bridgman, J.; E. Baldwin, E.; George Green, N.; H. A. W. Reeves, P.S.; Henry Rosling, A.S.; Thomas Campling, A.S.; George Baxter, Treasurer; J. W. Browne, Organist. The thanks of the chapter were accorded to those companions who had assisted Comp. S. N. Berry in re-establishing the chapter and bringing it into working order. The chapter itself is rich in votes to the Masonic Charities, and those votes have been saved, and Royal Arch Masons generally must accord their thanks to those companions. Within one month from the dispensation being given the G.S.E., Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, wrote for the warrant of constitution, so that if the chapter had been allowed to rest another month the warrant would have had to be returned to the Grand Chapter.

After the business of the chapter was over the companions repaired to the banqueting-room, where an excellent supper had been provided by Comp. S. Wilkin, the Steward of the club, which being partaken of, the companions spent a pleasant evening, under the gavel of M.E.Z. Samuel N. Berry.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Albion-terrace. The appointment of officers was as follows: E. Comps. G. M. Passenger, jun., Z.; R. Sharpe, H.; M.E. Comp. F. H. McCalmont, J.; E. Comp. H. P. Aslat, P.S.; Comps. Sidney Myer and C. Benister, Asst. P.S.; M.E. Comp. J. R. Weston, Scribe E.; Comp. W. Waters, Scribe N.; E. Comp. R. S. Pearce, Treas.; and Comp. Biggs. J.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**—The first meeting for the season of the eminent chapter of improvement was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, and was very well attended by some of the best Arch Masons. The offices were filled as follows: Comps. Wier, Z.; Massa, H.; Lander, J.; Brown (Preceptor), S.E.; Pennfather, P.S.; Webb, S.N.; and Walker (Candidate). The other companions present were Higgins, Lilley, H. Thompson, Kirke, Gillard, Brand, J. S. Fraser, W. Fraser, J. Constable, Payne, and Edwards. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, the whole of the work being admirably performed, showing that this chapter of improvement still maintains its high reputation. Comp. W. Fraser, of the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, was elected a joining member. The following were the elected officers for the next two meetings:—Comps. Lefevre, Z.; Higgins, H.; and Lander, J.

**Mark Masonry.**

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).**—The October meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Bell, Shoreditch, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. J. Meek, assisted by Bros. J. B. Shackleton, I.P.M., P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; B. Meyer, P.M., Treas.; H. Meyer, S.W.; W. Stephens, acting J.W.; Gould, J.O.; Jas. Hill, Sec.; A. P. Little, R.M.; G. Andrews, S.D.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

Several distinguished visitors were also present, among whom may be named Bros. Wm. Stephens, P.M. St. Mark's, No. 1; Henry Stocker, St. George's, No. 15, P.P. G.D.C. Devon; John H. Southwood, No. 120 (I.C.); and James Anderson, Excelsior, No. 226.

Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. I. H. Peach, being approved, was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M., and subsequently invested by the W.M. with the office of Organist. The following brethren were then advanced by the W.M.: Bros. Henry Stephens, P.M. 754; Edward Harrison, 569; and W. T. Crouch, 103; the impressiveness of the ceremony being considerably enhanced by the admirable manner in which the W.M. discharged his duties, and the efficient musical rendering of the chants and hymns by the newly appointed Organist, Bro. Peach, eliciting warm congratulations from the visitors and the members of the lodge. Bro. J. H. Southwood was then balloted for, and duly elected a joining member; and Bro. Wm. Stephens made an honorary member of the lodge. It was proposed, and duly carried, that a petition for an Ark Mariners' Lodge, to be attached to the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, should be prepared and presented to the Grand Mark Lodge. Letters of regret at inability to be present having been read from R.V. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, G.S., and V.W. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec., and other honorary members; and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded to partake of a bountiful repast, excellently provided by the worthy host of the Bell, Bro. Crouch. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being heartily responded to, a special toast "The gallant Six Hundred" was feelingly proposed by Bro. P.M. Shackleton, in honour of the W.M. (one of the survivors of the glorious charge) and enthusiastically received. A capital speech from Bro. Southwood and some good songs brought a most successful meeting and enjoyable evening to a close.

**NEWBURY.**—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—This lodge of Mark Master Masons, consecrated in the above town some 20 years since, has, through circumstances we need not enter into, remained dormant until within the last month. For some time past, however, arrangements have been in progress for resuming the duties of the lodge, and, mainly through the untiring efforts of Bro. Cosburn, the resuscitation of the lodge has been brought about under the most successful and encouraging auspices. The lodge was opened in the Temperance Hall on Friday, the 15th inst., when nearly 50 brethren were present, including a number of visitors from Reading, Abingdon, Basingstoke, Aldershot, London, and elsewhere, including the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master; Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Rev. C. R. Honey, Provincial Grand Chaplain; Bro. Don. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. T. J. Pulley, Provincial Grand Secretary; Bro. Matier, P.G.W.; and others holding high rank in this Degree of Freemasonry.

The Deputy P.G. Master, Bro. Stephens, W.M., and the officers of the lodge, filled the various offices, and the advancement of a number of brethren to the Degree of Mark Master Masons was proceeded with, after which Bro. John Bance was installed by Bro. Margaret, P.M., of Reading, as W.M. for the ensuing year; and the W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows:—I.P.M., Bro. H. E. Astley, P.M.; S.W., Bro. Geo. M. Knight, P.M.; J.W., Bro. F. H. Lyon; M.O., Bro. G. J. Cosburn; S.O., Bro. W. B. Wilson; J.O., Bro. E. P. Plenty, jun.; Treasurer, Bro. E. Head; Secretary, Bro. F. H. Marchant; Registrar of Marks, Bro. Geo. Boyer, P.M.; S.D., Bro. S. G. Hunt, P.M.; J.D., Bro. G. L. Chapman; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. M. H. Palmer; I.G., Bro. S. Knight, P.M.; Steward, Bro. Tegg; Tyler, Bro. H. Dodd. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal presented the lodge with a valuable charity box with silver plate bearing a suitable inscription, and the cordial thanks of the brethren were presented to Bro. Portal.

At the close of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a banquet was well served by Bro. Hamlen, and the customary toasts were proposed, the W.M. (Bro. Bance) presiding. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, were most efficient, and

from every point of view the gathering was a great success, and certainly one of the most important Masonic meetings ever held in Newbury.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 15th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present Bros. Capt. Scwell, W.M., P.G. Reg.; W. F. Lawtonby, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Black, J.W. and Treas.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.P.G. Org., as J.O.; T. Mason, Sec. and R.M.; T. Bird, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; J. Hewson, Tyler; and others. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 962 and 1002, P.G. Assistant Chaplain Cumberland and Westmorland, who had been balloted for at the previous regular meeting, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the honourable Degree. The W.M. and his officers performed the ceremony for the first time in the most perfect and impressive style. This was all the business.

**Knights Templar.**

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).**

—This old and distinguished encampment held a convocation at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 8th inst. There were in attendance Sir Knights C. Driver, M.E.C.; T. C. Walls, 1st Capt.; A. Williams, 2nd Capt.; Roebuck, P.E.C., acting Prelate; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Recorder; Dr. Saunders, Capt. of Lines; Baxter, P.E.C.; F. Driver, Herald; Larsen, S.B.; Graveley, D.C.; A. Tisley, J. Dodson, Rawles, Equerry.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of E.C. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Kt. T. C. Walls, who duly returned thanks for the honour conferred. Sir Kt. Paas was re-elected Almoner, and Sir Kt. Rawles, Equerry. The resignations of Sir Knights Rosenthal, P.E.C., and Charles Jacques, were received with regret. Comp. Major Williams, of the Star Lodge and Chapter, was proposed for installation at the next meeting, by Sir Knights Tisley and Walls.

The encampment was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an admirably served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the E.C. gave in happy, and in commendably brief terms, the various toasts connected with the Order, all of which were loyally honoured. Sir Kt. Dewar having responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," "The Health of the M.E.C." was proposed in a very neat speech by Sir Kt. Pass. In the course of his remarks he congratulated Sir Kt. Charles Driver upon the great prosperity that had attended his year of office. He also said, among other things, that the E.C. was to be praised for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the arduous work appertaining to the chair, and which had given the most unqualified satisfaction to every member of the Mount Calvary. The E.C. having replied, then gave in very flattering terms "The Health of the M.E.C. elect," who he said he hoped personally to instal at the next convocation. Sir Kt. Walls having responded, the toast of "The P.E.C.'s" followed. This pledge was most warmly drunk, and it was acknowledged by Sir Knights Paas and Roebuck. "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Kt. Williams, 2nd Capt., and the Equerry's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

**Ancient and Primitive Rite.**

**ROSE OF SHARON ROSE CROIX CHAPTER (No. 6).**

—The first regular meeting of this chapter, after the recess, was held at the Chapter House, 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bishopsgate-street Within, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., the Sir Knights present being Ill. Bros. Henry Meyer, 32 $^{\circ}$ , M.W.; W. J. Meek, 31 $^{\circ}$ , S.W.; Edwd. Harrison, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Treas., acting J.W.; Henry Stephens, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Orator; A. P. Little, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Conductor; Thomas Sims, 30 $^{\circ}$ , G.T.; R. Marshall, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Capt. of G.; G. C. Young, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Org.; and Jas. Hill, 33 $^{\circ}$ , P.M.W., G.S.G., Sec. Ballot was taken for Ill. Sir Knights J. H. Southwood, 32 $^{\circ}$ , Primitive Pilgrims, No. 5, Dublin, and J. H. Peach, 30 $^{\circ}$ , as joining members, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly installed. A petition was ordered to be prepared by the Secretary for presentation to the Sov. Sanc., praying for a warrant constituting a Senate of Knight Hermetic Philosophers, to be attached to this chapter, bearing the same title and number. The following were proposed as the first officers: Jas. Hill, 33 $^{\circ}$ , I.P.S.G. Com.; Wm. Stephens, 32 $^{\circ}$ , S.G. Com.; Henry Stephens, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Sen. Knt. Int.; Edwd. Harrison, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Jun. Knt. Int.; J. H. Southwood, 32 $^{\circ}$ , Orator; J. H. Peach, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Recorder; A. P. Little, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Kt. Marshal; R. Marshall, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Kt. of Introduction; W. J. Meek, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Kt. of Finance; Thomas Sims, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Kt. Archivist; Wm. Beasley, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Kt. Capt. of Guard; and G. C. Young, 30 $^{\circ}$ , Org. The ceremony of reception was then rehearsed, the incidental odes and chants being chorally rendered with good effect. The chapter was then closed and adjourned.

**GLASGOW.**—St. Andrew Chapter (No. 9).

—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 8th inst., under the following officers: Ill. Knights T. W. Brownlee, 32 $^{\circ}$ , M.W.; Robt. Morrison, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Knt. S.W.; Geo. Nicol, 31 $^{\circ}$ , Knt. J.W.; Colin MacKenzie, 32 $^{\circ}$ , P.M.W.; when nine brethren received the Eleventh Degree, and were then advanced, under dispensation, to the Twentieth and Thirtieth Degrees, in order to found a Senate and Council. The members then petitioned for the addition of a Senate of Knight Hermetic Philosophers to their chapter, which has since been granted, and ranks as No. 5 on the roll of the Sovereign Sanctuary, but is attached to No. 9 Chapter. This has given the opportunity of advancing Ill. Bros. Dick and Holmes to the Thirty-First Degree, and Ill. Bro. F. Neute to the Thirty-Second Degree, Prince Mason in the Grand Mystic Temple of Scotland.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., R.W. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, will preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be held on Wednesday, the 23rd of February, 1881.

**Scotland.**

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. MACLEISH.**

A very interesting Masonic ceremony took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at Lignwood, the residence of Bro. William MacLeish, City Clerk. On the 26th December last Bro. MacLeish was affiliated into Lodge Scoon and Perth (No. 3), along with Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane and Bro. Lord-Provost Richardson. Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane was at the same time presented with a splendidly-framed lodge diploma, and a beautifully-bound copy of the rules, but the shortness of the time then at their disposal prevented the brethren from conferring similar honours upon the two brethren affiliated along with his lordship. This ceremony was arranged to take place afterwards, but in the case of Brother MacLeish it had to be postponed owing to his indisposition. He is again happily in the enjoyment of good health, and the brethren consulted him as to when it would be convenient for him to accept the honour at their hands. Bro. MacLeish replied that on such an occasion it would give both himself and Mrs. MacLeish much pleasure to have the company of the office-bearers of the lodge, along with a few other friends, at dinner at Lignwood, an invitation which the office-bearers had equal pleasure in accepting. The guests included Bro. Lord-Provost Richardson; Bro. Bailie Chalmers, P.M., Scoon and Perth; Bro. Councillor Fenton, D.M., Scone & Perth; Bro. Councillor Paton, R.W.M., Lodge St Andrews (No. 74); Bro. Bailie Carnegie, R.W.M., Lodge Royal Arch (No. 122); Bro. Adam McKenzie, Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Lodge of Perthshire East; Bro. Alexander Davidson, S.W., Scoon & Perth; Bro. Thomas Hunter, S.D., Scoon & Perth; Bro. Peter M'Martin, Treasurer, Scoon & Perth; Bro. Thomas Macgregor, Secretary, Scoon & Perth; and Mr Robert Keay, assistant city clerk. Much regret was experienced at the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. John Moir, R.W.M., of Lodge Scoon & Perth. In the absence of the Right Worshipful Master, the ceremony of making the presentation to Bro. MacLeish was gracefully performed by Bro. Bailie Chalmers, who, in name of the brethren, placed a handsomely-framed diploma and an artistically-bound copy of the lodge rules into the hands of Bro. MacLeish, amidst the plaudits of the others present. The following inscription is beautifully lettered on the outside of the rules:—"Presented to William MacLeish, Esq., City Clerk, along with a diploma of the Ancient Lodge of Scoon & Perth (No. 3), on the occasion of his affiliation in said lodge, along with Thomas Richardson, Esq., Lord-Provost, and Gavin Campbell, Earl of Breadalbane." Bro. MacLeish expressed his high appreciation of the honour which had been conferred upon him, and the great pleasure which he and Mrs. MacLeish had in seeing so many of the brethren round their table. A most pleasant evening was spent, and the guests were highly delighted with the entertainment they received under the hospitable roof of Bro. MacLeish and his estimable lady.

**Masonic and General Tidings.**

The Marquis of Hartington, R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire, has been elected a Life Governor of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The noble Marquis left his mansion in Piccadilly on Tuesday for Holker Hall, on a visit to his father, the Duke of Devonshire.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Grand Mark Master, will consecrate the Shakespeare Mark Lodge, at Warwick, on Tuesday next, the 26th inst. The ceremony will commence at four o'clock.

The libel action between Mr. Lawson, of the *Daily Telegraph*, and Mr. Labouchere, of *Truth*, will be brought forward early next month.

The meetings of the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Cambria Hotel, Cambriaroad, near Loughborough Junction, S.W., every Monday evening at 7.30.

A meeting of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, was held on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Charles Butcher, W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The installation of Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., as R.W. Grand Master of Herefordshire, takes place on the 11th proximo.

Bro. W. Creswick, the eminent tragedian, who has been laid by with hoarseness since Saturday last, had sufficiently recovered as to make his appearance on Thursday night.

Bro. Charles Harcourt met with a somewhat serious accident on Monday by falling through a "trap" during a rehearsal at the Haymarket Theatre. We are pleased to learn that the injuries he received are not so serious as at first apprehended.

One of the most pleasing of the many gratifying incidents of the mayoralty of Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott occurred on Monday last, when a number of gentlemen representing the ward of Dowgate attended at the Mansion House to present a portrait of his lordship to the Lady Mayoress as an expression of the high esteem and regard in which they hold the Lord Mayor and Lady Truscott. The presentation took place in the saloon, in which the portrait, veiled, had been previously placed. The deputation was a numerous and influential one. The portrait, a three-quarter length, was painted by Mr. Frank Holl, A.R.A. It represents his lordship in his robes as chief magistrate, and is an exceedingly life-like representation of Sir Francis Truscott.

Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., &c., has been presented with a gold watch and chain and an address, handsomely framed, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to Freemasonry. The testimonial originated in the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, and received hearty support from the members of the Stockwell Lodge and Chapter.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, took place on Tuesday, at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Liskard, near Birkenhead, when Bro. J. Parker was installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, of which the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, is P.G.M., will hold its annual festival at Bridgewater, under the banner of the Lodge of perpetual Friendship, No. 135, on Friday next, the 29th inst.

Bro. J. M. Klenck's (P.M. 1339, 1686, P.Z. 1339, &c.) petition to the Home Secretary for the remission of sentence of fourteen days' imprisonment, passed upon a boy at Worthing for illegally taking a turnip, and who pleaded that hunger was the cause of the crime, we have every reason to believe has been successful.

Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., has been appointed Provincial Grand Master for the newly constituted Province of North Wales, and will be installed some time next week.

Bro. H. J. Byron's "Upper Crust," in which Bro. J. L. Toole's personation of the character of *Double-chick* has been so much admired, reached its 200th representation on Saturday last.

Bro. Nicholas addressed a public meeting on behalf of the Asylum for Idiots, in the Lecture Hall of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, on Friday. Mr. Murrell will preside.

A yeomanry dinner of the Ironmongers' Company was held at their hall on Monday last, Messrs. Webster and Son catering.

The Athenaeum Debating Society, the Lodge of Tranquillity, and the City of London Lodge banquetted at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday last.

The Lodge of Emulation held a dinner at the Albion on Monday last, Mr. G. Watson presiding.

The Improvement Committee dined at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday last. Bro. W. H. Wilkin, the chairman, presided.

The Mynheer Van Dunk Glee Club commenced their fifth annual season at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on the 14th inst., Bro. R. Chillingworth, proprietor; Bro. Geo. Croxton, President, Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Miller and Burgess. The part music was ably sustained by Messrs. Barnby, Perkin, King, and Prentin members of the British Glee Union. Solos ably sustained by Messrs. Baily and others, pianists; Messrs. Leopold and Miller. The society is sustained by small annual subscriptions, and is greatly supported and patronised by the Masonic Fraternity. The society meets on alternative Thursdays, when members are elected.

The spread of progress continues to exhibit itself at Merthyr in a variety of ways. Now that the tramway scheme has been carried out a good and legitimate object for renewed energy and speculative enterprise has been found in starting a limited company for building a Masonic hall and club-room. The proposition is to take the block of buildings by the lower entrance to the Great Western and General Railway Station, and, clearing this mighty heap away, build a series of shops with a hall and club-room in connection. As a proof that no time has been lost in the movement we hear that the company has already been registered, and such an influential list of names secured that the pickaxe and spade will soon be at work.

Jamaica, which has long been considered the only genuine birthplace of that potent spirit so dear to Her Majesty's "Navee," bids fair to be equally renowned for its almost necessary accompaniment, tobacco. Large quantities of cigars are now being shipped from the plantations of Messrs. Thompson and Weitzman, of the "Potosi" Estate; their agents here being Messrs. Gaspard, Bell, and Co., of 28, Threadneedle-street. We can speak of them most favourably, for, according to our judgment, they are equal to Havannahs, and we believe they will be appreciated by those who desire at a moderate price a really good foreign cigar.

Bro. the Earl of Beective's butler, who pleaded guilty, to stealing a large quantity of jewellery, stated to be of the value of £3670, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude. The whole of the property with the exception of one bracelet worth only about £14 had been recovered.

A MAGNIFICENT NUGGET.—The Swazie gold fields seem to be an entire success. A nugget has been discovered there weighing 8lb. 9oz. Diggers are flocking to the fields from all parts.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the Week ending Friday, October 29, 1880.

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.**

Audit Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Muswell-hill.  
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
R.C. Conclave 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**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, Pimlico.  
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.  
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.**

Banquet to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.  
Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 70, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 1537, St. Peters, Westminster, F.M.H.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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 to 10.  
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.  
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Restaurant, Finsbury, at 7.30.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.**

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.  
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Henrietta-st., W.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.  
Beaumont, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Islington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.**

Lodge 212, Euphrates, Masons' Tav., Basinghall-st.  
" 238, Pilgrims, F.M.H.  
" 577, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Page Green, Tottenham.  
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot.  
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.  
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

**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 & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. 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, St. Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.  
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.  
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.**

Gen. Com. Girl's School, at 4.  
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.  
" 66, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.  
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.  
" 801, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.  
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.  
Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.  
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Fbury, 12, Ponsobny-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
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.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
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., Isling, at 7.30.  
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.  
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29.**

**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 Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, S.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.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
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.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, October 30, 1880.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.**

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26.**

Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Antient Britons, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27.**

Grand Masonic Re-union, M.H., Liverpool.  
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Arms, Liscard.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28.**

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

**BIRTHS.**

CANE.—On the 13th inst., at Swallow House, Swallowfield, near Reading, the wife of Mr. Thomas Cane, of a daughter.  
NIXON.—On the 16th inst., at Worcester-park, Surrey, the wife of Mr. Brinsley Nixon, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

JAMES—MACDONALD.—On the 11th inst., at St. George's Church, by the Rev. Canon Elwyn, Henry James, to Katharine Maria Macdonald, both of Ramsgate.  
SNELL—BOWDEN.—On the 18th inst., at Berryarbor, Devon, by the Rev. Treasurer Hawker, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Toms, Michael Bowden Snell, of Lewin-road, Streatham-common, S.W., to Mary Frances, daughter of the late Mr. H. K. Bowden, of Lee House, Berryarbor.

**DEATHS.**

WILSON.—On the 18th inst., at 4, Hastings-terrace, Jersey, of heart disease, in her 19th year, Laura, second daughter of Henry and Emma Wilson, of Stockwell-road, Surrey, and Stamford-street, S.E.  
LONG.—On the 15th inst., William Long, of Weston Lodge, Tulse-hill, and Chancery-lane, in his 80th year.  
BATEMAN.—On the 16th inst., at her residence, 20 Lee Park, Blackheath, Mary Hunt Bateman, widow of the late Henry Bateman, of Clapton, aged 75. Friends please accept this intimation.