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THE BANQUET TO THE GRAND MASTER AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

This year will have seen two of the most remarkable gatherings in the history of English Freemasonry—the one a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England in the remote province of Cornwall, in May last, when H.R.H. the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the Truro Cathedral, and the other the entertainment of His Royal Highness by the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, at the Mansion House on Monday last. Among the many notable events which have distinguished the chief magistracy of our worthy and distinguished brother, none have been of a more imposing character, or will be remembered with more pleasure than the great meeting of Freemasons on Monday last. As Master of No. 1 Lodge, and Junior Grand Warden of England, the Lord Mayor saw a fitting opportunity of showing his zeal and affection for the Order by not only inviting the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, to a banquet, but by extending his invitations to upwards of three hundred distinguished brethren in London and the provinces, including all the members of the Grand Master's Lodge, of which his Lordship is this year the Master for the second time, and the result must have been equally gratifying to him and to his Royal guests. The company, which included most of the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the Provincial and District Grand Masters assembled in full Craft clothing at seven o'clock in the Grand Salon, and awaited the Royal guests, the City of London Band, under Mr. Sibold, meanwhile playing a selection of music. The Hon. Artillery Company, of which the Prince of Wales is the Captain General, formed the guard of honour, and lined the way on both sides from the street to the salon, under the command of an officer of the Fitzroy Lodge, which is attached to the regiment.

The strains of the National Anthem, followed quickly by that of the Prince's March, announced the arrival of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who was met at the portal of the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor, attended by the other Grand Officers, and escorted to the drawing room. Here the Prince of Wales, having on his left the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden, Prince John of Glücksburg, who before the proceedings commenced had been appointed and invested as Past Grand Senior Warden of England, and the Lord Mayor, received in state every brother invited. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S., and Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C., making the presentations, assisted by the Grand Deacons, Bros. Robert Freke Gould, Frank Richardson, Col. Somerville Burney, and J. H. Scott. This ceremony being over, the Grand Master, the Lord Mayor, and the Grand Officers, passed into the Egyptian Hall, where the other brethren had preceded them, and the banquet at once commenced.

The only additional decorations to the hall were banners bearing the arms of the Prince of Wales, and of the Grand Lodge of England, except that a plume of feathers on the chair allotted to His Royal Highness represented the Prince of Wales's crest. The menus of the banquet were made of an appropriate shape, specially devised to represent the

plumb-rule which is the "jewel" attached to the office of Junior Grand Warden, held by the Lord Mayor, and were printed in the light blue and silver of Craft Masonry. The scene presented by the banqueting room, with its guests "clothed" in the elaborately embroidered purple and gold aprons of Grand Lodge, the crimson collar, symbolic of Past and Present Grand Stewards, and the less gorgeous but extremely chaste light blue and silver of the "Craft," heightened as the effect in the majority of cases was by the handsome Jewels illustrative of the respective rank of the brethren in "Blue" or "Arch" Freemasonry, and the diligence with which they had attended the charitable festivals, afforded a tout ensemble rarely to be witnessed.

Grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. Sir J. Hayes, Bart., the company partook of a most elegant dinner. At the banquet table H.R.H. the Prince of Wales sat on the right of the Lord Mayor, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., sat on the left of his lordship; H.R.H. Prince John of Glücksburg, Pro G.M. of Denmark, and Past Grand Warden of England, sat on the right of the M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., sitting next. On the left of the Duke of Connaught sat Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., the oldest Provincial Grand Master (since the resignation of Bro. John Fawcett, P.G.M. of Durham), having been appointed to that office for the Province of North Wales and Shrops on the 13th of January, 1852. The cross table was occupied by Provincial Grand Masters or Peers of some high rank in the Craft. These included Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, the next in age, with regard to the time of office, to Sir W. W. Wynn, having been appointed on the 1st of August, 1852.

After dinner was over and the usual cordial greetings had been given by the Lord Mayor to his guests in the time-honoured loving cup, the grace from the *Laudi Spirituali* was sung by Miss José Sherrington.

The LORD MAYOR, who was received with loud and prolonged cheering, then proposed the toast which invariably takes precedence at Masonic gatherings, "The Queen and Craft." He said: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, we Masons of England are loyal men, loyal to the Queen we serve and honour, and loyal to the Craft we love. I give you the first toast of English Freemasons, "The Queen and Craft." The toast was drunk, as were also all the succeeding toasts during the evening, with the honours peculiar to the Craft, all waiters and others in attendance who were non-Masons being rigidly excluded, and the room "close tyled."

The National Anthem was now sung by a talented party of artistes, consisting of Miss José Sherrington, Miss Alice Fairman, Mr. William Shakespeare, and Brother Thurley Beale, who, under the direction of Brother Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening.

The LORD MAYOR then said: Brethren, our loyalty as Masons is not limited by the toast which we have just now celebrated. We also owe allegiance and we gladly and dutifully render it, to our illustrious chief his Royal Highness the Grand Master—(loud cheers)—who, since that great and memorable ceremony of installation in the Albert Hall, now nearly six years ago, has ruled our Order so wisely and so well. (Cheers.) His Royal Highness, by his ready acquiescence in my earliest wish that this grand and unprecedented gathering should have the grace and sanction of his presence, has added another red letter day to those already marked by him in the calendar of English Masonry. It is not long since I enjoyed the privilege—one shared by many now present—of sharing in a Masonic ceremony of such importance to present and future generations kindly and ably performed by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Cornwall, in Truro, my native city; and this, brethren, is but one of many evidences of the true and hearty interest evinced by His Royal Highness in the ancient Craft of which he is in this country the distinguished head. Addressing now the members of No. 1 Lodge, whom I am glad to see present here to-night, I am permitted to say that His Royal Highness will allow himself to become an honorary member of that lodge—(loud cheers)—which I believe is called the Grand Master's Lodge from the fact of the Grand Master for the time being always becoming a member thereof. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I propose "The Health of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master." (Loud cheers.)

A national song by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., "God Save the Prince of Wales," dedicated by special permission to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was then sung by Mr. William Shakespeare.

H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, who was received with loud cheers, which were long continued, said: You, my Lord Mayor, have conferred great honour upon the Grand Lodge of England in entertaining the Past and Present Grand Officers at this magnificent banquet, and in their name and in my own I beg to return you our thanks for this kindness and hospitality on your part. (Cheers.) It is now thirty years since the Grand Master of England and the Grand Lodge have been entertained here, and it is particularly gratifying to them, as it is, I assure you, my Lord, to me, to have been entertained by you during your mayoralty, as a member of the Grand Lodge itself. (Loud cheers.) You have been kind enough, my Lord Mayor, to

allude to the laying of the foundation-stone of Truro Cathedral. I believe I am right in stating that such a ceremony had not previously occurred in the history of English Freemasonry—namely, the laying of a foundation-stone of a cathedral with Masonic honours. (Cheers.) I can only say that it was most gratifying to me to perform that ceremony, and also to have been so well supported on that occasion by the Grand Lodge, whose members certainly came from a long distance to be present on the occasion. (Cheers.) I sincerely trust that the cathedral may be completed before many years, and that it may be a credit to the country in which it is built, and to the Craft which was represented in the initiative ceremony. (Cheers.) You, my Lord Mayor, have especially taken a great interest and concern in this work, and have started a fund which, I trust, before your present year of office is over, may still be more largely increased, and I hope that, as a sum of £5000 or £6000 is needed, that sum may before long be found. (Cheers.) With regard to Freemasonry generally, I have always been received with the greatest possible kindness on the occasions when I come before you. (Cheers.) I regret that the many duties I have to perform do not enable me to see so much of my brethren as I should like, but of one thing you may be assured, that I shall always take the deepest interest in everything that concerns the welfare of the Craft. (Cheers.) I have felt that interest from the day I became one of you (cheers), and I hope to do so to the day of my death. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, I think we have every reason to say that the Craft has flourished, for the lodges are increasing year by year, and Masons under the Grand Lodge of England are being initiated in great numbers. When my lamented granduncle, who was your Grand Master, died, in 1844, there were not more than 500 lodges under the Grand Roll of England. There are now 1900. (Cheers.) Certainly there are 400 of these in foreign countries, but they are under my jurisdiction. (Cheers.) Moreover, as many as 10,000 Freemasons have been made in these lodges every year during the last ten years. (Cheers.) Then, again, our Craft has especially gone forth in the world as the greatest charitable society which exists. We have been charged with being a "secret society," but the great tenet of the Craft is that we do not mix in politics as Masons, or in anything that may be detrimental to our country. (Cheers.) We may say that the three great Charitable Institutions of the Craft in England—those for the Girls and for the Boys, and for the decayed Masons or their widows—are our principal Charities, which are supported by all the Masons in the country, and I think I am not wrong in stating that annually the means subscribed to these Charities amount to more than £40,000. (Cheers.) That fact speaks enough for the name which I trust we have got for charity, and which is one I trust we shall always keep. (Cheers.) There are several speeches to follow, and therefore I will not weary you with more remarks; but before sitting down, I wish to express the pleasure it gives me, as I know it does the Lord Mayor, as I am sure it does to the Masons here present (cheers), to have the honour of the presence of a relation of the Princess of Wales's family here to-day. (Cheers.) Brethren, you will remember that it was in Sweden I was initiated into Freemasonry. On my return to Denmark I was first received into a lodge, and I shall always look upon my connection with Freemasonry as being a binding link between Sweden, Denmark, and England. (Cheers.) My Lord Mayor, I thank you once more for the kind way in which you have proposed the toast of my health, and I again thank you for the great and high compliment you have paid me and the Grand Lodge of England. (Loud cheers.)

"The Old, Old Story" was then sung by Miss José Sherrington.

The LORD MAYOR then again rose and said: M.W. Grand Master and Brethren—Any diffidence or difficulty I may experience in asking you now to toast my worshipful colleagues, the Grand Officers, will disappear if those present who are not yet of that distinguished body will but bear in mind [their many and excellent Masonic virtues and qualifications. I myself owe them a debt of gratitude, because I am aware that not a few of their number have traversed the length and breadth of the land in order to be present this evening. I thank them heartily for this proof of their earnest zeal and fraternal goodwill, and in extending to them, as I do to you all, the right hand of welcome and fellowship, I am sure that I only echo the sentiments of Freemasons at large when I say that to the Grand Officers of England the fullest recognition of their important services is due from the brethren of the Order. Such recognition we gladly accord, and in that spirit I propose to you that we drink to "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and I connect with the toast the name of his H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden, who has been good enough to honour me with his presence this evening.

The DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHFARN, who was received with cheers, in reply, said: My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren, it is with great diffidence that I rise to return thanks for the very important toast which has just been given. I have served the office of Senior Grand Warden, and I am very proud to have held that position. I only regret that my military duties have not enabled me to do as much as I would in that office. I only wish all my brethren to believe that my heart is most fully in all that concerns the happiness and welfare of the Craft. My Lord Mayor has referred in most eulogistic terms to the Grand Officers and to their duties. I am sure that from the beginning they have always taken a leading part in Freemasonry, and have always done their utmost to show how fully alive they were to the importance of their duties. One of the most pleasurable of those was to take a

leading part in all that promotes the good of the Charities. I am sure, sir, if you will allow me only to repeat the words of the Grand Master, I would say how much we, the Grand Officers, appreciate the great kindness and the great honour you have done us in asking us here this evening. You have indeed, as you have said, held out to us the right hand of friendship and of hospitality. In conclusion, therefore, I beg, in the name of the Grand Officers, to thank you most sincerely for the honour you have done us this evening.

The EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, then proposed in graceful terms the toast of "The Foreign Grand Lodges," saying that as the Craft was one which aimed at promoting peace and goodwill among mankind, the more the brethren from foreign lodges were seen the more rejoiced the English Masons would be. The members of the Craft there assembled would be especially rejoiced to welcome the august relative of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales (cheers)—Prince John of Glucksburg (cheers)—who was not only one of the Order, but had that day been raised, by the Grand Master's dispensation, to be one of themselves, for the Prince was now a Past Grand Warden of England as well as the Pro Grand Master of Denmark. (Cheers.) All would give the Prince a hearty welcome, and would drink warmly to the health of the foreign lodges of the world.

PRINCE JOHN OF GLUCKSBERG, who was received most warmly, responded in the following terms: My Lord Mayor, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren, I thank you most warmly in my own name, as well as in that of the members of foreign lodges, for the toast which has just been given, and for the cordial manner in which you have been so good as to welcome it. It will be, I am sure, a source of the greatest satisfaction to them to hear that this toast has been so kindly received, and I feel proud in being called upon to respond on behalf of so important and numerous a body. (Cheers.) I must take advantage of this opportunity to thank my illustrious relative, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the compliment which he has paid me by appointing me a Past Senior Grand Warden of England. I can assure you I highly appreciate the honour, and I know it will be equally valued by the brethren abroad, and especially by those residing in my own country of Denmark and in the Scandinavian kingdom, as tending to draw still closer than heretofore the intimate relations which already exist between the Masonic bodies of those countries and of England. (Cheers.) In conclusion, my Lord Mayor and brethren, allow me to state the great pleasure which it has afforded me to be present on this interesting occasion, and to be able to meet so many of my English brethren holding such high positions in the Craft. (Cheers.) I once more return you my hearty acknowledgments for your kind reception, and beg you to believe I shall never forget it. (Loud cheers.)

The PRINCE OF WALES then said,—Brethren, the last toast which is to be given here this evening has been kindly intrusted to my care. Though it is the last it is by no means the least, and it is one which I know you, brethren and members of the Grand Lodge, will all drink most cordially and most heartily with me—"The Health of the Lord Mayor." (Cheers.) The Lord Mayor will, I am sure, allow to me say that I feel convinced that in the last weeks that remain of his tenure of office it has given him pleasure to receive the Grand Lodge this evening. Therefore, on their part and on my own, I beg again to thank him for the compliment he has paid us, and assure him how much we appreciate having been here in the Mansion House, more especially as I have the pleasure and privilege on many occasions of partaking of the well-known hospitality of the Lord Mayor; and he will, I know, allow me to say that I accept that hospitality always with the greatest pleasure, not only for the compliment he has always paid me, and his predecessors have paid me, individually and as a citizen of this great City. (Cheers.) I now, brethren, call upon you most cordially to drink with me to the health of the Lord Mayor. (Cheers.)

The RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR, who was received with loud and long-continued cheering, said: May it please your Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren, the great and distinguished honour which has been conferred upon me to-night I never can forget—(cheers)—because it is not only an honour conferred upon me, but it is also an honour conferred upon the City of London. (Cheers.) Your Royal Highness has been pleased, in proposing my health, to allude to one or two circumstances which to me have been great memorials. In the year 1863 I was called upon by my fellow-citizens to preside over a Committee which received your Royal Highness and the Princess—(cheers)—and later on, in St. Paul's Cathedral on the great day of thanksgiving—"hear, hear," and cheers)—I had the honour, in conjunction with my co-Sheriff, Sir John Bennett, of receiving your Royal Highness and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; and now, as Lord Mayor of London, I am permitted the proud and distinguished honour of receiving your Royal Highness as Grand Master in this ancient hall. (Cheers.) I need not say, therefore, what my feelings are on this occasion. I dare not express them, but I must at least say that it will ever be to me and my family a proud remembrance that, as Lord Mayor of this great City, I have been permitted to entertain His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and this is the first time that name has been used in this hall this evening, but also the Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Craft. (Loud cheers.)

The artistes, under Bro. William Ganz, then sang some choice selections, and the party broke up shortly before midnight.

Bro. Harker was the toastmaster.

The following is a complete list of the brethren present:—

- Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.
- " H. Highness Prince John of Glucksberg, M.W. Pro G.M. of Denmark, P.G.W.
- " H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W.
- " The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M.
- " The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, Senior G.W.
- " Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott (Lord Mayor of London), Junior Grand Warden.
- " The Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridge.
- " The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall.
- " Montague J. Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset.
- " The Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham.

- Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., P.G.M. Essex.
- " W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hamps. & I. of W.
- " Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Herefordshire.
- " Col. Edward C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey.
- " Col. LeGendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. Lanc. (East Div.)
- " Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.
- " Lieut.-Col. Charles Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire.
- " The Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., P.G.M. Norfolk.
- " Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shrops.
- " Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. S. Wales, E. Div.
- " Col. J. A. L. Philipps, P.G.M. S. Wales, W. Div.
- " Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.
- " Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. Sussex.
- " The Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire.
- " The Right Hon. Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wiltshire.
- " Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire.
- " Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. W. Yorks.
- " Edward Tyrrell Leith, Dist. G.M. Bombay.
- " The Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand.
- " William Kingston, Dist. G.M. Malta.
- " C. J. Toxward, Dist. G.M. Wellington, New Zealand.
- " The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.W. England
- " The Right Hon. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.W. England.
- " The Right Hon. Lord H. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W. England.
- " The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W. England.
- " Gen. the Hon. S. Calthorpe, C.B., P.G.W. England.
- " Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks.
- " John Deighton, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Cambridgeshire.
- " Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. D.P.G.M. Durham.
- " George Mellor, D.P.G.M. East Lancashire.
- " Sir Charles T. Bright, D.P.G.M. Middlesex.
- " Capt. S. George Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire.
- " Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, P.G.C. England.
- " Rev. C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M. Surrey, P.G.C. England.
- " Sir J. Goldney, Bart. M.P., D.P.G.M. Wilts.
- " Hugh D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal.
- " General Duncan, C.S.I. Past D.G.M. Burmah.
- " H. Murray, Past D.G.M. China.
- " S. Rawson, Past D.G.M. China.
- " W. Kelly, F.S.A. Past P.G.M. Leicestershire and Rutlandshire.
- " Col. G. Vernon, Past P.G.M. Staffordshire.
- " Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. R. P. Bent, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. Sir J. Hayes, Bart., Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. W. A. Hill, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. E. Moore, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. T. J. Ravenshaw, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past G. Chaplain.
- " Lieut.-Col. John Creator, G. Treasurer.
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- " Ralph Costa, P.G.D.
- " H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.
- " J. Glaisher (F.R.S.), P.G.D.
- " R. Hervé Graud, P.G.D.
- " Charles Hutton Gregory, P.G.D.
- " Robt. Grey, P.G.D.
- " W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.
- " R. Havers, P.G.D.
- " Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.
- " C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.
- " P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.
- " H. Maudsley, P.G.D.
- " J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.
- " F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.
- " C. A. Merton, P.G.D.
- " J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.
- " F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.
- " Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.
- " G. Plunkett, P.G.D.
- " J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
- " H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.
- " Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.
- " Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D.
- " J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.
- " J. M. Wikes, P.G.D.
- " Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, G. Dir. of Cer.
- " Magnus Ohren, Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.
- " George Burt, Past Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.
- " Alderman H. C. Hadley, Past Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.
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- " J. Mason, P.G.S.B.
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- " Charles S. Jekyll, Grand Organist.
- " W. Ganz, Past Grand Organist.
- " W. Kuhe, P.G.O.
- " C. E. Willing, P.G.O.
- " Henry Gustavus Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- " James Kench, Grand Pursuivant.
- " William Clarke, Assistant Grand Pursuivant.

- Bro. E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant.
- " James Brett, P.G.P.
- " C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.
- " S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.
- " W. T. Howe, P.G.P.
- " Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.
- " The Hon. Sir H. Keppell, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet.
- " Captain A. Egerton.
- " Captain S. C. D'Albiac.
- " Major Bortin (in command of the Guard of Honour).
- " Sir F. Perkins.
- " Sir John Bennett.
- " Alderman Knight.
- " Sheriff Waterlow.
- " Ex-Sheriff Charles Woolloton.
- " Ex-Sheriff E. K. Bayley.
- " G. J. W. Winzar (Sword Bearer to the Lord Mayor).
- " Captain Skey (Mace Bearer to the Corporation).
- " Major Campbell (City Marshal).
- " Benjamin Scott (Chamberlain of London).
- " T. D. Bolton, P.G.S., 259.
- " W. G. Cusins, P.G.S., P.M. 197.
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- " Francis Bennoch, F.S.A., P.G.S., P.M. 1.
- " H. Bigg, P.G.S., P.M. 1.
- " G. N. Chambers, P.M. 1.
- " W. A. Colls, P.G.S., P.M. 1.
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- " Dr. R. Gooding, P.G.S., P.M. 1.
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- " W. H. Wilkin, P.G.S., P.M. 1.
- " Alderman Ellis, S.W. 1.
- " Bradshaw Brown, Grand Steward, J.W. 1.
- " Rev. J. Conder, Chaplain 1.
- " M. Bishop, S.D. 1.
- " G. Martin, J.D. 1.
- " H. H. Crawford, 1.
- " J. Crawford, 1.
- " J. C. Dimsdale, 1.
- " J. N. Fitch, 1.
- " T. P. Griffin, 1, P.M. 90.
- " J. Holah, 1.
- " J. Langton, 1, P.M. 1673.
- " J. D. Dangton, 1, J.W. 1673.
- " T. Lawley, 1.
- " L. C. Lumley, 1.
- " A. G. Medwin, 1, P.M. 69.
- " Alderman Nottage, 1.
- " J. Rock, 1.
- " J. A. Slater, 1.
- " T. Flight Smith, 1.
- " T. J. Steel, 1, W.M. 206.
- " G. R. Steel, 1.
- " H. Wilkinson, 1.
- " W. Clark, Past D.G.M., Essex.
- " George Lambert, Past G.W., Herts.
- " S. Isaac, Past G.W., Kent.
- " E. B. Grabham, Past G.W., Midsx, P.M. 19, 1494.
- " Hamon le Strange, Past G.W., Norfolk.
- " Major Woodall, Past G.W., North and East Yorks.
- " F. B. Alston, Prov. G.W.
- " H. G. Eaton, Prov. G.W.
- " Col. Arthur J. Cole, C.B., Prov. G.W.
- " T. Payne, Grand Treas., Somerset.
- " H. C. Levander, Grand Sec., Middlesex.
- " E. Nilner, Grand Reg., Surrey.
- " E. Letchworth, Past Grand Reg., Middlesex.
- " F. Roxburgh, Q.C., Prov. Grand Reg.
- " W. Monckton, G.D., Kent.
- " George Kenning Past G.D., Middlesex, W.M. 1657, 1293, P.M. 192.
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- " T. P. Collings, W.M. 22.
- " W. G. Barnes, W.M. 66.
- " C. Atkins, W.M. 1260, P.M. 27.
- " J. W. Waldren, W.M. 1383.
- " J. S. Turner, W.M. 1397.
- " Colonel Wemyss, W.M. 1615.
- " R. J. Chappell, P.M. 7.
- " E. Dresser Rogers, P.M. 15.
- " I. Wilcox, P.M. and Treas. 22.
- " T. Loveridge, P.M. 28.
- " H. E. Knight, P.M. 34.
- " G. Shaw, P.M. 59.
- " H. Bishop, P.M. 66.
- " C. Sawbridge, P.M. 69.
- " Thos. Beard, P.M. 101.
- " H. W. Green, P.M. 108.
- " W. Crawford, P.M. 127.
- " A. Pritchard, P.M. 162.
- " J. Sandilands Ward, P.M. 172.
- " J. Harvey, P.M. 177.
- " J. E. Walford, P.M. 177 and 1489.
- " A. T. Layton, Under-Sheriff, P.M. 181.
- " J. E. Turner, P.M. 181, Sec. 1827.
- " John White, P.M. 228.
- " H. Greene, P.M. and Treas. 256.
- " J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554 933.
- " H. Massey, P.M. 610.
- " Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., P.M. 626.
- " R. E. Pixley, P.M. 822.
- " L. F. Littell, P.M. 860, 1381, W.M. elect 1827.
- " J. Corke, P.M. 917, Treas. 1613.
- " C. W. Thompson, P.M. 961, 1601.
- " W. E. Bailey, P.M. 1008.
- " G. M. Felton, 1056, 1613.
- " E. Jex, P.M. and Treas. 1250.
- " Frank Green, P.M. 1507, V.Pres. Bd. Gen. Pur.
- " A. J. Altman, I.P.M. 1657, 101.

- Bro. F. G. Brown, P.M.
- " Horace Jones (City Architect), P.M.
- " A. Peebles, P.M.
- " Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, P.M.
- " Alderman and Col. Sir W. A. Rose, P.M.
- " J. Wheeler, P.M.
- " T. Grove, W.M. elect, 1769.
- " H. B. Marshall, Treas. 1777.
- " R. J. Pawley, Treas. 1827.
- " A. Brookman, S.D. 1657, Grand Masters' Lodge.
- " J. Perkins, S.D. 1072.
- " Alderman Hanson, I.G. 1591.
- " P. De Keyser, 21.
- " P. Morrison, 90, 1827.
- " Under-Sheriff Hanbury, 255.
- " G. T. Hertslet, 1383.
- " J. A. Mallett, 1669.
- " R. Claude Belt.
- " G. Chitty Boor.
- " Chambers.
- " J. Gaywood.
- " J. H. Gresham.
- " A. Halford.
- " J. F. Hartridge.
- " T. B. Muggeridge.
- " W. H. Pannell.
- " W. Schloesser.
- " E. H. Sharp.
- " R. T. Wragg.
- " W. Lake, P.M., Past G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. James Peters, William Stephens, H. A. Dubois, C. G. Brown, James F. Corben, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, Richard Boney, J. A. Rucker, Alfred C. Bell, Walter Hopekirk, jun., F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House and Audit Committees had been read for confirmation, the Committee granted, on the recommendation of the House Committee, that £10 be given to Lilius Read.

Three petitions were read and examined, and the candidates placed on the list for election in April, 1881.

When one of the petitions was read, and the circumstances of the petitioner's late father's initiation and death were explained, Bro. RUCKER, while proposing that the petition be received, observed that he was afraid a practice was prevalent—when a man found he was in failing health he entered into Freemasonry, or was persuaded by brethren who knew him to do so, in the hope that if he died his children would be admitted to the Schools; and he thought that great caution should be exercised when such cases came before the Committee.

Bros. WM. STEPHENS and C. H. WEBB, did not think such a practice prevailed, and had never heard of cases of the kind mentioned occurring.

Bro. GLADWELL, however, mentioned an instance which had come within his own experience, and had no doubt there were others.

Authority was afterwards given to the Chairman to sign cheques, and the Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Malta on the 15th of October, 1880. The lodge was opened in ample form at 7 p.m. Present:—R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, P.G.M., at the throne; W. Bios. R. V. Westrupp, D.P.G.M.; Read, G.S.W.; Bro. Walker as G.J.W.; Bro. Watson, G.M.O.; W. Bro. Mackinnon as G.S.O.; Bros. Senior as G.J.O.; Glenday as G. Reg.; Backhouse as G. Chaplain; and Segond, G. Treasurer; W. Bro. Coffey, G. Sec.; Bros. Tagliaferro as G.S.D.; Pariente as G.J.D.; Ford as G.D. of C.; King, G. Asst. D. of C.; Ewing, G. Organist; Stanley as G. Sword Bearer; England as G.I.G.; and Beck, G. Tyler. Grand Stewards:—Bros. Yeoman, Truefitt, Donovan, Borg, and May. Bros. Abbott, Matthews, Kay, Jones, Bent, Welch, O. Segond, Burt, Phillips, Macckett, Pearce, Pariente, Griffin, Cann, and Hacoune, of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107; Bros. Sandford, Grier, McLaughlin, Cox, Hewson, Finch-Noyes, Thomson, and Mortimer, of the Broadley Lodge, No. 248; Bros. Lockett, Woodthorpe, Penketh, Jones, Flower, Lucy, Shillinglaw, Walker, Timmins, Pearse, Santy, Greig, West, Huggett, and Giles, of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 263; and Bro. Bridger, of the Kingston Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis.

Visitors: W. Bros. Thompson, W.M. of the Leinster Lodge, 387 (I.C.); and P.M.'s Doherty and Dahn; Bros. M. Cullah, Tanti, Read, Savin, Morley, Lippett, Santucci, Cooper, Jackson, Yardley, Taylor, Hiscock, Jane, York, and Carlton, of the same lodge.

In all more than eighty brethren were present during the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The lodge being duly opened the P.G.M. was saluted in the usual manner, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of March were unanimously confirmed. The petition for the constitution of the "Union of Malta" Lodge, and the warrant for the same granted by the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M.M. M., on the 27th of April, 1880, having been read by the P.G. Sec., and the P.G.M. having pronounced the invocation as *Consecrating Officer*, the acting Grand Chaplain delivered in a faultless manner the following oration, expressly composed for the occasion by that distinguished exponent of the Mark Degree, Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York:—

Brethren: On such an auspicious occasion as the present, when we are met together to consecrate the Union of Malta Lodge, in the Province of Malta and Tunis, a Province that has made more rapid progress than any other on the records of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, it may not be deemed inopportune if I make a few remarks on the Degree, which we are banded together to practise, and touch lightly and briefly upon its origin, practice, and prospects. We, brethren, who live upon sites made classic by the deeds of those who have gone before us, we who daily survey scenes enriched by the

pen of the historian and the poet, who are familiar with lands and seas whose names are as household words to the ear of the antiquarian and the archaeologist—we can appreciate, perhaps, better than others the legends which are treasured up in the teachings of the Mark Degree. We need but to stroll round the palaces and fortresses which surround us—we have only to carelessly survey the ruins of that wondrous city, at once the marvel and the terror of the day of her zenith—to view on every hand the traces of those ancient builders, our fathers in Masonry, to whose genius we owe those art treasures, the boast of all ages and the patterns for all time. The creators of these wondrous fabrics, the architects and sculptors of these exquisite stories, have engraved their names in undying characters, and have, moreover, individually distinguished each man his work by means of that cipher, which even to this day is practised—I mean the Mason's mark. Brethren, our legends come to us from the period of the erection of that stately edifice which crowned the Mount of God at Jerusalem, and we are told that in the process of building that Temple the sound of workmen's tools was not heard. Why? Because the stones were all cut and marked in the quarries, and the marks guided the builders who, with square, trowel, and plumb line of wood fitted the stones joint to joint, until the last keystone was lowered into its place, amid the plaudits of the crowds of admiring Masons. Descending through history and examining the ancient temples, military erections, and domiciles of the several ages, we still find Masons' marks in use amongst the builders; and whether we examine the ruined cities of Jordan, the walls of Jerusalem, the palaces of Venice, the cathedrals of England and the Continent, the wall of Hadrian, the mosques of Constantinople, still the same silent, yet speaking, story comes to us—the story of the fraternity of builders, whose marks, handed from father to son, record on the cold stone the deeds of those who wrought them. There is no break in this story, which continues even to this day, on which we have met, as Mark Masons, to perpetuate the principles which guided our forefathers. The extensive repairs now being conducted at that noble and massive specimen of Gothic architecture, the Cathedral of St. Peter, at York, are carried on exactly on the same principle as they were in the 13th century, when Archbishop Gray erected the glorious South Transept, and the old Gothic constitutions of the Freemasons, now preserved in the Cathedral library, were carefully planned. Each Mason has his mark, which he indented on his completed stone, and the plan, or Tracing Board, committed by the master builder to the overseer's care is referred to to guide the Masons in the progress of their work. Each Mason is known to his overseer by his mark, just as he was in the days when Hiram, the widow's son, wrought in the quarries of Mount Moriah. So much for the operative side of the history of Mark Masonry. We, brethren, as speculative Mark Masons have an origin equal with that of our operative brethren. The workers in stone of the present day have lost their speculative knowledge, which is preserved by us. The operative and speculative bodies of Masonry became divorced about the time of the spoliation of the monasteries in England by the Eighth Henry, which caused the building profession to fall into comparative disrepute. The monks had been the great patrons of Freemasons, and their patronage removed, the occupation of the architectural fraternity was well nigh gone. But the speculative teaching, though dormant, was not lost, and was revived, as we believe, by our brethren at the commencement of the eighteenth century, who found it amongst the treasures which they banded themselves together piously to preserve, and which has come to us from them through various channels, to be at length condensed and perfected in the ritual which we now practise under the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Like many other Degrees, even like Craft Masonry itself, it is very uncertain which is the old form of ritual in early use. The fact is that Mark rituals may be counted by the dozen, and after a perusal of many of them, I can affirm that it is impossible to decide upon their respective ages. One thing, however, is certain, and that is that the present ritual embodies every good point of any real value in all of the older rituals. Minutes of old Mark meetings are very scarce in great Britain—the only country where they exist. In Scotland the old minute books of the seventeenth century all contain marks selected by the candidates, but have no records of special Mark working. The earliest known minute in London is dated August, 1777, and is in the minute books of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142. In the North of England, the earliest yet discovered is in the books of the Friendship Lodge, No. 277, at Oldham, and bears date October, 1795. The earlier history of speculative Mark working has now, however, been taken up by several Mark Masons of ability and experience in Masonic research, and I doubt not that we shall hear of further discoveries being made as the interest of more brethren becomes enlisted in the service. At the present moment, the Grand Mark Lodge of England occupies a splendid position, and any Mason may well be proud to be enrolled under its banners. It enjoys the fraternal recognition of every orthodox body working the Mark Degree in the world, and it has had a succession of Grand Masters second in position as well as Masonic knowledge to none in the world. It has under its banners no less than 280 lodges, and in the practice of benevolence it has set a proud example. There is no land in which Masonry has found a foot in which the Degree of Mark Master Mason is not practised, and when worked in an impressive manner I know of no Degree more calculated to enlist the interest of a candidate. No teachings could be purer, none more cosmopolitan, and I am rejoiced to think that so valuable a school for the theoretical study and practical working of the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, should have found a foot in our fertile Masonic field of Malta and Tunis. Brethren, I cannot do better than conclude in the words of an old Mark Ritual once used in England—"While Virtue is your ruling principle Hope will always find a residence in your bosom. Under the frowns of Fortune keep this consolation in your mind—that he who has a due faith in the dispensations of his Beneficent Creator, and a becoming charity for his fellow creatures, will be sure of receiving that just reward which is the consequent attendant on good and virtuous actions."

The P.G.M. proceeded with the ceremony of consecration according to immemorial usage, and finally dedicated the lodge. The musical portion of the ritual was very efficiently performed under the direction of Bro. Major Ewing. The W.M. and officers of the new lodge being invested with their respective collars of office, W. Bro. Read

expressed his heartfelt thanks for the honour done to the lodge and himself, and assured the P.G.M. that no pains would be spared to make the new lodge a signal success. The report of the Board of General Purposes was next read. It appeared from it that one new Mark Lodge (No. 263) and two new Ark Lodges (the Hospitallers, attached to Lodge No. 107, and the Noah, attached to the Lodge 263,) had been added to the province during the half-year, and that, notwithstanding the summer season had intervened, the number of active Mark Masters in the province had increased from 131 to 176, and of the Ark Mariners from 45 to 87. The Board recommended a considerable increase in the fees of honour payable on appointment to provincial rank. The members of the Board highly commended the energy and ability of the P.G.M., under whose rule the province had so greatly prospered, and invited the members of Grand Lodge to present him with an address on the occasion of the first anniversary of his installation. The report was unanimously adopted, and the P.G. Sec. then presented the following address to the P.G.M., which was ordered to be engraved on vellum:—

"To R. W. Bro. Broadley, P.G.M.M. of the Province of Tunis and Malta. We, the Provincial Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Mark Degree in this Province, and in Grand Lodge assembled, feel that we cannot allow the auspicious occasion, viz., the completion of your first year of office, to pass without expressing to you that we consider the unexampled prosperity of this province is due to your untiring energy and devotion to Mark Masonry. We trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will grant you health, happiness, and long life so that you may be spared long to rule over us. With feelings of loyalty, zeal, and affection we affix our signatures on behalf of the brethren of the Mark Degree in your province. (Signed) R. V. Westrupp, D.P.G.M.; W. Read, G.S.W.; J. Walker, for G.J.W.; C. E. Coffey, G. Sec.

The P.G.M. replied in feeling terms and expressed his earnest desire to do his duty both to the province and Grand Mark Lodge. P.G. Sec. read congratulatory telegrams from the W.M.'s of Lodges 222 and 254, at Tunis, which were ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

The P.G.M. then proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded by the P.G. Lodge to Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York, to whose eloquent address they had listened with such marked attention that evening, and who had rendered on many occasions signal services to the Degree in general and to the province in particular. This proposition was seconded and carried unanimously. It was also ordered that an engrossed copy of the vote should be offered for Bro. Whythead's acceptance.

Bro. Starkey (D.G. Sec. Craft) then rose and offered to the P.G.M. and brethren the hearty good wishes and fraternal remembrances of R.W. Bro. W. Kingston, D.G. M., who was himself a P.M.M. of Lodge 107, and after whom Lodge 222 had been named. During his absence in England, Bro. Kingston had superintended the publication of Bro. Broadley's History of Masonry in Malta, and he had that very day received the official circular which Bro. Kingston had addressed to every Mason in the district on the subject. He hoped the members of the Mark Grand Lodge would support the work, which would shortly appear, and in so doing they would at the same time show their appreciation of the labours of the P.G.M.M. and help the Deputy Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. Starkey's remarks were received with great pleasure by the members of the Grand Lodge.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as Grand Officers of the province for the ensuing year viz: W. Bros. Watson, S.W.; Dr. Perini; J.W.; and Surgeon Major Mackinnon, M.O.; Bros. Lieut. Col. Carey, R.A., S.O.; T. P. Reade (P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt), J.O.; Rev. F. D. Backhouse and J. K. Lethbridge, Chaplains; Glenday Registrar; Segond (elected), Treas.; Surgeon Major Walker, Sec.; Tagliaferro, S.D.; Captain Hodgson, J.D.; Captain Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., J. of W.; Captain R. A. Johnstone, D. of C.; Andry, Asst. Sec.; S. Yeoman, A.D. of C.; Commander Bridger, R.N., Organist; Captain Ford, Sword Bearer; Captain J. E. Mortimer, Standard Bearer; Dr. H. Grier, I.G.; and Beck, Tyler. G. Stewards: Bro. Borg (107), Bassotti, (222), Dr. Donovan, (248), and May, (263).

The P.G. Officers having been elected, the P.G.M. said he had decided to appoint W. Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., P. Prov. G. Sec., to the arduous post of D.P.G.M.M., but, before doing so, he proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to his present Deputy, Bro. Westrupp, who had taken a very important part in the formation of the province, and had afterwards efficiently performed the duties appertaining to his office.

This proposition was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Coffey, after having been duly obligated, was invested with the insignia of Deputy P.G.M., and thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received his nomination. The P.G.M. announced his intention of serving as a Steward at the next Grand Mark Festival, and hoped he should be largely supported by the P.G. Lodge and the lodges of the province.

The G.D. of C. then collected the alms, which amounted to £3 1s.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the whole of the Mark Masters present adjourned to a banquet given by the three lodges, 107, 248, and 263. The usual toasts were given and responded to.

W. Bro. WESTRUPP responded for "The P.P. Grand Officers;" W. Bro. WATSON for "Their Newly-appointed Successors;" W. Bro. READ (W.M. 263) for "The Worshipful Masters of the District;" and W. Bro. DOHERTY, P.M., for "The Visitors."

Bro. WALKER proposed the toast of "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund;" and a determination was expressed to co-operate in obtaining a satisfactory result for the P.G.M.'s list.

During the banquet Bro. Major Ewing presided at the piano. After the first toast the "National Anthem" was sung, and several excellent songs were afterwards sung by Bros. McLaughlin, Bannister, and Grier. Bro. Watson delivered in an impressive manner Bro. Walter Spencer's "Ode to Masonry," and Bro. Mackinnon's imitations of celebrated Shakespearian actors will not be easily forgotten.

About midnight the brethren separated, after singing "Auld Lang Syne." The Masonic regalia purchased by the province was used for the first time. The arrangement for the comfort of the visitors and the elaborate programme of the consecration, &c., were much commended; and the second annual festival of the Grand Mark Lodge was admitted on all hands to have been the largest and one of the most successful meetings ever held in the island.

CONSECRATION OF THE GOSTLING MURRAY LODGE, No. 1871.

Lodges are continually being granted at such a rate that we have now outstripped what many, a few years ago, thought an improbability; *i.e.*, number of the lodges to exceed the number of the year, and in less than five years such has been the increase that over 300 lodges have been added to the roll.

The M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant a warrant for a new lodge at Hounslow, to meet the requirements of the officers of the 8th Battalion Middlesex Rifles, which lodge the brethren have been pleased to designate the Gostling Murray Lodge, in recognition of one who is so dear to every one of the officers as their late Colonel. The Committee, under the guidance of that most indefatigable and distinguished Bro. Lieut. G. W. Dixon, P.M. 209, 865, &c., &c., appointed to carry out the arrangements for formation of the lodge did their work in a highly creditable manner, and to this may be attributed the perfect success of the day's proceedings. Accordingly, on Saturday last, the new lodge was consecrated under most favourable auspices, and Middlesex has one more lodge added to its already long list.

The M.W.G.M. appointed Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec. Middx., as the Consecrating Officer. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, Hounslow, where the brethren assembled sharp to the time, 3.30. The Consecrating Officer, assisted by Bro. J. O. Carter, P.M., P.S. G.W. Berks and Bucks, as S.W.; and Bro. L. Bryett, W.M. 1828, P.P.G. Supt. Works Berks and Bucks, as J.W.; Bro. Rev. Dr. Deane, Chap. 865, as Chap.; and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., Bro. T. Nash, P.M. 865, acted as Dir. of Cers.

The lodge being opened in due form the petition and warrant was then read, after which the Presiding Officer delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution in an impressive manner, as indeed was the whole of the ceremony, the anthems being beautifully rendered by the brethren, to whom this part of the ceremony seemed no new thing. The consecration being completed, the Inaugurating Officer installed Bro. Dr. E. S. Willett, P.M. 865, P.P.G.D. Surrey, as the W.M., who then invested as officers Bros. Lieut. G. W. Dixon, P.P. G.D. of Cers. Berks and Bucks, as S.W.; Major Henry Bullock, as J.W.; G. E. Thomason, Treas.; and W. S. Cantrell, S.D. The investiture of the other officers was deferred until next meeting, as several very distinguished brethren are expected to be present on that occasion, who must first be balloted for as joining members, in conformity with the rules of the Institution.

A long list of names as joining members, and gentlemen for initiation being read, it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that the brethren who had assisted in the ceremony should become honorary members.

There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed according to usual custom, and the brethren adjourned to the Star and Garter Hotel, at Kew Bridge, where an excellent banquet was provided, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

On the removal of the cloth, the first toast, "The Queen and Craft," was duly honoured in that hearty manner that only a combination of Masonic and military discipline can produce. The "M.W.G.M." was then duly honoured, and the usual toasts proceeded, interspersed with some charming songs from Bros. Tolley, Hume, Bryett, and others.

After the toast of "The Installing Officers," each of whom returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them of the rank of honorary members, the Chaplain, in response, said he congratulated the members on the satisfactory commencement of this new lodge, and trusted the remarks of the Consecrating Officers would be studied and carried out to their fullest extent, and that the influence of the lodge would be felt in the surrounding neighbourhood, and by doing the work it was calculated to do, *viz.*, by lessening the aggregate of human misery, thus be an ornament to the regiment with which they were associated.

The W.M. gave a special toast *i.e.*, "Col. Gostling Murray," who duly acknowledged the toast, and in a few words explained to the brethren, that when asked to allow his name to be used in connection with this lodge, he was under the impression it would have been far better for them to call it by the name of their battalion, but having left it for them to think over they had thought well to use his name. He felt flattered that they should thus wish to perpetuate his memory, and thanked the brethren for the compliment, and trusted that the future of the lodge would be one of the very happiest associates of the regiment to which they belonged. "The Visitors" was duly responded to by Bro. HUME, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.

"The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., the newly-appointed Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, to which he responded, and while acknowledging the great work of the other Charities, urged upon the brethren the claims of his particular Institution in such a manner that, if he is only a private in the duties of collector, he has certainly attained the rank of Field Marshal in begging for the old people at Croydon, and we feel sure that his appeals for a great united effort at their forthcoming festival will not be in vain.

The toast of "The Officers" was ably responded to, who each in their turn assured the W.M. it would be their constant study in connection with their various offices, how best to fulfil the duties to his entire satisfaction, and thus have the gratifying testimony of a good conscience.

The Tyler's toast, at the request of the W.M., was given by Bro. C. NOWELL, Prov. G.P. Berks and Bucks, which brought this very agreeable meeting to a close.

Among the brethren present were Bros. H. C. Levander, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Middx., Consecrating Officer; Col. E. C. Gostling Murray, Dr. E. S. Willett, P.M., P.P. G.D. Surrey, W.M. designate; Lieut. G. W. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, S.W. designate; Major Bullock, J.W. designate; Lieut. G. J. Thomason, Lieut. W. S. Cantrell, Lieut. Kenneth R. Montgomery, Lieut. E. Danberry, Lieut. Henry Pott, Rev. Dr. Deane, Chap. 865; J. O. Carter, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; T. Nash, P.M. 865; C. D. Hume, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks; R. Berry, P.M. 865; C. Nowell, Prov. G. Purst. Berks and Bucks; H. Sadler, P.M., G. Tyler; E. A. Rooks, P.M. 1415; and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED DEGREES FOR TUNIS AND MALTA.

A meeting of the St. John and St. Paul Council, No. 3, was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Coffey, acting W.M.; Ewing, S.W.; Starkley, J.W.; Walker, Sec.; Grier, Conductor; Tagliaferro, Treas.; Ford, I.G.; A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.; Stilon, G. L. Thomson (of St. Cyprian Council, No. 2, at Tunis); Mortimer, Sanford, Donovan, and Hodgson. The minutes of the meeting on 6th July were read and confirmed. The P.G.M. conferred the St. Lawrence Degree on Bros. Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., Dr. Mackinnon, W. Cox, J. A. Bindley, P.M. and P.Z. 624; and St. G. E. Capel-Cure. A Council of H.P.'s being duly opened, the following M.M.M.'s and companions of the H.R.A. were admitted to the Order by E. Comp. Ewing, acting P.H.P., assisted by Comps. Coffey, Walker, and Broadley, *viz.*: Comps. Starkley, Grier, Tagliaferro, Stilon, Ford, Thomson, Mortimer, Hodgson, Blackwood, Mackinnon, Cox, Bindley, Capel-Cure, and Beck. The council being closed, the P.G.M. admitted these brethren (together with Bros. Sanford and Donovan) to the Degree of Knights of Constantinople, and afterwards the above-named were entrusted as Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon. The next business was the reading and adoption of a fresh set of bye-laws, ordered to be printed and circulated. Bro. G. L. Thomson, of Council No. 2, was elected a joining member. At the proposal of Bro. Coffey, seconded by Bro. Ewing, the following distinguished members of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees were elected honorary members of Council No. 3, *viz.*: The Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M.; T. B. Whythead, R.W.J.G.W.; and W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, G. Sec. Bro. Capt. F. W. Beechey, P.M., was elected a representative of this council near the Grand Council in England, in conformity with Act X. of the Constitutions. The Constitutions of the Grand Council were also read *in extenso* for the information of the brethren. The Secretary having read the patent issued by the G.M. on the 7th June, in favour of Bro. Broadley as R.W.P.G.M., a Provincial Council was duly opened. After a short address on the Four Degrees, the following appointments to Provincial rank were made:

Bro. Lieut. Coffey, R.A. ...	Prov. G.D.M.
" Major Ewing ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Surgeon-Major Mackinnon ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. W. Starkley (elected) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Professor Stilon ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. J. D. Backhouse ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Surgeon-Major Walker ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Grier ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Captain Bannister ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Captain Sir F. Blackwood, R.N. ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. B. Tagliaferro ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Captain Bridger, R.N. ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Dr. Donovan, Bro. Captain Sanford ...	Prov. G. Stewds.
" R. Beck (elected) ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Council and that of St. John and St. Paul were then successively closed. The brethren then adjourned to an excellently-served banquet. The toasts duly honoured were those of "The G.M.," "The P.G.M.," and "Lieut.-Col. Carey, R.A., W.M. of Council No. 3," now absent in England. The meeting was highly successful, and the united strength of Councils Nos. 2 and 3 amounts to sixty members.

DEATH OF BRO. THE REV. JOHN HUYSHE.

We gave a brief account last week of the death of our venerable and esteemed brother, and now reprint the following notice from the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette*.

The Rev. John Huyshe, Rector of Clyst Hydon, died on Monday evening, the 18th inst., at a ripe old age, having entered upon his 81st year last month. He had been ailing for some time past, and at the last sank insensibly to rest, beloved and venerated throughout his small parish, and deeply esteemed throughout the whole county of Devon. He was a graduate of Oxford University, 1st class in Mathematics, M.A. 1824. Ordained deacon in 1828, and priest in 1829, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, he served as curate of Rockbeare from 1828 to 1831, and in the latter year was preferred to the Rectory of Clyst Hydon, which he has held for one year less than half-a-century. A Justice of the Peace for the county, a distinguished Freemason, and an energetic clergyman, he lived a useful life, devoted to his duties, generous in his impulses, and ever willing to be of service to his fellow-men. He was the author of an excellent "Treatise on Logic," published whilst he was at Oxford, and which has gone through several editions, the last being in 1872. During the chief part of his career a Moderate Liberal in politics, Mr. Gladstone's crusade against the Irish Church in 1868 estranged him from that party, leading him to avow his hearty disapproval of the work of spoliation in an open and forcible manner, and since then he has identified himself with the Conservatives, warmly supporting the views of Sir Stafford Northcote.

But he is known best in Devonshire generally as a Freemason. He joined the Craft as early as 1822, when resident at Oxford, and subsequently served as W. Master of St. John's Lodge, Exeter, and became a subscribing member of several lodges, amongst them Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 1254. In 1835 he was first appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and, after holding that office several years, was made Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1839. Eleven years later—in October 1850—he was constituted and appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Devon, by the late Earl Fortescue, K.G., then Provincial Grand Master, and on the noble Earl's decease was re-appointed to the office by the Grand Registrar of England, the Acting Provincial Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, K.T., promoted Bro. Huyshe to the office of Grand Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of England in 1862, and he was re-appointed in 1863. By the Earl of Zetland he was further promoted to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devon in 1866, and was installed at Exeter with a memorable ceremony, in May of that year, by the V.W. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar of England. On that occasion he was presented by the Freemasons of the province with a suit of Masonic clothing, consisting of a massive chain and jewel, of solid 18-carat gold, and a richly-embroidered apron and gauntlets, together with an elegant drawing-room timepiece, and two

candelabra to match—the whole at a cost of £150. His appointment as P.G.M. was brought about by a strong memorial from the Freemasons of the province in his favour, expressive of their high esteem and confidence in him. He held other distinguished posts in connection with the Order, and was several times a recipient of marks of favour from the Craft, amongst them being a testimonial offered to him as Eminent Commander from the Rougemont Encampment. This consisted of a beautiful mediæval toast-cup of hammered silver, holding about two quarts, which had belonged to the late Grand Master the Duke of Sussex, and bore H.R.H.'s coronet and cypher. He was made Provincial Grand Commander of Devon in 1848, and of Cornwall from 1863 till 1867, in which year he was preferred to the post of Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templars in England. An ardent supporter of the Masonic charities, he filled offices in connection with the chief of them. In short, to quote a Masonic publication, the history of the late Bro. Huyshe "is the history of all that has been good and progressive in Masonry for the past half-century. Early impressed with the high importance of the Order, he filled every office with dignity and honour. His aim was to be pre-eminent in 'The skylle of becomyng gude and parfyyhte,' and he succeeded." His rule of the province was mild and gentle, as well as efficient, and under his sway Masonry flourished. Growing infirmities compelled him to resign his several appointments last year; and, as our readers will remember, Viscount Ebrington was chosen P. G.M. in his stead. At the noble Viscount's instalment, Bro. Huyshe placed on his shoulders, and presented to the province, the massive gold chain—the finest in England—which had been presented to him as a special gift on his own installation. Though ladies are kept outside the Order, his good wife—a daughter of the late Dr. Greaves, and an amiable and talented lady—always took the liveliest interest in his Masonic duties, as far as the rules of the Craft permitted, and helped him in his good work. Bro. Huyshe has died full of years and honour, and leaves behind him the reputation of a true Mason, an earnest friend, a loyal citizen, and a faithful parish priest.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 26th inst., the mortal remains of the Rev. John Huyshe, late Rector of Clyst Hydon, and Past Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire Freemasons, were consigned to the grave in the parish churchyard, in the presence of a large number of persons. In accordance with the deceased's expressed wishes the funeral was of a purely private nature, but, notwithstanding this, many friends and Masonic brethren attended as a last mark of respect to one whom they had known so well and valued so highly. Bro. Huyshe has endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact during a long life of usefulness, and his loss will not only be felt by his immediate relatives and a large circle of acquaintances, but particularly by the poor of his parish, who have, by his death, been deprived of a sympathetic benefactor. The esteem in which he was held by his late parishioners was amply testified on Tuesday last, for they all attended the funeral in deep mourning, and there was scarcely a dry eye amongst them. Bro. Huyshe died on Monday evening, the 18th inst., at Clyst Hydon Rectory, and his remains were carried thence to the churchyard on a bier by tenants and employés. Unfortunately the weather was most unpropitious, rain falling during the whole of the day. The body was followed to the church, where the first portion of the Burial Service took place, by the deceased's widow (Mrs. Huyshe), General Huyshe, C.B. (only surviving brother of the deceased), and his wife, from Jersey; Major Huyshe, the Rev. C. Walkey, the household servants, and those employed on the estate. The church was crowded, and as the cortège entered the sacred edifice the funeral march in *Scipio* was played on the organ by Mr. Symes, master of the National School. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. John B. Shattock, B.A., Curate at Clysthydon, and at the grave by the Rev. Francis John Huyshe, M.A., nephew of the deceased and senior Curate of Wilton. Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, was unable to present through being in Ireland, but he was represented by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. G. Rogers) and Bro. Colonel Tanner Davy, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons. Among the other friends and prominent members of the Craft to which the deceased gentleman belonged present were Bros. E. Drewe, Esq. (Ratcliffe), Colonel Drewe, Major-General Bartlett, Rev. Prebendary Acland, Rev. W. H. Carwithen, Rev. Martyn, J. Rev. L.P. Welland, and Rev. J. Tadman, (Talatan), Rev. Lloyd Sanders (Whimble), Mr. S. Jones (Sheriff of Exeter), Dr. Saunders, and Messrs. J. E. C. Walkey, C. R. Collins, (Hele), R. R. Crosse, Geo. Pitt-Lewis, Henn Gennys (Plymouth), T. J. Bremridge, W. F. Geare, W. Brodie, J. Jerman, and others. The deceased was buried in a brick grave by the side of his ancestors, in a large family enclosure. The coffins were made according to the wishes of the deceased by the steward, Mr. Hole, out of elm grown on the estate. The metal shield breastplate bore the following inscription—"John Huyshe, died 18th October, 1880, aged 80 years." On the black pall were placed a pair of white gloves and several beautiful wreaths, two of Masonic design having been sent respectively by the brethren of St. John the Baptist Lodge, Exeter, No. 39, the premier lodge of the province, of which the deceased was a member and a Past Master, and Dr. Woodman, of the Exeter Nurseries. The whole of the funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Green and Son, of High-street, Exeter. Mr. Huyshe has ministered in Clyst Hydon for forty-nine years. The living has been recently purchased by Mr. Drake, a solicitor of Dorset, for his son, a young man who, only a fortnight ago, started on a voyage to Australia for the benefit of his health. The living has been held by the Huyshe family since 1703, and the deceased, on coming to the parish, added the north aisle, in the east window of which the arms of the family, from 1331, are depicted. A muffled peal was rung on the bells of the parish church in the afternoon. We understand that Masonic mourning will be ordered throughout the province for the whole of the Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and Mark Masons for three months. Letters are being received from the most prominent brethren throughout the kingdom, and especially from the members of Grand Lodge, regretting the death of Mr. Huyshe and the loss he will be to the Craft generally.

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Obituary.

BRO. JOHN JONES, P.M. 216.

Another blank has been caused in Masonic circles in Liverpool, which will be greatly felt, by the death of Bro. John Jones, an esteemed Past Master of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, which meets at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Our deceased brother, who resided in Great Homer-street, Liverpool, was for a number of years a member of the Board of Guardians for West Derby Union. During his term of public life he gave good service to the rate-payers, no man at the board possessing more shrewdness and knowledge of character, the latter fact being probably in some degree attributable to the fact that in earlier years he had followed the profession of schoolmaster. The ability and zeal which Bro. Jones brought to the discharge of his duties as a guardian led to his election several years ago as chairman of the board, a function which he discharged with credit to himself. Bro. Jones was a prominent Freemason, and in Masonic circles was much respected. For a year or two past he has been in failing health, and his death took place on Monday, the 18th instant. At the weekly meeting of the West Derby Board of Guardians, on Wednesday week, the chairman made reference to the loss of Bro. Jones, and on the motion of Bro. Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Bro. Tyrer, a vote of condolence was accorded to the family of the deceased. The interment took place at Walton Parish Church on Friday, the 22nd instant. In addition to the relatives of the deceased, there were present the following members of the West Derby Board of Guardians:—Bro. W. King (chairman), Bro. Dr. Costine, Bro. Dr. Sheldon, Bros. J. Houlding, Tyrer, W. J. Lunt, Messrs. Lancaster, Thornton, Hill, Bros. Woods, Parry, Wilson, Brookfield, Beesley (West Derby), Beesley (Wavertree), Mr. Clare, and Wright (Walton). Amongst others who attended were Bro. the Rev. R. T. Leslie, chaplain of the workhouse, Walton; Alderman Heintz (Bootle), Dr. Bark, Dr. Livesey, Dr. Anderson, Messrs. Robert Leason (Leeds), Brownrigg, J. Nicholson, Woodcock, Bro. Pentin (master of the Walton Workhouse), Evans (over-seer), I. E. Bennett, Harding, Parrington, Bro. Dutch, Bro. Ingham, J. Kilshaw, Humphreys, Coward, Hampson, W. Pickering, E. Johnston, and Molyneux. The funeral service was impressively read by the Rev. T. Major Lester.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A

meeting of the above lodge was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. There was no business on the agenda, and, therefore, the attendance of the brethren was rather scanty. The following were present: Bros. J. B. Walker, W.M.; W. J. Huntley, S.W.; I. J. Holland, J.W.; F. W. Wardroper, S.D.; and A. A. Denham, I.G. (*Mid-Surrey Standard*). The P.M.'s were Bros. George Howick, J. G. Carter, and E. H. Boddy; and the other members were Bros. G. Mitchell, J. Frost, F. Knipser, W. Springett, R. Neal, F. Tucker, W. Field, H. J. Newens, and W. A. Blackmore, 1485.

The ordinary business was disposed of in due course, and it was suggested that a lodge of emergency would have to be called, as a gentleman named Manning, about to be initiated, was going to Calcutta.

The refreshment after labour—in this instance almost a misnomer—was indulged in, and after the usual toasts, loyal as well as Masonic, the brethren terminated the proceedings with the Tyler's toast.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, 21st October, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., when the following members were present: Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M.; W. Cleghorn, acting S.W.; G. Trebell, S.W.; S. Webb, P.M.; Treas.; J. H. Staton, Sec.; J. Owen, S.D.; C. Kempton, acting J.D.; E. Lancaster, P.M., D.C.; J. Bathard, I.G.; Rawles, Tyler. Past Masters West, Reed, Christie and Forbes, Bros. Kane, Jackson, Johns, Lancaster Abercrombie, Dunning, Hemming, Paul Pellat, and others. Visitors: Bros. Kerrell, 145; Youens, 1612; Collings, 1585; George, 1744; Burgess, 1604; Tremmell, 1425; and P.M. Mason, representing the Aged Freemasons' Institution.

The business was to raise Bro. Edwards, and initiate Messrs. C. Morant, J. D. Morant, and C. Traise. Banquet followed, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The last

meeting for the season of this lodge took place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, the 23rd instant. There were present: Bros. R. H. Crowden, W.M.; W. S. Kent, S.W.; W. F. Gardner, J.W.; H. D. Stead, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; M. Perrin, S.D.; W. Vizetelly, J.D.; B. Fulwood, D.C.; J. Orange, Org.; J. B. Crump, Tyler; R. Patton Jenkins; C. K. Kranch, P.M.; J. Allen, A. J. Druce, S. Johnson, T. Archer, J. Hicks, Belles, P. S. Philp, and W. Lomas. Visitors: Bros. P. W. Le Quesne, P.M., and W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. Belles was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge then proceeded to the election of the W.M., and the choice of the brethren fell on the Sec., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, P.M. Bro. Stead was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler the Tyler. Bros. Druce, Jenkins, and Lomas were elected on the Audit Committee. A P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas was then, amid many expressions of goodwill and esteem, voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Crowden.

After the other routine business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual Royal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Crouch, P.M., in very kindly terms gave "The Health of the W.M." He said that the chair had been filled for two successive years by Bro. Crowden, and during that time he had not only performed his duties most admirably, but had increased, if it were possible, during the second year of his office, the esteem and respect which he had secured in the first. Bro. Crowden, in reply, said—"The duties of the lodge to-day, brethren, have made me conscious of the fact that probably this will be the last time I shall have the pleasure of addressing you in the capacity of your Worshipful Master, and it is with mixed feelings of pride, satisfaction

and regret that I am now about to descend the hill that has taken me so much time and given me so much pleasure in ascending. Yet I should be wanting in duty, as well as in gratitude, were I not to give up, with a good grace, the high and important trust you have allowed to remain in my hands for the last two years, and I now take the last and fitting opportunity of thanking my Bro. P.M. Crouch, for proposing my health, not only on this, but on so many previous occasions, and it has always pleased him to do so in highly felicitous terms, and I have to thank you, brethren, for your many kindnesses and considerations. I feel I have scarcely deserved them, for I must often have bored you with a deal of useless verbosity, have made many errors of omission and commission, and, doubtless, often have tried your patience and forbearance. Still on receiving this important charge at your hands, I promised to do my best for the welfare of the West Kent Lodge, and I leave the verdict to you as to whether I have been successful or not. It has given me much pleasure to see you have elected our Bro. Woodrow as your W.M. for the ensuing year, as no brother in this lodge is more deserving of the honour than he is; he has always worked incessantly and conscientiously as Secretary of this lodge, and has fulfilled his duties in a most praiseworthy manner and we all must remember how he maintained the duties of the S.W.'s chair. I, therefore, have pleasure in congratulating him, as also the lodge, upon his election, and I would ask you to join me in drinking "The Health of your W.M. elect," trusting he may have as prosperous and as happy a term of office as it has been my privilege to enjoy. Bro. Woodrow thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the reception of them by the brethren; he would briefly say that what he had done would be an earnest of what he would do in the future, and that would be his very best. The W.M. then proposed the health of "The Visitors." Bro. Le Quesne and Bro. Lake responded—both expressing the great pleasure it had given them to be present at the West Kent Lodge, and to enjoy the hospitality of the brethren, and the genial and kindly attention of the W.M. The W.M. next proposed the health of "The Past Masters," and said: In the words of our beautiful installation ceremony, we are reminded that in every position of life we are to limit our desires, that rising to eminence through merit we may live respected and die regretted. Now, brethren, if you will pardon my construing the text a little, I may be able to adapt this to the toast I am now about to propose. From the very time I was initiated in this lodge I began to limit my desires, and that desire was the Master's chair, and now having attained that eminence, I trust through some show of merit, I hope to live in future amongst you respected as a P.M., and in due time when that time comes—and it will most assuredly come to all of us—die regretted amongst you as such. I, therefore, have particular pleasure in asking you to drink to "The Health of our Past Masters," for they, like me, in their turn also limited their desires, which, doubtless, was to do all they could for the benefit and welfare of the West Kent Lodge. Bro. Albus, in reply, said that it had been a source of unusual satisfaction to him to have filled the chair of the West Kent Lodge. It was a trite saying that the chair had been filled by Bro. Crowden in a most admirable manner, and it was very gratifying to all that he would be succeeded by such an experienced ruler as Bro. Woodrow, under whose able guidance the West Kent Lodge would be certain to prosper. Bro. Stead also replied. He regretted that this was the last occasion they would meet under the gavel of Bro. Crowden. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that the two years during which the W.M. had filled the chair had been the brightest in the history of the West Kent Lodge. He was now prouder of his lodge than ever, and its present prosperity was mainly due to the Worshipful Master. "The Health of the Officers" was next proposed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Stead, as the oldest officer and Treasurer, first briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the continued confidence they reposed in him by again electing him as Treasurer. The Secretary and Senior Warden having also returned thanks, the Junior Warden, Bro. Gardner, spoke in very eulogistic terms of the many good qualities of the W.M. He hoped that the energy and ability shown by Bro. Crowden would be emulated by future W.M.'s, and result in increasing prosperity of the West Kent Lodge, which might be said to date from the advent of the W.M. Bro. Perrin also hoped they would all profit by the example set from the chair, and expressed the pleasure it had given him to see so many personal friends admitted to the West Kent Lodge. Bro. Vizetelly, J.D., said that it had been remarked with surprise that at meetings like these each officer in succession should be expected to reply to the toast. In answer to this he would say that each young Mason should have an opportunity of practising that eloquence he is expected to exercise in the chair; but, after all, what an infliction it must be to the listener. No words of his could convey the feeling of admiration with which he had followed the career of the W.M. during the two years he had occupied the chair, and whatever success had been obtained had been due to his able rule. Bro. Crump, as Wine Steward, thought his office was not held in the estimation it ought to be; he claimed that he was the great consolator in the end. Bro. Fulwood, D.C., also briefly replied, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to an end.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—

This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W., acting S.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., acting I.P.M.; Artus, P.M., acting J.W.; Powell, acting Sec.; Jones, P.M. 793, acting S.D.; Clark, as I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Powell was impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Ashley, S.W. W. Bro. W. B. Saunders was then unanimously elected Treasurer, vice Bro. Richnell, whose resignation was received with every expression of regret. Bro. Harrison having been re-appointed Tyler, the pleasing ceremony of presenting W. Bro. Saunders with a Past Master's jewel was performed by the W.M. The recipient having briefly returned thanks, then proposed, in the absence of the I.P.M., "That the eminent services of Bro. W. Taylor should be recognised by the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel." This proposition having been seconded by Bro. Artus, was carried with acclamation. The acting Secretary having read several communications from absent

brethren, and the name of the W.M. having been submitted for nomination as a recipient for Provincial Grand honours at the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was capitally served. The only toasts were "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The W.M." The latter toast having been warmly received, Bro. Taylor replied, and the proceedings terminated.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The

installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Rev. C. J. Scales, supported by Bros. W. Side (W.M. elect), S.W.; W. M. Stiles, J.W.; H. Stiles, J.D.; G. Clark, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, D.C.; T. Gilbert, jun., W.S.; Past Masters Bros. J. Willing, jun., Treas.; J. J. Michael, Sec.; and R. T. Kingham. A very large number of brethren attended, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Beattie, Raney, Edwards, Killingback, Cruikshanks, Edmonds, Conolly, Rooks, Jones, Thorn, and others. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Knight, 1107, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; T. Walton, P.M.; B. Kauffman, D.C. 1732; S. J. Nowman, 1764; L. Jacobs, J.D. 1732; L. Johnson, 1816; A. Fish, W.M. 1366; L. Bamberger, P.M. 1366; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; F. Herold, 1050; W. Hollingsworth, W.M. 1185; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315; A. Kent, 1425; F. Silveston, 193; E. Storr, I.G. 167; E. Barrett Kidder, 12; Bradshaw Brown, Grand Steward; and others. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the preliminary business, Bros. Chant, Rowley, and Burstow were raised to the Sublime Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Side, was presented to Bro. Willing, jun., P.M., the Installing Master, and duly installed, proclaimed, and saluted. The officers invested were Bros. W. M. Stiles, (I.P.M. 1732), S.W.; H. Stiles, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treasurer; J. J. Michael, P.M., Prov. G.P. Kent, Sec; Geo. Clark, (W.M. 1777), S.D.; H. Lovegrove, (I.P.M. 1777), Prov. G. S. of W. Middx. J.D.; T. Gilbert, jun., I.G.; Geo. Edwards, D.C., and Asst. Sec.; T. Raney, W.S.; Knight, S.; and J. Daly, Tyler. The new W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. H. Carter, H. G. Gent, J. W. Tubley and W. P. Botty, the ceremony being capitally rendered. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., and after the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed in ancient form. A well served banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Cruikshanks, Stiles, Solomon, and others favoured the brethren with some excellent songs.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—On the

20th inst. there was a large gathering of the members of the above lodge and their friends at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico. Meeting at an early hour, the lodge proceeded with the business notified on the circular calling the lodge, and when we say that this consisted of raising three brethren, besides balloting for and initiating a fourth, the flourishing condition of the lodge may be at once seen. This business having been got through, and the auditor's report considered, W.M. William Vincent proceeded with the ceremony of installing his successor Bro. Samuel Jones, in the Master's chair, which was performed in a manner which elicited the highest praise from the numerous visitors present. Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting room of the hall, where a banquet was served of the most recherché description, and which did credit alike to the lodge and to the caterer. After grace had been sung by a choir composed of Messrs. Egerton, Taylor, Sexton, Cross, and Davies, the W.M. rose to propose the toast of "The Queen." He said the first duty that devolved upon him was to invite the brethren to join with him in expressing loyalty to the throne of England. He was quite sure that it was unnecessary for him to make a speech on that subject. He saw around him English, Scotch, and Irish brethren, but he was quite sure that they were all alike filled with the spirit of loyalty to our Queen, and he would therefore simply call upon them to drink to her health. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. In proposing the next toast, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said, that in submitting this toast he need not remind the brethren that as long as the Prince had been at the head of its affairs Masonry had flourished, and without doubt it would continue to do so. The assiduity of H.R.H. was well known, and of his kindness and geniality he need not speak. It was a work of supererogation on his part to recommend the toast. He gave them "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then submitted the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," remarking that he was sure this toast also would be received with perfect unanimity. The ability with which the work of the Grand Lodge was performed by the Earl of Carnarvon, in the absence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was remarked by all who had the privilege of witnessing it. And what need he say of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom? He too, and his colleagues, the rest of the Grand Officers, were worthy in the fullest sense of their exalted position in the Craft, and commanded the respect of all true Masons. Immediate P.M. Vincent then rose, and addressing the brethren said, that it was his privilege to submit the next toast, that of "The Worshipful Master." To mention that was to ensure for the toast he had the honour of proposing the most hearty reception. The geniality and good nature of the Worshipful Master were known to all, his earnestness in Freemasonry, his desire to do all he could for the welfare of the lodge, was known to many. Still, he thought he could say without egotism, that it was known better to him (Bro. P.M. Vincent) than to most others, for from the time that they first met together to discuss the preliminaries to forming the lodge he and the Worshipful Master had been in the closest connection. He could tell them that their Master had attended every meeting of the lodge from its commencement, and how he had entered thoroughly into every work for promoting its good, but he need not tell them how desirous he was of perfecting himself in the duties of the office he had that evening been installed in. The same assiduity which characterised his performances in the mother lodge had been displayed in the lodge of instruction connected with it. But he need not dilate upon the subject. They all knew how thorough a Mason was their Master, and how deserving of respect and support. The W.M. in responding to the toast of his health thanked I.P.M. Bro. Vincent for the kind way in which it had been submitted, and the brethren for the flattering manner in which they received it. He trusted he should be able to follow in

the footsteps of his predecessor, and if his working should be less brilliant than they had been accustomed to during the past twelve months, this at least he could promise them, no effort should be wanting on his part; and relying on the assistance and support of the brethren he trusted the lodge would never have cause to be ashamed of him. He should hope that at the end of his year of office the credit of the lodge would stand as high as it had always stood; that the dignity of the Master's chair in the Eccleston Lodge would be passed undiminished to his successor; and that the brethren would be the same united body that they were that day. Yet he should need the assistance of his officers, with the support of the brethren, to which he had already referred; with that, which he felt sure of, the progress of the lodge was secure. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master and his Predecessors." He said that in giving them this toast he had also something else to do—he had to present, in their name, to his brother who had just vacated the chair he had now the honour of occupying, the Past Master's jewel which he held in his hand, and to ask its acceptance as an unanimous expression on the part of the lodge of its sense of the ability, faithfulness, and assiduity with which its affairs had been managed by his brother, Immediate Past Master Vincent. In presenting the jewel and addressing Bro. Vincent, Past Master, the Worshipful Master said: Long may you live to wear this jewel, and whenever you gaze upon it, may it remind you of the many friends you have in Eccleston Lodge, and of the happy hours we have spent together. He was quite sure that he had richly deserved this mark of honour, for the duties of his year of office had been discharged with such cordiality, urbanity, and zeal as to win the regard and esteem of every member of the lodge. And what need he say of the other Past Masters? Nothing! He gave the toast, which was received with enthusiasm. Immediate Past Master Vincent responded in suitable terms to the toast of his health, and expressed his thanks to the brethren for the jewel with which they had presented him, and his gratification that he had been able so to perform the duties of his office as to give satisfaction to the lodge. Past Master McLeod also responded, and announced that as a further mark of their appreciation of the efforts of their Immediate Past Master, and as a tribute of respect to their W.M., he had received promises of gifts which would amount to three-fourths of the debt remaining on the lodge, the satisfaction of which would leave the hands of their W.M. still more free than they would otherwise be. "The Health of the Initiate" was given, and suitably responded to by Bro. W. Bignold. The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M. They had a large number of friends visiting them that evening—about five and twenty—amongst whom were: Past Masters J. Wyer, Gunner, R. Stamp, and T. Simpson, and Bros. Mursell, Pearce, J. Cantle, Sexton, Folsom, Griffin, Bassington and others. He connected with the toast the names of Past Masters Wyer, J. Cantle, and Simpson, Bro. P.M. J. Wyer in responding thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been respectively proposed and received. He considered it an honour to be an invited guest of the Worshipful Master at their lodge that evening, and he was exceedingly pleased to have had an opportunity of witnessing the very able work of P.M. Vincent. He had long known their W.M., but he was no stranger to them either, and hence not, therefore, occupy their time by dilating on his merits; still he would say that he felt sure that his year of office would be one entirely satisfactory to the lodge, and creditable to himself. He thanked them on behalf of himself and fellow visitors for the manner in which they had been entertained. Bros. J. Cantle and Simpson also responded, and the evening's entertainment was further added to by songs from several musical brethren.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The October meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 21st inst. In the absence of the W.M., the lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. W. Cashburn Bush, Sec., assisted by Bros. A. Staley, S.W.; B. Buckworth, J.W.; George Adamson, P.M. 199, 1208, Treas.; W. Woodward, J.D.; G. S. Recknell, I.G.; R. Kimpton, D. of C.; W. A. Frost, Org.; L. G. Reinhardt, acting Tyler; E. Stubbs, J. W. Chapman, W. W. Codd, B. Silverthorne, James Gathercole, G. E. Smith, jun., G. W. Anderson, W. Fowler, C. A. Mackrell, W. J. Charles, K. Harris, Ino. Kimpton, P. Lehany, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Bayley, W.M. 185; W. B. Adamson, P.M. 1280; A. Bethune, J.W. 1397; J. Taylor, J.D. 1790; N. E. Damalde, 185; H. Rawel, 950; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Silverthorne was passed to the Second Degree, Bro. G. E. Smith raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. George James Garland and Albert Sayer Harris initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the three ceremonies being impressively rendered by the acting Master, Bro. Bush, assisted by his particularly able officers. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Bush that the usual jewel be presented to the W.M., after which Bro. Butcher (who had arrived during the initiation ceremony) closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

At its conclusion the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, and said that, owing to the lateness of the hour, he would, of necessity, be brief. The W.M. then gave "Loyalty to the Throne and Best Interests of the Craft." This toast was quickly followed by "The Visitors," to which Bro. Bethune was the first to reply. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very hearty and cordial reception accorded the visitors that evening. With regard to the work that he had seen performed in the lodge, he had been simply charmed with the perfect manner in which Bro. Bush delivered the various ceremonies, and the equally efficient manner in which the officers had assisted him. The next to reply was Bro. W. Bayley, W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, who, having had the privilege of being present at the consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, felt exceedingly pleased at the progress the lodge had made. The success already achieved bade fair, he thought, to place the lodge with the foremost oldest lodges. Bro. Bayley then made some amusing remarks anent the Memorial Statue erected in Fleet-street, in memory of the old Bar, observing that if the members of the corporation responsible for its erection had but known of the existence of the Temple Bar Lodge, and the success which has attended it since its formation, they would have thought

that that in itself was a sufficient memento, without erecting the building they had. Bro. W. B. Adamson having also replied, the I.P.M. proposed in complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M.," who in reply expressed his thanks, regretting that business prevented him from attending lodge so punctually as he would wish. Bros. G. J. Garland and A. S. Harris having replied to the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. proposed in glowing terms "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. Bush." He was sure this toast would be heartily received, as it was to Bro. Bush that they owed entirely the success of the lodge. He at all times gave the members his best advice, which coming from so good and skilled a Mason was well worthy the attention of the members, more particularly the younger ones. Bro. Bush having briefly returned thanks, the remaining toasts, including "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Press," were duly proposed and responded to. During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Lehany, Recknell, and Silverthorne.

CANTERBURY.—United Industrious Lodge, (No. 31).—The installation of Bro. W. H. Longhurst, S.W., as Worshipful Master of the above lodge, took place on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., in the new Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street. Among those present were Bros. James S. Eastes, V.W.D.P.G.M.; the Rev. A. Hill, the Rev. J. Branfill Harrison, Provincial Grand Chaplain; B. K. Thorpe, P.G. Treasurer, and several other Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, as well as Masters and brethren of other lodges in the province. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson, P.M. 1206, P.P.J.G. Warden. The W.M. subsequently appointed his officers as follows, investing them with the customary collars and jewels:— Bro. W. Tice, I.P.M.; Bro. T. H. Walkeley, S.W.; Bro. F. Horner, J.W.; Bro. H. Ward, P.M. 586, 622, 1112, P.P.G.W.; Bro. Wilt, S.D.; Bro. W. G. Pidduck, J.D.; Bro. W. D. Young, I.G.; Bro. W. Ashenden, jun., Steward; Bro. J. Plant, D.C.; Bro. Philip Higham, P.M. P.P.J.G. W., Treasurer; Bro. John R. Hall, P.M., P.P. Assistant G. Secretary, Hon. Sec.; Bro. Robert Ewell, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Rose Hotel.

GATESHEAD - ON - TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—This flourishing lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 25th inst., at the rooms, 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened soon after seven o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the following officers: Bros. R. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; E. W. Middlemast, Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.D.; T. Dinning, as J.D.; R. T. Swallow, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; A. Rhagg, S.S.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. There was a goodly gathering of members present, amongst whom were Bros. M. Corbett, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; J. E. Robson, P.M.; G. G. Davidson, E. Shewbrooks, J. T. Hedley, W. Dalrymple, T. Wilson, W. Towers, J. B. Courtenay, G. F. Westmacott, J. G. Benson, J. Ivison, J. C. S. Liddell, R. Brason, H. Simpson, C. Green, R. Locke, W. Richardson, and others. The visitors were also numerous, and comprised Bros. J. Duckitt, W.M. 481; John Usher, I.P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, J.W. 481; T. Dinning, J.S. 481; J. Cook, P.M. 481; John Page, I.P.M. 406; R. W. Sisson, S.S. 406; A. Simpson, 406; F. S. Cowper, 406; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; W. Hardie, W.M. 991; John Nutton, 124; J. Walker, 124; D. Whitehead, 1334; A. Wilson, P.M. 541, 1342; T. S. Miller, 424; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Thos. Wilson and Joseph Ivison were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and explained the Tracing Board, also the working tools of a M.M. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. A joining member was proposed, and the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, after which the proceedings ended in the usual manner at 8.45. There was a capital attendance at the refreshment board, and an enjoyable evening was occupied in listening to the usual Masonic toasts, the glees, part songs, and ballads of the admirable choir connected with the lodge, and the members dispersed before eleven o'clock.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening last. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. C. E. Hindley, through indisposition, the chair was occupied by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland. The following were among the members and visitors present: Bros. W. Sharp, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; D. W. Finney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Rymer Young, I.P.M.; Dr. Young, S.W.; James Paterson, J.W.; Thomas Grime, S.D.; Thomas Tunstall, P.M., Treas.; Captain Deacon, James Bayley, Dr. Mackie, Thos. Robinson, J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.; J. Tomlinson, P.M. 368; J. H. Galloway, W.M. 1250; Edward Greenall, 1354; P. J. Edelstan, P.M. 1134; Geo. A. Clark, and Thos. Domville, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. Bro. Thomas Robinson, being a candidate for preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Robinson re-admitted and passed. Bro. Captain Deacon being a candidate for advancement, and having given proof of his worthiness, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Deacon re-admitted and raised. Both ceremonies were performed by the acting W.M. with the exception of the presentation of the working tools, which duty was discharged by the J.W. The lodge was lowered, when a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. A. Peake, J.D., on a recent bereavement. A grant of five pounds was made to a brother's widow, and a gentleman proposed as a candidate. This being all the business the lodge was closed.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening, October 12th, at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. F. W. Thunfield, M.D., W.M.; F. Haynes, M.D., S.W.; Brabazon Campbell, M.A., J.W.; Rev. P. Sidney Harris, M.A., Chap.; S. W. Cooke, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; C. I. Blaker, S.D.; Sidney Vinning, Org.; Henry Blenkinsop,

I.G.; and J. Pinner, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. Margret, Charity Steward; F. Haynes, P.G.J.W. Members: Bros. Brown, Blenkinsop, F. W. Smith, P. S. Campbell, Corbet, Caleb Williams, E. J. Collis, H. H. Cochrane, Captain Molyneux, Spilsbury, A. S. Brown, Moreton Peto Lucas, C. F. Browne, E. M. Owens, and Henry Field. Business: To initiate Mr. Henry Field, of Blackdown, and to pass Bros. Moreton Peto Lucas, Henry Heath Cochrane, Everard Philip Corbet, and Francis William Smith.

NOTTINGHAM.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 402).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the George Hotel, when there were present Bros. S. Job, W.M.; C. T. Jacoby, S.W.; W. F. Bromley, Sec.; E. Seaton, S.D.; W. H. Poyntz, J.D.; A. Stubbs, D.C.; Hetherington, Tyler; Hatherly, P.M.; Tate, P.M.; Newton, P.M.; Neale, P.M.; Danks, P.M.; Bradley, H. Taylor, and visitor, Bro. Browne, No. 1661. Bro. Bradley was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel.

HANLEY.—Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Spencer Lawton, W.M.; Frederick Brandon, S.W.; Titus Jones, J.W.; Rev. J. Hilton, Chap.; John Stringer, Sec.; John Bromley, S.D.; G. Pitchford, D. of C.; E. B. Jackson, I.G.; and E. V. Greatbatch, Steward; Past Masters Bros. W. H. Hales, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. F. Scrivener, P.P.G.S.D.; and I. Ingamells, P.M. 460, P.P.G.J.D.; Bros. Beardmore, Barlow, Butters, Keeling, Heath, Stokes, Hammersley, Buckley, Windle, Wood, Bradford, Newton, Carr, Tunnicliffe, and others. Visitors: Bros. Bcetenson, W.M. 637; Roberts, P.M. 637; S. Smith, P.M. 637; Truscott, P.M. 496; Perkins, J.W. 637; Kent, 637; Hilditch, W.M. 98; Vrowley, J.D. 98; Collings, 960; Rigby, 726; Lawton, 1031; Grove, P.M. 637; Dunning, Sec. 637; Jones, 460; Gimson, I.G. 637; Stubbs, S.W. 637; Burrows, 1459; Boulton, 98; Coulton, and others.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Howe and Charnwood Lodge (No. 1007).—The first regular meeting of this lodge after the recess was held at the lodge room, Bull's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, October 19th, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. R. L. Gibson. This being the meeting for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the brethren, after confirming the minutes of the last regular lodge, proceeded to ballot for that officer, when their suffrages were given in favour of the popular Senior Warden, Bro. Major General E. S. Burnaby, M.P. Bro. Burnaby expressed his acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the lodge, and to assist in restoring it from the state of dormant vitality into which it had lapsed, to a healthy and vigorous condition. A resolution was passed to invite the Provincial Grand Master to hold the next meeting of P. G. Lodge, at Loughborough, under the banner of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered from Lodges 279, 523, 1391, and 1560, the lodge was closed in due form and in harmony.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The last regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday evening, the 22nd inst., in the presence of Bros. J. D. Barras, W.M.; John Crowther, S.W.; John Barker, P.M., as J.W.; J. Kenworthy, S.D.; R. Lester, J.D.; James Barker, Sec.; E. W. H. Anderson, I.G.; W. Booth, Tyler; J. Ibberson, P.P.G. Reg.; P.M.; G. Armitage, P.M.; John Walmesley, P.M.; T. B. Fairclough, P.M.; James Simpson, J. Tattersfield, W. Arthur, and T. Lang, P.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. John Henry Simpson (for whom the ballot was taken at the last meeting), being in attendance, was regularly initiated in due form. The charge was ably given by Bro. John Walmesley, P.M. This being all the business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to refreshment under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Barras.

MOSSLEY.—Prince Alfred Lodge (No. 1218).—The installation meeting and festival of St. John was held at the Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. It is beyond a doubt that under the able Mastership of the Rev. T. E. Roberts, P.G. Chaplain E.L., this lodge has during the last twelve months made rapid progress. Everything to promote the wellbeing of the lodge, in regular attendance, good sound working, and thorough correctness of Masonic rules and regulations, has been systematically carried out during our Rev. brother's presidency, and the increase of members points clearly to the fact that such excellent principles have not been carried out in vain. We congratulate the lodge upon having such a conscientious and painstaking Mason in their midst as we know Bro. Roberts to be, and one who practises outside the lodge those grand Masonic principles which are taught within. The following brethren were present: Bros. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, W.M., P.G. Chap.; Dunbar Murray, S.W.; J. Stevenson, J.W.; John Buckley, P.M., Treas.; Daniel Dempsey, Sec.; Thos. Mayall, acting S.D.; Geo. F. Lawton, I.G.; John Waterhouse, Tyler, John Heys, P.M.; Jas. Allett, Chas. C. Moody, W. E. Bailey, John M. Brooke, William Stevenson, Samuel Broadbent. Visitors: Bros. Geo. P. Cartwright, S.W. 678; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633, W.M. 1213; W. R. Batchelor, P.M. 324; B. B. Bradshaw, W.M. 337; T. G. Platt, 337; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1633, P.P.G.T.; S. P. Bidder, P.M.; John Collinge, P.M. 467, P.G.J.W.; W. G. Martin, 1633, 1814; W. Young, P.M. 348; R. Williams, P.M. 1213, 1814; A. Derham, 1814; Thos. H. Tanner, 337; J. W. Tanner, 337; Mark Stafford, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 3 o'clock with commendable punctuality, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance sheet, which gave great satisfaction as showing a most respectable sum on the right side, was reported on, and adopted. The lodge was afterwards raised to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Dunbar Murray, duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, who, in a most masterly manner, and with due rite and ceremony, inducted Bro. Dunbar into the chair of K.S. We cannot too highly speak of the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and which testified once more the great interest Bro.

Roberts takes in Masonry, and his ardent desire to act strictly in accordance with the ritual. The Installing Master did the whole of the ceremony himself, with the exception of the address to the W.M., and what is seldom heard, also delivered from memory the questions from the Book of Constitutions, which are generally read by the Secretary.

The following brethren were invested by Bro. Roberts as officers for the ensuing year; Bros. J. Stevenson, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W., by deputy; John Buckley, P.M., Treas., re-appointed; Daniel Dempsey, Sec.; William Stevenson, S.D.; G. F. Lawton, J.D.; James Allott, I.G.; Bailey, Steward; John Waterhouse, Tyler. After the investiture, Bro. P. M. Buckley delivered the address to the W.M., and the Installing Master, after addressing the Wardens and brethren, concluded the installation ceremony.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed at 5.25. The brethren celebrated the festival of St. John by a banquet, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to, a very pleasant evening was enjoyed, and some excellently rendered glees, solos &c., by Bros. Tanner and Mark Stafford were listened to with pleasure and satisfaction.

LISCARD.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—A large and influential meeting of the Craft assembled on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Queen's Arms, Liscard, near Birkenhead, in connection with the above lodge, for the purpose of installing for the coming year Bro. John G. Parker, the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened about 2.30 by Bro. Henry Matthews, the retiring W.M., who acted as Installing Master, and who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. After the installation ceremony the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. H. Matthews, I.P.M.; W. Danger, S.W.; J. H. Jones, J.W.; J. A. Mitchell, Treas.; T. V. Burrows, Sec.; G. Alister, S.D.; J. Hindley, J.D.; W. Price, P.M., M.C.; E. T. Rawson, I.G.; J. Lawton, S.S.; and J. Middleton, J.S. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Installing Master for the very able and effective manner in which he had performed the installing ceremony, which was carried unanimously. The business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

The installation banquet was served up in Bro. Alltree's usual style, and afterwards a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. H. Matthews, as a mark of the very able manner in which he had discharged the office of W.M. for the past year.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. Sindall, W.M.; Gordon, S.W.; Kentish, J.W.; Shaboe, Chap. and I.P.M.; Buss, Treas.; Pearse, Sec.; Maple, acting S.D.; W. M. Maybury, I.G.; Roberts, Steward; Gilbert, Tyler; Phythian, P.M.; Keily, P.M.; Kenning, Tarr, Spratling, Kirke, Sadler, Tattershall, Wilson, Rogers, Griffiths, F. W. Smith, Boney, and Parnwell. Visitors: Bros. Laxton, P. Prov. G.D. Middx.; Atkins, P.M. 27; Cooper, I.P.M. 507; Gillard, S.W. 657; Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Boys' School, and several others.

Bros. Nilson and Rogers were passed to the Second Degree. A letter from Sir F. Burdett, Bart., was read, expressing his thanks to the lodge for their vote of congratulation. The S.W., Bro. Gordon, was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Buss re-elected Treasurer. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in harmony, and adjourned to the usual banquet provided by Bro. Sadler.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Lion Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. C. Jessett, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.W., W.M., elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J. W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B., Middx. Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Secretary; John Hammond, P.P.G.D., acting I.P.M.; Kent, S.D.; Hiscox, J.D.; Moody, I.G.; Knowles, W.S.; Tozer, A.W.S.; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey (Hon. Member); Davey, Axford, Finch, Russell, Messenger, Bartlett, Carington, Beauchamp, Phillips, Gilbert, P.G., Tyler Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., P.M. 889; Wilson, P.M. 209; Groome, P.M. 861; Welch, 3; Knapp, 570; Ayling, 976; Handell, 1756; Gaze, 1768. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1512; J. Rowes, P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland; James Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. P. Rogers, P.M.; Marvin, J.D. 1768; Hurst, 1768, and others. A notice of motion given by Bro. Ockenden as to reducing the fees for initiation and joining was fully discussed and unanimously carried. The bye-laws having been read and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, the ceremony of installing Bro. Ockenden into the chair of K.S. was most ably carried out by Bro. J. Hammond, who was assisted by W. Bros. Hopwood, as S.W.; Walls, J.W.; W. Hammond, as I.G.; Honeywell, Organist; and Francis, as D.C. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Installing Officers, W. Bros. Hammond, Honeywell, and Francis, for their valuable services. The officers invested were Bros. Jessett, I.P.M.; Walls, S.W.; Kent, J.W.; Hopwood, Treasurer; W. Hammond, Secretary; Hiscox, S.D.; Moody, J.D.; Wheeler, I.G. (by deputy); Knowles, D.C.; Tozer, W.S.; Davey, A.W.S. The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was duly catered for by Bro. Ballard. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. stated that it was his intention during his year of office to be exceedingly brief in his prefaces to the various toasts. "The Queen and Craft" was then honoured and the National Anthem sung. The other customary toasts followed and were duly drunk. W. Bro. W. Hammond responded in an effective speech upon behalf of "The P. G. Officers." The Health of "The W.M." was proposed in appropriate terms by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks the I.P.M. said that it must be exceedingly gratifying to the members to have the first initiate of the lodge occupying the proud position of W.M. He then went on to say that, without disparagement to the members of the Hemming who had filled the chair, he believed the "work" would be performed in a manner that would be as creditable to No. 1512, as a most prosperous lodge, as it would be to

Bro. Ockenden, as a most skilful Master. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. having briefly returned thanks then gave "The Installing Officers." In proposing the toast he dwelt upon the long services rendered to the cause of Masonry by W. Bros. J. Hammond and Francis. He personally felt greatly complimented in being inducted into the chair by two such worthy ornaments of the Masonic Fraternity. As the members had already passed a vote of thanks to those brethren, it would be superfluous on his part to utter any further words of praise and gratitude. In concluding his remarks, he begged also to thank W. Bro. Honeywell for the very great services he had rendered during the ceremony, and for the musical abilities he had displayed during the banquet, and as W. Bros. Hammond and Francis had left, he should couple his name with the toast. This pledge having been enthusiastically honoured W. Bro. Honeywell briefly and modestly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Past Masters" the W.M., after having spoken of the abilities of the various brethren who had passed the chair, particularly alluded to the attention and zeal bestowed by the I.P.M., upon the lodge since its foundation. At the conclusion of his remarks he said that although the lodge had voted Bro. Jessett ten guineas to qualify him as a Life Governor of the R.M.B.I., yet some of the members had not been content with that mark of approval, but had agreed to present him with a replica of the jewel worn by the other Past Masters, which he, the W.M., had great pleasure in presenting. The I.P.M. having acknowledged the toast and the testimonial that accompanied it, in a speech broken by emotion, "The Visitors" followed. This toast was responded to by Bros. Wilson and Groome, in very complimentary terms. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order, and drew from W. Bros. Hopwood and Hammond, most exhaustive replies. The toasts of "The Officers" and "The Masonic Charities" were coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly replied. The Tyler's toast at midnight brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The usual monthly meeting of this influential lodge was held at Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Duncan, jun., supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. R. Warriner, I.P.M.; J. H. Parker, P.M.; J. W. Lunt (Town Councillor), P.M., M.C.; W. Ladyman, S.W.; C. J. McGuire, J.W.; J. A. Forrest (Town Councillor), P.M., Treas.; C. J. Cuddock, Sec.; W. H. Hignett, S.D.; Dr. A. Soldat, J.D.; W. Ripley, I.G.; T. J. Farrell, S.S.; J. Parry, J.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; R. Roberts, P.M. 1473; M. Guthrie, T. J. Irvine, Y. Trampleasure, and K. Kichley Visitors: T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; W. Crane, P.M. 1299; J. Lees, 667; W. Walker, 667; A. Rose, 21, New York; J. Pennington, 1473; W. Davis, 667; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Mr. James Tweedie, who was declared duly elected. Bro. James Gleave, of 445, Callao, was also elected a joining brother. Mr. Tweedie being in attendance was installed into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. in a very efficient manner: the J.W. presented and explained the working tools. After the lodge had been duly closed the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—This lodge held a meeting on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. Dehane, W.M.; Wing, S.W.; Kidder, J.W.; Wing, Treas.; Fox, Sec.; Balls, S.D.; Loewenstark, J.D.; Smout, I.G.; Gush, Preceptor; and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Johnston answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. Fox worked the First Section. Bro. Smout was a candidate for the Third Degree. Bro. Wing worked the Second Section. Lodge was closed down. The following brethren were elected members: Johnstone, Smout, and Ward. Lodge was then adjourned.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were rehearsed at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the lodge house, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 18th inst. Bro. David Rose, P.M. 73, 1475, and 1622, presided, and was assisted by Bros. George Andrews, P.M. and D.C. 871, and Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, as S.W.; Coen, 169, as J.W.; Hilton, J.D. 1475, as S.D.; Taylor, 1531, as J.D.; Gloster, P.M. 1531, as I.G.; Griffin, P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 93, Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge, as I.P.M.; and Gibson, 1531, Hon. Secretary. Bro. Rose commenced the business of the evening punctually at seven o'clock, the lodge being opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree. The Seven Sections of the Lecture in this Degree were then worked as follows: the first by Bro. Griffin; the second by the J.W.; the third by Bro. Tuck, W.S. 831, Sec. 1531, A.S. 1275; the fourth by Bro. Hutchings, S.W. 147 and 1531; the fifth by the S.W.; the sixth by the S.D.; and the seventh by the S.W. The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and the Lecture thereto appertaining was rehearsed, the First Section by the I.G.; the second by Bro. Martin, I.G. 879; the third by Bro. Waterman, P.M. 147; the fourth by the S.W.; and the fifth by Bro. Martin. The resumption of the lodge in the Third Degree was followed by the working of the three remaining Sections, the first by Bro. Marketis, J.W. 1275; the second by the S.D.; and the third by the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gibson. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, two visiting brethren, Bros. Harrington, P.M. 879, and Gilloch, 1275, were elected joining members, and the business of the evening was brought to a satisfactory termination by the unanimous adoption of resolutions that votes of thanks be inscribed upon the minutes to Bro. Rose for presiding, and to the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections.

In consequence of the full report of the great gathering at the Mansion House we have been obliged to defer to our next issue some interesting particulars connected with the recent exhibition at the Agricultural Hall.

Reviews.

THE WORKS OF WASHINGTON IRVING. G. P. Putman, New York. Sampson Low & Co., London.

What pleasant memories the name of Washington Irving recalls to many readers, and some no longer young. Now, not a few of us can go back mentally to day, after long years, to "Bracebridge Hall," and "The Stout Gentleman," to "Knickerbocker's History of New York," to the "Conquest of Granada," "Tales of a Traveller," and those pleasant legends which made us know so well the Hudson River and the early Dutch settlers. The real and old original "Sketch Book" was a wonderful and realistic pleasure to us all in its purity of style, its simplicity of utterance, its truthfulness, and its love of England, its happy geniality, and its elevating thought. Major Sherer in one of his charming works, now nearly forgotten, though he was a writer our fathers affected much, in his "Recollections of Egypt" tells us how in the old school room at Winchester he charmed himself at his "scob," when not "up at books," with the "Arabian Nights," and we who write to-day can gratefully recal many a stolen half hour of undiluted happiness and improvement devoted to the fascinating pages of Washington Irving. For ever green be his memory! He probably has charmed and captivated more readers of all ages than any one who can easily be named in the same breath, and with the most sound and wholesome of reading. We cannot, therefore, pass by this more stately republication and reappearance of his well-known works without a sigh of memory, or a word of praise.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CENTENARY OF THE F.M.H. MEDAL.

At the celebration of the Centenary of the F.M.H. Medal, 1780, by the "Royal Cumberland Lodge," No. 41, Bath, on the 7th inst., the loving cup presented by Dr. Henry Hopkins, the W.M., bore the following inscription:

"This Loving Cup was presented to the

Royal Cumberland Lodge of Freemasons, No. 41, Bath, (Founded in 1733).

By the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, M.A., F.C.P., W.M. 41, P.M. 43 and 958, P.Z. 328, 587, 710, &c., P.P.G.S.W. of Warwickshire,

At the Masonic Hall, Orchard Street, Bath, Oct. 7th, 1880, as a memento of the celebration of the Centenary of the presentation by Grand Lodge in 1780 of the Freemasons' Hall Medal,

now attached to the Official Jewel of the W.M. of No. 41." On the other side was also engraved:

"Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath."

At the banquet, the W.M., who presided, introduced a novelty, which interested the members exceedingly, and took no little time to accomplish, the guests being so numerous, and all determined to do their part properly and loyally. Instead of the usual toast which is first in all Masonic gatherings, each brother said to his neighbour (one after the other) "God save the Queen, Patron of our Charities; may Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth ever prevail between you and me and all true Masons," and then made use of the "Loving Cup" accordingly. The words were neatly written, and attached to the festival vessel, and the Queen was never more heartily "toasted." C.

NUMISMATICS.

I find there are several brethren interested in the collection of Masonic medals and in numismatics generally, and if not otherwise supplied, they will thank me for directing their attention to two small works of special interest and value on the "Silver Coins" and "English Coins—Copper, Tin, and Bronze." These are written and published by J. Henry, 48, Devonshire-street, Queen-square, London, W.C., and the two can be had for 3s. 4d. by post. I have just purchased a set, and consider they contain much useful information for collectors as to kinds, values, &c. I wonder such publications are not advertised in Masonic works, for surely many would be glad to know of them. I shall be glad to hear of any old Masonic medals, either to purchase or be favoured with sketches and particulars, for a work I contemplate on the subject.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Knights Templar.

SOUTHPORT.—De Lacy Encampment (No. 95).—The above preceptory, for the past year under the Eminent Commandership of Sir Knight J. H. T. Cottier, although but formed in May, 1878, now numbers—chiefly residents in the town—some twenty-two members, and is one of the strongest in the province of the County Palatine of Lancaster. The annual installation ceremony of this preceptory was held in the Freemasons' Hall, East-bank-street, on the 20th inst. There was a good muster of swords on the occasion, amongst those present being Sir Knights Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Very Eminent Prov. Grand Commander; George Higgins, Prov. Grand Second Pursuivant; W. R. Robinson, P.E.C. Sir Knight C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds installed Sir Knight John Sutton as Eminent Commander for the ensuing year. The newly-installed Eminent Commander appointed and invested his officers, who were as follows: Sir Knights J. H. Gottier, Prov. Eminent Commander; C. H. Knowles, Prelate; G. B. Baker, First Captain; T. S. Cory, Second Captain; W. H. Johnson, Expert; R. Heap, Treasurer; J. H. Welsby, Registrar; J. Barratt, Captain of Lines; J. Hatch, Almoner; P. M. Hunter, First Standard Bearer; J. C. Seidenstricker, Second Standard Bearer; W. A. Byron, First Herald; J. Ellis, Second Herald; and Frater G. Rockliff, Equerry. After the usual business of the encampment the Sir Knights adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, to partake of an excellent supper, provided by Sir Knight Seidenstricker, which not only reflected the highest credit upon his acquaintance with the cuisine department, but contributed much to the harmony and good feeling which characterised the whole of the proceedings. The customary toasts having been duly honoured, the Equerry's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursdays.

It is therefore requested that all communications intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Advertisements and short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

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To Correspondents.

The kind communications of Bro. G. C. D. and Bro. Collas stand over unavoidably until next week.

A PAST MASTER.—Yes.
S. G. D. has omitted to send his name.

The following reports stand over:—

Southern Cross Lodge, Cape of Good Hope; Oration by Bro. W. Randell, P.G.M. Chaplain Warwickshire; St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, Jarrow.

CORRESPONDENCE: Masonic Tramps; C. Yurrd.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Croydon Guardian," "Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Australian Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Guardian," "Yorkshire Gazette," "The Empire," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Lake Bay of Plenty," "Egyptian Gazette," "The Hebrew Leader," "The English Universities and John Bunyan."

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. 30, 1880.

THE brilliant and festive gathering at the Mansion House on Monday last will not soon be forgotten by any who were privileged to be present. It was a most complete success from first to last. The details and accessories were all equally in keeping with the special characteristics of that remarkable assembly, and reflect great credit on those who brought so kindly and pleasant an idea to so happy and effective a completion. The speeches were all to the point—short, hearty, kindly, sensible, manly, and truly Masonic in views and outcome. We congratulate our distinguished brother the LORD MAYOR on this most fraternal and friendly reception of his brethren, and we feel sure that amid the many pleasant memories of office in which he has so admirably discharged the duties, municipal and hospitable, of his high position, none will hereafter be more grateful and satisfactory to himself than that which will always associate itself with his kindly entertainment of his brethren in Masonry. OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER won, as he always does win, the "golden opinions" and high encomiums of all, by his personal kindness and urbanity, and, above all by the "thorough" and hearty tone of his remarks, alike most able in themselves and gratifying to his hearers. H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT spoke like a good soldier, clear and true

to his point. From first to last the gathering was a most happy idea, and a still more happy success, an "alba dies" for all who met their GRAND MASTER by the thoughtful and fraternal prevision of the LORD MAYOR in the Mansion House on Monday last. What can impugnors of Masonry say now to that wonderful assembly of English Freemasonry?

THE very interesting and important letter of our correspondent "CHARITY" in our last deserves careful note and consideration. We thought so, and, therefore, did not allude to it last week for fear of not doing justice to the subject. We have always felt, and felt strongly, that the custom of lodges and chapters in allowing brethren and companions to subscribe to the Charities, but doing nothing for the Charities by the "body corporate," is not only a grave mistake but an unsound theory of Masonic duty. The argument we have often heard, which our correspondent alludes to—that a lodge or chapter is not bound to give anything, qua a lodge or chapter, if any of its members act as Stewards, because they thereby "tax themselves doubly," is, and always has appeared to our minds, both selfish and un-Masonic. For the consequence is, as our correspondent so forcibly puts it, that subscription and initiation fees are all "absorbed" by material and other expenses, and nothing is left positively for Charity of any kind. This is a very bad state of affairs, and a serious reflection is thus left on our profession and practice as a benevolent and philanthropic Fraternity. We have said over and over again, and we repeat it to-day, that all lodges and chapters ought to give some official support to the Charities as lodges and chapters, and not merely rely on being well represented by the liberality and sacrifices of some few warm-hearted members. This is the very evil in our midst we all complain of. A few brethren comparatively of our 100,000 brethren bear the "burden and heat of the day" come up year by year, over and over again; but the overwhelming majority does not aid in the good work. The same fact applies to lodges and chapters—a small proportion of both, comparatively speaking, do anything, have done anything, and at the present state of things will do anything. We always make allowance for several points and facts which others overlook or misrepresent. Despite all that has been said, and all that is believed, our Order is not a very wealthy Order. We have rich men amongst us, but the great bulk are professional men, "bread winners," and that they do give many of them, year by year, as liberally as they do, is a matter of just pride and honest satisfaction for us all. But the Secretaries of the three great Institutions would hail the day when they saw a movement beginning for every lodge and chapter to recognize their pressing and undoubted claims, and to do something as lodges and chapters, as well as an increase of support from the great body of Freemasons. It is perfectly true that all lodges and chapters are not equally well to do; it is the fact, undoubtedly, that young lodges have many expenses to meet at their commencement. But we confess that we should think better in every respect of that lodge or chapter whose balance sheet, even in the first year of its existence, could show something done for the "Charities," and not, as too frequently happens, "balance due to the Treasurer £41 15s.," and, alas! not one item for "Charity," or our great Metropolitan Institutions. We have, we hope, spoken clearly, and yet kindly, on a confessedly difficult subject, and we trust that we may yet hail an extending movement in this respect. Nothing will so help the Secretaries of the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions, nothing will so tend to perpetuate and strengthen that labour of love of Masonic benevolence in our midst, which, in our opinion, does really more for the true work of Masonry, than the most eloquent speeches, or the most æsthetic ceremonies.

As we see that Bro. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, is to preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we doubt not that that excellent Institution will have a most successful gathering, and which will have a result most marked and benefi-

cial for our old men and widows. Whatever W. Yorkshire sets itself to do it does well, and from what we have heard it will have a very striking return. All our good wishes go with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and zealous exertions and kindly sacrifices in its favour.

WE are amused by reading in the *Jewish Herald*, of Melbourne, the following complaint of "mixed marriages" between Christians and Hebrews, which it seems are of frequent occurrence. We say nothing ourselves of the main question at issue, because we are well aware that there are two sides to it. Our Hebrew confrère, in bemoaning what he calls these "mesalliances," gives the following reasons for them, which, we think, are somewhat peculiar in themselves, and will cause some of our readers to smile. The "Kosher house," we may observe, is in fact a place where the meat is prepared according to Hebrew traditions. "The frequent occurrence of such intermarriages within the past few years must give 'food for reflection' to every right-minded Jew in the colonies. With whom lies the fault of such a contretemps, and what is likely to be a good remedy for such a disease? In my opinion the fault lies with the parents, for the following reasons, which are applicable to Jews in Victoria as well as in New South Wales, to those in New Zealand as well as those in Queensland. Very few parents keep a Kosher house, and are not particular as to what they eat; children observe their parents enter a restaurant, sit down, and eat whatever is placed in front of them; they are taken by their parents to an outing, and are regaled with oysters and other forbidden food; and many families have oysters and prawns in their very homes. Jewish children are not sent to Jewish schools where they are taught their religion, but are allowed to pick up all kinds of anti-Jewish habits at the schools where they are taught; they are allowed to eat at the houses of their Christian friends, to go to their picnics, &c. What can possibly result from this but marriage?" Some of our readers may repeat to themselves after this serious and eloquent statement, CLOUGH's memorable words, "They say 'tis 'Juxta Position.' But what is 'Juxta Position.'"

OUR readers will have noticed with much regret the premature death of a distinguished Judge, the LORD JUSTICE THESIGER. Though very young still and, humanly speaking, with much good work before him, he has passed away, after a sudden and serious seizure of illness, leaving a sad void in his family circle, and a host of mourning friends in his own profession to regret the unforeseen extinction of such high powers and the early end of such a promising career.

OUR readers will be glad to hear that Bro. the Rev. W. TEBBS, P.P.G.C. for Somersetshire, and a whilom contributor to our column, has reached New Zealand in safety, and has taken possession of his important parish, St. Matthews, and 12,000 parishioners in Auckland. He was quite well, and promises to write to us before long.

THE TOAST OF THE "GRAND OFFICERS," &c.

The question whether Provincial Grand Masters should respond to the "toast" of the "Grand Officers" was asked by "Bayard" in the *Freemason* for July 24th (also whether a Provincial Grand Master is, *ipso facto*, a Grand Lodge Officer), and was answered in the affirmative by the Editor. Since then a little correspondence on the subject has arisen, but I venture to say nothing like the importance that the subject demands. Those interested in the enquiry will do well to consult the *Freemason* for July 24th, August 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, October 2nd and 23rd. The last date contains an excellent summary of the evidence in favour of the negative view by "Bayard," with which I fully concur, and consider it well nigh decisive. My opinion is that Provincial Grand Masters are members of the Grand Lodge of England, taking rank after Past Deputy Grand Masters but are not officers of the Grand Lodge. They have a position given them in accordance with the rank held, but that they are not Officers of the Grand Lodge is evident

from the fact that they are appointed or removed entirely by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge in no way being consulted or allowed a voice in the matter. In the case of the Grand Officers, as "Bayard" and others have pointed out, they cannot be removed without the consent of the Grand Lodge. I am quite willing to admit that Provincial Grand Masters may be styled officers in the Grand Lodge, but not of the Grand Lodge, as "Bayard" suggests. The real fact is, their position in the Grand Lodge is due to a desire to honour such useful and noble brethren as much as possible.

The "Grand Officers" are invested by the Grand Master (or acting Grand Master), and without such ceremony are really but Grand Officers, nominate or elect. Provincial Grand Masters are in like manner but Provincial Grand Masters nominate until invested and obligated, only the latter do not require to be invested in Grand Lodge, whereas the Grand Officers must always be. Is not this a proof of the difference between these two classes of officers, and evidence that the "Book of Constitutions" refers to Grand Officers as such, and not to Provincial Grand Masters in the various clauses noted by "Bayard?"

There is more involved in the enquiry than appears on the surface, and certainly if the learned Editor of the *Freemason* and those who think with him are correct, the "Book of Constitutions" requires in many parts to be altered.

It occurs to me that the Provincial Grand Masters in the Grand Lodge, and joining Past Masters in lodges, are in somewhat the same position. To the toast of the "Grand Officers," the officers of, not in, the Grand Lodge should respond, and to that of the "Past Masters," the Past Masters of, not in, the lodge should respond. Is not this fair reasoning? If the Grand Officers invested annually by the Most Worshipful Grand Master are not to respond to the toast of the "Grand Officers," because Provincial Grand Masters are present, the toast had better be altered in the future, so as to ensure their so doing. Say "Grand Officers of the year." If the toast were given in full, would it not be "The D.G.M., Grand Wardens, Chaplains, Treasurer, Registrar, Pres. B. of G.P., Secretary, Deacons, S. of Works, Dir. of Ceremonies, &c.?" Would it include the Provincial Grand Masters? I say positively no, and never has, whenever it has been given in full, or alluded to at length by the presiding officer. True, the Provincial Grand Masters often preside in Grand Lodge, and no one objects thereto, but what may be considered a privilege is not a right, and their presiding cannot override the Book of Constitutions.

REVIRESCO.

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.]

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
With all deference to "Bayard," I fully understood his argument, such as it was, but he must allow me to add that the theory of an essential difference as between "Grand Officers" and "Officers of Grand Lodge," though very ingenious, was an "after thought," and I do not remember, though I may be wrong, that he has used the argument before, whatever he may have meant.

The Book of Constitutions apparently makes no difference or distinction. It uses the words "Officers Grand," see "Grand Officers;" and, as far as the terminology of the Book of Constitutions is concerned, they are "convertible terms." We all know that there is a difference between Prov. and District Grand Masters and the actual "Grand Officers" of the year in that the former are invested under "patent" in their own Provincial and District Grand Lodge, and the latter in Grand Lodge itself.

But though this be so, and the sections and laws applying to the invested officers of Grand Lodge are many and precise, yet this fact does not do away with another fact—that, under the Book of Constitutions, Prov. and District Grand Masters are assigned a place of precedence and dignity in Grand Lodge, form part of Grand Lodge, are Grand Officers, in the sense and limits of the Book of Constitutions, in Grand Lodge, and as such, as "Bayard's" learned brother truly tells him, which is just what I have contended for from the first, "entitled to preside over Grand Lodge."

Let us note here whither the force of argument has driven these hasty innovations on a thirty years' practice and habit of English Freemasonry. Having previously asserted the impropriety of a Prov. and District Grand Master responding legally for the toast of the Grand Officers in the presence of Grand Officers invested in Grand Lodge, they are now compelled to contend, to be consistent, (as I pointed out that they must do), that a Prov. and District Grand Master cannot legally preside over Grand Lodge. What next?

Before I go any further let me respectfully ask "Bayard" for any competent authority for such startling statements and sweeping changes. I hear a good deal of "high authorities" who say this and say that, but I know of none. I can only set against this stately dogmatism the positive practice of four Grand Masters, and the fact that no such theory has ever been stated openly since 1813.

The only precedent which Bro. "Bayard" quotes is that of a recent Grand Festival, but that is only the exception to the rule, as I have already admitted, that at Grand Festivals, (as it appears to me for obvious reasons), the senior invested officer returns thanks, but at no other time.

If Bro. "Bayard" will look back to the records of the "Charity Festivals," for instance, he will find that the response has always been made, as a rule, by the senior Grand

Officer present, mostly a Prov. or District Grand Master. Personally, I do not myself care which way the matter is decided; but this system of "bowling people over" by such sudden reversions of a long established practice is really among the things a "fellar can't understand."

Perhaps "Bayard" and I having said our say, had better take off our hats, make a respectful bow, and give way to our "elders and betters."

Yours fraternally,
NOT INFALLIBLE.
P.S.—At the banquet to the Prince of Wales on Monday at the Mansion House, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught naturally returned thanks for "The Grand Officers," as a Prince of the Blood Royal.

THE ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
To correct any erroneous impression conveyed by your leader in the *Freemason* of this date, anent the conflicting claims of the Ancient and Accepted and Ancient and Primitive Rites, and which appears to me to have been written, not only under a considerable amount of pressure from without, but also under a total misapprehension of the true histories of the two bodies, permit me to remark that whilst, with yourself, I have the most profound respect, individually, for those prominent members of Grand Lodge who are connected with the High Grades, still I cannot but express my regret that the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite should, in their official capacity, think it consistent with what you have well called "the true principles and rightful feelings of Masonic comity and goodwill," to covertly attack, from time to time, a Rite which, to say the least of it, has as good a title to a sovereign jurisdiction over its members as itself.

Before, however, entering upon any discussion as to the relative authenticity of the two Rites, I should be glad to know—

1st. Upon what authority you consider "the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as established at Golden-square," to possess a Sovereign jurisdiction over all "so-called Scotch Masonry?"

2ndly. Upon what authority do you assume the Rite of Memphis to be "all but extinct?"

3rdly. What date do you assign as that of the probable compilation of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as it now stands?

4thly. Again, upon what authority do you state that the Ancient and Primitive Rite has "no claim whatever to that name?"

If you will kindly favour me with a reply on these points, I hope to be able to satisfy yourself, and your readers, that the Ancient and Primitive Rite is not of so very hazy an origin as you have been hitherto persuaded to believe.

I may add that I have not responded to the enquiries made, for several weeks, in your columns as to the "Goss" Rite, and the connection of that distinguished (?) brother with the High Grade system in England, simply because I desired to avoid entering upon a controversy which might possibly give offence, and could afford but little satisfaction to those most interested. I feel, however, that to longer remain silent under the unjust assertions cast by implication upon the Rite of which I have the honour to be an officer would amount to a positive dereliction of duty, as it would be most unfair to the brethren, who, like myself, are proud to own their allegiance to the Ancient and Primitive Rite; and I trust to your well-known love of fair play to afford me due opportunity of defence.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly,
JAMES HILL, 33,
G. Sec. Gen. A. and P. Rite.

October 16th.
[We willingly publish this letter, taking out one or two personal remarks.—E.D. F.M.]

DRILL.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Though I am a great advocate for "drill" in our schools, I yet admit that it may be carried too far, for we do not want our people to be a "nation of soldiers." There is a possibility of "over-doing" it, and, therefore, we must always be on our guard against such a contingency.

There is an amusing story in "Convict Life," by a "Ticket of Leave Man," which touches upon this obvious hazard of "Red Tape" with great force and amusing pathos. I give it in the words of a contemporary quoting the work, which, as I have not read myself, I can only accept the quotation in faith, and take "on herasay."

He gives us the following incident in "breaking bad news" to convicts, as a proof that it is not well always to be "too military."

"One morning, I think it was in September, 1873, the poor fellow was summoned into the presence of the governor. I will describe the interview, because it portrays the character of the governor. I know that he had many rough characters to control, who require rough treatment. At times, no doubt, he did well to be stern; but there are times when even the governor of a prison should unbend. This governor was a militia or volunteer officer, and so, of course, stood severely on his military dignity; he insisted on a salute from everybody, officers and prisoners, whenever he made his appearance. On this September morning my sorrowing neighbour had been greatly disappointed at getting no news of his wife through the warden. At noon he was ushered into the awful presence of the governor. He was in a nervous state, and not thinking much of military tactics when the stern voice of the chief warden called out, "Ands by your side! Hies to the front!"

Governor: "Do you know a Mrs. Warner?" Prisoner: "Yes, sir." Governor: "Who is she? a relative?" Prisoner: "She is a friend with whom my wife is staying, and she is kindly nurs—" Governor: "That will do. There is bad news for you. Your wife is dead!" Chief Warden: "Right about face! Quick march!"

A "word to the wise" is sufficient.

Yours fraternally,
EMERITUS.

FREEMASONRY IN DURHAM.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
It is always pleasing to read about one's mother lodge, especially when that lodge is an old one, and to which there is attached an abundance of old lore and historical facts. The perusal of the two articles on "Durham Freemasonry," in your issues dated the 16th and 23rd inst., showed that the writer had evidently given

much consideration to the subject and was able to give us some useful information relating to the ancient lodges. But I take exception to some of his remarks respecting the place of origin of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48. I know something of its early history and vicissitudes, but I never heard that it was "an alien" to Durham at any time, nor yet that it ever had a home out of the province. The lodge was an operative one before the close of the 17th century, and is said to have been established and held at Swalwell, a village four miles from this town, prior to the year 1717. The ancient minute book, which goes back as far as the year 1723, gives, in the year 1733, the names of its officers. It is also mentioned under date of 29th Sept. 1725, that "Mathew Armstrong and Arthur Douglass, Masons, appeared to have their names registered as Entered Apprentices." We are also informed in the same book, under date 24th June, 1735, that the lodge was held at Bro. Thompson's, Swalwell, when it was constituted (query re-constituted) by Bro. Jos. Laycock, P.G.M., the first known P.G.M. of Durham. We are also told that on December 17th, 1737-S, Wm. Burton, of Whickham (an adjoining village), "his indenture was read over as apprentice to Mathew Armstrong, of Swalwell." This Mathew Armstrong is probably the same mentioned as being registered in 1725. We have in a continuous line the names of the several Masters, from which it appears that from 1733 to 1844 the lodge was regularly held at Swalwell, and from 1845 to the present time it has been located at Gateshead.

This evidence clearly disproves the theory of your correspondent that the lodge was ever held out of the province, and I shall be glad to hear from what authority the writer obtained his information.

I may, perhaps, be permitted to state that the minute book containing the record of the union between the old Union and the Borough lodges exists, and is in the possession of Bro. Dr. R. F. Cook, P.M. of No. 48.

Yours fraternally,
ROBT. WHITFIELD,
October 26th. I.P.M. Lodge of Industry, No. 48.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As an energetic Arch Mason I should be pleased to see the regulations as to formation of chapters altered; in my own experience I could give many instances of the three years' delay, and a chapter started with only one or two members of the mother lodge, the others having joined other bodies directly the lapse of a year enabled them to do so. Let new lodges be few and far between; the number formed seems to be decreasing in London. May the Prov. Grand Masters be equally careful, and chapters be formed. I cannot agree with your remarks as to the chapters and the charities, as brethren cannot find money for Stewards' lists in both lodges and chapters.

Yours fraternally,
I.P.M.

LODGE SUPPORT TO THE CHARITIES.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Referring to the letter of your Correspondent "Charity" in your last week's number, on the above subject, I believe my experience may be of some value.

About six years since I joined a lodge in the country town where I now reside, and was surprised to find that, with the exception of two brethren who resided out of the province, I was the only life subscriber or governor of the Masonic Schools, and that the practice of the lodge was to give a guinea a year to each of the Charities and obtain annual votes. We had at that time one of our old brethren in the Benevolent Institution, the son of a deceased brother in the School, and the son of another brother a candidate for admission; the number of members was about twenty-five, our subscription one and a half-guineas a year, and we had a balance of from £20 to £25. Under these circumstances I undertook the advocacy of the Charities; formed a Lodge Charity Association, and advocated the support out of lodge funds to any brother going up as Steward. My efforts were much more successful than I anticipated—the Charity Association has increased the number of individual life subscribers in the province connected with this lodge from one to ten (including three ladies), and will shortly increase that number to eighteen, whilst the support given by the lodge in supporting brethren going up as Stewards, and by subscribing to the Lodge Charity Association, has placed it in possession of four votes in perpetuity. This in six years from a small country lodge of only twenty-five members is, I consider, very good, in fact too good; and I find by experience that I have ridden a willing horse too hard, and he's a little weak now, but I hope by judicious management, with regular gentle exercise, to soon put him all right again. At the last audit there was a balance due to the Treasurer, a circumstance that has not happened for some years, and this year it appears that, although our numbers have slightly increased, we shall still be in debt at the audit in March next, unless in the mean time we have a few initiations. On the occasion of the last audit the blame for this state of affairs was laid at my door, but not in a spirit of complaint, for all the brethren knew the cause of our being in debt, and sympathised with the object; but they felt, and none more so than myself, that it is the duty of every lodge, as well as individual, to "be just before they are generous," and therefore they justly complained.

Having to some extent been the party to lead the lodge into this mess, I began to consider the best means of extricating it, without sacrificing the benevolent feelings that had been aroused. Some of the brethren said, stop the charity vote for a few years; others advocated a return to the old system of a guinea a year, but I am glad to say the majority concurred in the opinion that a lodge having subscriptions amounting to nearly £40 a year, whilst it could not continually be supporting Stewards with donations of ten guineas, could, or ought at least, to subscribe four guineas a year to the Charities; it was, therefore, proposed, and unanimously resolved, "That the lodge, instead of subscribing direct to the Charities, be a subscriber of four guineas a year to the Lodge Charity Association, for the purpose of providing the lodge with votes in perpetuity," and the result now is that, without distressing the lodge, the Lodge Charity Association can always place ten guineas on the list of any brother going up to represent the lodge as a Steward. I have never heard it urged, either in my present lodges or elsewhere, that because a brother was an individual in

scriber to the Charities therefore his lodge should not subscribe. I believe it is generally considered that every lodge should devote some portion of its funds in support of the Charities, and, I think, the majority do so. No fixed rule can, of course, be laid down as to the amount that should be annually subscribed; but, as a general rule, I think it will be found that a properly-managed lodge can well afford a sum equal to 10 per cent. on the gross subscriptions if no extra calls are made.

In conclusion, I may say that I believe it would be of great benefit to lodges themselves if every lodge had a Lodge Charity Association, and if the lodge itself headed the list of subscribers for votes in perpetuity rather than give annual subscriptions.

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

Royal Arch.

ROBERT BURNS CHAPTER (No. 25).—

This chapter met on Monday, the 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., at five o'clock p.m. There were present Comps. G. R. Sherville, I.P.Z., as M.E.Z., in the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Martin, who is on the Continent; Hand, H.; Denton, as J.; W. Kerby, P.Z.; Treas.; W. Platt, P.Z., S.E.; F. Hatton, S.N.; Thos. Elsbey, P.S.; J. E. Shand, 1st. Asst.; Simmons, Deaton, and Lindner. Visitor: Comp. F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753.

Bro. J. T. Robins, P.M. Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, was duly and impressively exalted in Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. W. C. Boyd was re-elected unanimously a member, after seven years' absence on duty in India. The companions dined after closing the convocation, and the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly given and responded to, and, with some songs by the companions, a very agreeable meeting was terminated, and the companions separated.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter held its first meeting of the season at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when there were in attendance Comps. J. Manders, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; Moss, J.; Lowenstark, P.Z., acting I.P.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. P. Robinson; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Stewart, S.N.; Ellborn, 1st A.S.; Holbrook, P.Z.; and Wagner, P.Z. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read, Bros. A. Boehr, 1835, and E. I. M. Ploton, 1815, were duly balloted for, and subsequently exalted to the Supreme Degree of the R.A., the "work" of Comp. Mander, the First Principal, being as usual most ably performed. Several communications from absent companions having been read, the convocation was formally closed, and the companions adjourned to a well served banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary preliminary toasts received full justice. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Harfield said that he felt confident that every member of the old Jerusalem Chapter present that evening would agree with him that the working of the beautiful ceremony of the Royal Arch Degree had been carried out by Comp. Mander in a most masterly manner. He (the speaker) had been a member of the chapter for a great many years, but he had never seen the ceremony worked so well. In conclusion he hoped that their M.E.Z. would have plenty of candidates during the remainder of his year of office, in order that he might have further opportunities of instructing and delighting the companions of his mother chapter by his skilful work. (Hear.) The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, then gave, in complimentary terms, "The Second and Third Principals." This toast having been warmly received, Comps. Walls and Moss acknowledged the compliment. In proposing "The Health of the Exaltees," the M.E.Z. expressed his gratification at the advent of two such worthy brethren into the higher walks of Royal Arch Masonry. He hoped that the ceremony had created in them a favourable impression of the beauties of the Degree, and that they would never regret having crossed its portals. The exaltees having replied, "The Past Principals" followed, coupled with the name of Comp. Lowenstark, who duly responded in a lengthy speech, which space prevents our giving. "The Health of the Treasurer and S.E." was proposed in very flattering language by the First Principal, and drew from Comps. Harfield and Davage exhaustive replies. "The Officers" was coupled with the names of Comps. Stewart and Ellborn, and they having responded to the toast, the Janitor was called upon to discharge his duty, and the companions separated.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Comps. John E. Lees, Z.; William P. Norris, H.; W. Howarth Clark, J.; Jas. J. Lambert, Scribe E.; W. Nichol, Scribe N.; Henry L. Rocca, P.S.; John Church, 1st A.S.; Jas. W. Almond, 2nd A.S.; Sydney Henson, Treas.; John Smethurst, P.Z.; Jas. Dawson, P.Z.; C. Oldham; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G. 1st A.S.; John Bladon, P.Z.; Robt. Davies, Hugh R. Geo. Bayley, W. Sowten, P.P.S.; J. W. Edwards, Daniel Donbavand, J. E. Steward, Matthew Owen, Robert Tomlins, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened at six o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. At 6.20 the companions adjourned to tea, and re-assembled in the lodge room at 7.30. Bro. J. G. Elderton, of the Affability Lodge, was balloted for, and unanimously elected to become a companion of the chapter. He was afterwards duly exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by Comp. J. E. Lees, the presiding Z., assisted, and worthily assisted, by his able officers. The Historical Lecture was given collectively to Comps. R. R. Lisenden and J. G. Elderton by Comp. John Bladon, P.Z., and the Symbolical and Mystical Lectures were splendidly delivered by Comp. Dawson, P.Z., and in such a manner as to make an everlasting impression on both companions. The ceremony being finished the chapter was closed in the usual manner at 9.10.

A pleasant social hour and half was passed by the companions at the social board, during which Comp. Daniel Donbavand delivered with great elocutionary power "The Dream of Eugene Aram," and which produced quite a

sensational effect on his hearers. The companions separated at 10.40.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The quarterly convocation of this young chapter was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members were present: Comps. P. de E. Collin, M.E.Z.; T. Mandle, H.; J. R. Banks, S.E.; Capt. Sewell, S.N.; A. Walter, P.S.; E. G. Mitchell, 1st Asst. S.; J. Gardiner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Raven, J. Kendall, J. Wilson, and J. W. Robinson. Several companions were unavoidably absent, amongst them the Third Principal, Comp. W. Armstrong, through severe illness. There were five visitors present from Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven, viz.: Comps. W. F. Lamonby, M.E.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. S.; G. Dalrymple, P.S., P.G. Steward; Rowland Baxter, J. S. Braithwaite, and J. F. Kirkconnel.

The minutes being read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the following five candidates: Bros. C. J. Gibson, Philanthropic Lodge, No. 940, Stockton-on-Tees; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org., Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport; W. Walker, D. Bell, and J. Messenger, of the same lodge. The whole being accepted and present, they were regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree, by Comp. W. F. Lamonby, M.E.Z. No. 119, o the invitation of the M.E.Z. of the Nicholson Chapter; and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his services. Comp. Smith was subsequently appointed Organist of the chapter; and Comp. Messenger was also elected Janitor, by a show of hands. The chapter was then closed with the customary formalities.

TOPSHAM.—Brent Chapter (No. 1284).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 25th inst., when there was a good attendance of the companions. A ballot was taken for the Three Principals who are to preside over the chapter for the ensuing year, and the choice fell on Ex. Comp. Geo. Huxham for the chair as First P.; Ex. Comp. Wm. Pidsley for the Second Chair; and Ex. Comp. Wm. Brodie for the Third Chair. Successive ballots elected Comps. H. Willey, as Scribe E.; W. A. Gregory, S.N.; C. C. Kendrick, P.S.; H. S. Eland, 1st Asst. S.; C. Ashford, 2nd Asst. S.; Ex. Comp. W. F. Quicke was re-elected Treasurer, and the junior offices will be filled up by the First Principal at the next chapter.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and, as usual, was well attended. The officers were Comps. Le Feuvre, P.P.G. Sec. for Hants, Z.; Edmonds, H.; Lardner, J.; Brown, S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Payne, P.S.; and the other companions present were Comps. J. S. Fraser, W. Fraser, Cull, Pennecfather, Greenwood, Appleton, Walker, Neville Green, H. Thompson (*Freemason*), and others.

After the usual preliminaries, it was announced that the ceremony of exaltation to be worked, and Comp. Greenwood offered himself as a candidate. The ceremony was admirably performed, the whole of the officers being perfect in their duties. At the conclusion of the ceremony there were general congratulations on the excellent manner in which this impressive rite had been rendered. Comp. Neville Green, of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, 975, and of the Duke of Connaught, 1524, was proposed as a joining member, and unanimously elected. Comp. Brown, S.E. and Preceptor of the chapter, said it was customary on the occasion of any member taking the position of Z. for the first time to record a vote of thanks to him on the minutes of the chapter, and as the duties had that night been gone through in so efficient a manner, he felt sure that the proposition he made, "That the thanks of the chapter should be recorded to Comp. Le Feuvre," would be adopted unanimously. Comp. Lardner, J., seconded the motion, which was put by Comp. Edmonds, and carried unanimously. Comp. Le Feuvre returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, remarking that it was difficult to unlearn; but he had persevered in the working of this chapter, and had been successful in introducing it into the Province of Hampshire, to which he belonged. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Present: W. Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, P.G. Org., W.M.; Bros. Collins, S.W.; Pitt, as J.W.; W. S. Hale, M.O.; De Leliva, S.D.; Simons, J.D.; Humphreys, I.G.; R. P. Spice, W.S.; Mead, Org.; W. Bros. Worrell, Sec.; T. Megry, Treas.; Verry, I.P.M.; Past Masters A. Williams, P.G.D.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Jas. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Mainwaring, and others. Visitors: Bros. Haynes, 198; Musgrave, 22; and Hubbard, 22.

Bros. Lewin, Davies, and Lacey (after being duly balloted for), being in attendance, were advanced to this Honourable Degree by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. A candidate was proposed for the next meeting, and judging from appearances, and promises of support, the W.M. will have a busy year before him.

The brethren adjourned to dinner. After the cloth was removed, the customary toasts were given, and duly honoured. Charity was not forgotten, and a capital selection of music was given by Bros. Simons, Hubbard, Musgrave, and others, which is customary in the Macdonald Lodge.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 223).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the inst., Bros. T. W. Adams, G.S., P.G.I.G. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; G. H. Elliott, P.M. 1623, S.W.; and H. J. Lardner, S.D. 1623, J.W. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Butt, S.W. *pro tem*. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly confirmed, with one exception. Bro. T. W. Adams was invested again as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Gilbert, I.P.M., Treas.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; T. Butt, J.W.; W. Butt, M.O.; Van Raalte, S.W. and W.M. elect 917, S.O.; Greenwood, J.O.; Willis, S.D.;

Cohen, J.D.; Goodenough, I.G.; Appleton, S.; and S. Smyth, Tyler. Bro. W. Pennecfather, W.M. 1623, was again appointed Secretary. Several brethren were advanced, the ceremony being ably rendered.

The business of the meeting being ended, the W.M. closed the lodge in due form, and adjourned to an excellent banquet provided and superintended by Bro. Butt and sons. After grace the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," congratulating Bro. Gilbert on his election as Treasurer of the lodge, remarking that he had known Bro. Gilbert a long time, and was sure he would be a safe custodian of their funds, and would call on the brethren to mark their approbation by a good "fire." Bro. Gilbert, in response, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and trusted they might find him plenty of funds for the good of charity. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," stating the pleasure he felt at having been honoured by the attendance of Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.M., and Poore, and thanked them for their courteous assistance. The toast was fraternally received. Bro. Jas. Stevens, in returning thanks, pointed out to the brethren the great duties Masons owe to one another, and trusted the West Smithfield Lodge of Mark Masons would go on prospering. Bro. Poore also thanked the brethren in a similar strain. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," who returned thanks in suitable terms. The toast of "The Officers" was next proposed and responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Jas. Stevens, jun., was appointed Organist of the lodge, and also elected to honorary membership.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—

This highly successful lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., by fiat of the W.M. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; Alfred Tisley, S.W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, &c., I.P.M., acting J.W.; Skelton, D.C., acting M.O.; John Henry Dodson, Treasurer and S.O.; J. Bedingfield, J.O.; W. Farrington, S.D.; F. Farrington, J.D.; Charles Brown, I.G.; and Rawles, acting Tyler. The ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Harding, Isaac Newton Lodge, for advancement, and for Bro. Tinney, Samson and Lion Lodge, as a joining member, and being unanimous in each case, the first-named brother was immediately advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. Several communications having been read from Bros. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart, M.O.; Ricknell, J.W., and others, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served in the elegant drawing room of the hotel.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the only toasts given were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold," "The W.M.," and "The Advance." The latter toast having been warmly received, Bro. Harding replied. After expressing his acknowledgments to the brethren for the great honour that they had conferred upon him by admitting him into a lodge which had been founded under such distinguished auspices, he went on to say that he had been highly impressed with the ceremony, which he considered to be very quaint and interesting. In concluding his remarks he stated that he hoped to take a very active part in the Mark Degree, in order that he might in time be found worthy to occupy the proud position of W.M. of the Leopold Mark Lodge. The Tyler's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

VALETTA.—Union of Malta Lodge (No. 263).

A very successful meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Malta, on the 14th inst. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., W. Bro. Read, P.G.S.W. and P.M. 107, at 6.30 p.m. Present: R.W. Bro. Broadley, P.G.M. (honorary member); W. Bro. Lieut. Coffey, P.G. Sec., as I.P.M.; Bros. Glenday, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Stanley, M.O.; Giles, as S.O.; England, as J.O.; Woodthorpe, as Treas.; Senior, Sec.; May, S.D.; Santy, J.D.; Shillinglaw, I.G.; and Beck, Tyler. There was a very satisfactory attendance, both of members and visitors. After a successful ballot, the following Master Masons were advanced to the Mark Degree by the W.M., viz., Pearce, 349; Timmins, 1306; Walker, 914; and Walsh, 407. Bros. Flower and Jones, of the Leinster Mark Lodge, No. 387 (I.C.), were elected joining members. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the P.G.M. commended the working of the officers, and expressed his satisfaction at the result of Bro. Read's exertions in the chair of A. The W.M.M. thanked the Past Grand Master for his visit, and expressed his hopes that they had that day inaugurated a successful winter session. Bro. Shillinglaw, I.G., then presented to the lodge a most beautiful set of working tools, gavel, squares, &c., and a vote of thanks was ordered, by acclamation, to be inserted in the minutes, and a similar honour was afterwards accorded to Bro. May for his offering of a pedestal, for the S.W. wicket. The W.M. appointed Bro. England to fill the vacant chair of S.O., and Bro. Roe, S.M., Craft lodge (1604), to that of J.O. The lodge was then closed, after the usual charitable collection. After a short adjournment the Noah Royal Ark Mariners Lodge was opened by Bro. Read, W.C.N., with the assistance of Bros. Yeoman and May, J. and S., and other officers. Bros. Woodthorpe, Santucci, Santy, Timmins, and Pearce, were then exalted in the Noah Ark Degree, the R.W.P.G.C. (at the request of the W.C.N.) imparting the sign. The lodge was closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to a frugal repast under the genial presidency of W. Bro. Read.

MALTA.—Keystone Lodge (No. 107).—

An emergent meeting of the senior lodge of the province was held on the 12th October, 1880. Present: W. Bro. Watson, W.M.M.; W. Bro. Read, as S.W.; and R. W. Bro. Broadley as J.W.; and a fair attendance of officers and brethren. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Jones, of Lodge 515, who was afterwards advanced to the Mark Degree.

The Hospitalers Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then opened, with Comps. Watson, W.C.N., P.G.C.; A. M. Broadley as J.; and A. B. Truefitt as S. Bros. Pearce, Phillips, and Jones were elected and then elevated as Ark Mariners, the ceremony being worked at full length. A vote of thanks was passed to the P.G.C. for the assistance he had rendered to the working, and the lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix (No. 77).—The regular meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst. The chapter was opened in due form, and in the presence of Ill. Bros. John Barker, 30°, M.W.S.; W. Paley, 18°, H. Prelate; P. R. Tomlinson, First General; J. J. Boswell, as Second General, P. Wilson, Treas. and Recorder; J. Scholfield as Capt. of Guard; Ed. Heffernan, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and other Ill. brethren. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Bro. Cris. Anderson, P.M. No. 1311, which was found unanimous. The election of M.P.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year also took place, when Ill. Bro. Wm. Paley, 18°, H.P., was unanimously elected to the former important position, and Ill. Bro. R. Wilson re-elected to the latter post. Ill. Bro. J. Bannister, 33°, G. Inspector General of the Northern Counties, having entered the chapter addressed the brethren on sundry matters of importance to the Order. The candidate not being present the chapter was closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36). The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, on Friday, the 22nd inst. There were present Em. Sir Knights J. R. Banks, M.P.S.; T. Mandie, P.S. as V.E., in the absence through illness of Em. Sir Knight W. Armstrong; W. F. Lamony, P.S.; T. Bird, S.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Rec.; G. Dalrymple, Pref.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Orator; D. Bell, St. Br.; D. Titterington, and others.

The minutes of the annual assembly having been read and confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. Rowland Baxter, P.M. Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont; and J. F. Kirkconnell, J.W. Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington; and they, being accepted, were regularly installed Knights of the Order. The conclave was then closed; and the Sir Knights, on the invitation of the M.P.S., subsequently partook of an excellent tea, à la fourchette.

Cryptic Masonry.

MALTA.—Melita Council (No. 10).—A meeting of the above council was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 13th inst. Present: Sir Comps. Lieut. Coffey, R.A., T.I.M.; Major A. Ewing, D.M.; Dr. Mackinnon, P.C. of W.; and Comps. the Rev. F. D. Backhouse, Chap.; J. W. Starkey, Rec.; A. B. Tagliaferro, Treas.; Dr. Grier, C. of the G.; Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., as C. of the Council; Capt. Finch-Hayes, Marshal; Capt. Ford, R.A., Stwd.; R. Beck, Sentinel; R. P. Comp. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.; Comps. Watson Segond; and Capt. W. M. Bridger, a visitor from the Raymond Portal Council, No. 9, at Tunis.

The council being duly opened, the minutes of the 17th August were read and confirmed, and a ballot successfully taken in favour of Comps. Surgeon-Major John Walker, J.W. 349; J. May, J.D. 407; and A. B. Truefit, Sec. 515; who were duly admitted to the Four Degrees.

The Provincial Grand Council was then opened. After the confirmation of the previous minutes, the P.G.M. gave a short lecture on the historical interest of the Degrees and their relation to the R.A.

The Provincial and subordinate Councils were then closed in ancient form.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF AYRSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Ayr on the 22nd inst., Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., P.G.M., in the chair. There were also present, amongst others, Bros. Rev. A. Inglis, Kilmaurs, P.G. Chap.; Kennedy, Maybole, P.D.G.M.; R. Wylie, P.G. Sec.; J. Nelson, 22; W. D. Chambers, R.W.M. 204; W. Murray, R.W.M. 125; Capt. McDonald, D.M. 204; J. Gibson, R.W.M. 133.

It was agreed that each lodge in the province should make an annual payment for defraying necessary expenses. The Prov. Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would shortly be entirely free of debt, and that the consideration of the establishment of a benevolent fund, which was intended to be considered at this meeting, might be left over till next half-yearly meeting. This was unanimously agreed to, and after some routine business the lodge was duly closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

A Prov. Grand Lodge visitation was made to Lodge St. John, No. 262, Galashiels, on the evening of Thursday week. Bro. James T. S. Elliot, of Wolflee, Sub. P. G. Master, headed the deputation. The other P. G. Officers present were: Bros. Robert Sanderson, Stow, P. G. Sec.; R. Lees, Selkirk, P.G.S.D.; Robt. Hogg, Galashiels, P.G. Jeweller; Robt. H. Brown, P.G. Dir. of Ceremonies; W. Ferguson, Selkirk, P.G. Pres. of Stewards; W. Montgomery, Galashiels, P.G. Steward; Thomas Mercer, Galashiels, P.G. Inner Guard; and Robert Melrose, Galashiels, P.G. Tyler. Deputations and visiting brethren were also present from Lodges No. 32, Selkirk, 104, Jedburgh, 111, Berwick, and 217, Stow. The P. G. Deputation was received in due form at 8 o'clock, and Bro. W. Liddell, R.W.M., and his Wardens of No. 272 having wrought up the lodge to the Third Degree, was highly complimented by Bro. Elliot on the efficiency displayed and the progress which had been made during the year. The books of the lodge having been examined, the P. G. Sec. read a certificate he had entered, testifying that they were correctly kept, &c., which had been duly signed by the P. G. Officers. An hour or two of social intercourse was afterwards spent, and the meeting broke up a little after ten o'clock.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

According to the *Academy*, Dr. Robert Wallace, who a few years ago succeeded the late Mr. Alexander Russel as editor of the *Scotsman*, is about to retire from that post and settle in London.

The second volume of Dr. Ginsburg's sumptuous edition of the "Massorah" is passing through the press, and will be ready in about six months. The first is finished, and as a specimen of typography does great credit to Austria.

Mr. Bancroft, the American historian, kept his eightieth birthday this month with great rejoicings, and amongst the many presents received was the curious gift of a huge "candle of life," branching into eighty lights, one for each year of his existence.

Two new provincial weeklies, of a widely different character, but both well calculated to obtain the support of large sections of the reading public, have recently been inaugurated. One is the *Radical Times*, the head-quarters of which is at Nottingham. Viewed from an advanced liberal standpoint its contents are all that can be desired. The other is the *Bradford Times and Northern Tribune*, which professedly eschewing politics, gives a steady support to the constitutional party, and is a really excellent family newspaper.

Mr. Ponsoby A. Lyons has just found in an auction catalogue of 1686 the prices that two copies of Shakespeare's works then fetched. The second folio of 1632 brought only 15s. 1d.; the fourth folio of 1635 made 18s. He would be a lucky man who could get them for twice as many pounds now. At the same sale Hackett's Sermons fetched 15s. 6d.; Holyoake's Latin Dictionary, 15s. 10d.; and Beaumont and Fletcher's "Fifty Comedies and Tragedies, 1672," 15s. 10d.

It is understood that the first number of the "Journal of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies" will be published early next month. It will contain papers on a great variety of subjects, not omitting modern and mediæval Greek questions, but a majority of them treat of inscriptions and antiquities. The contributors are Messrs. Newton, Jebb, Sayce, W. M. Ramsey, Percy Gardner, Sidney Colvin, C. Waldstein, Cecil Smith, A. S. Murray, E. S. Roberts, A. W. Verrall, Ingram Bywater, and H. F. Tozer.

The *Athenæum* states that during the vacation the Spelling Reform Association has been busy. The task of collecting and printing specimens of schemes of reform has been successfully accomplished, and all those that could be printed have been issued to the members of the association. There now remains the more difficult work of determining the course which the association is itself to adopt. During the coming session the members will discuss the fundamental questions which must be answered before any recommendations can be publicly made. There is a talk of an International Spelling Congress in 1881.

A valuable collection of British coins was recently found by a labourer's wife at Ashford, who when breaking up an old chest of drawers, bought some twenty years ago for 6s., discovered a secret compartment full of gold pieces. Thinking they were only medals, she allowed the children to play with them, and sold a number for 2s., while others were taken to a shop. Here a chance visitor recognised them as genuine coin, and the woman succeeded in getting back some thirty guineas and thirteen half guineas of the time of William III. and George II.

A European edition of *Harper's Magazine* is to be published by Messrs. Sampson Low and Co. This periodical, whose name is a household word in America, where it circulates 140,000 copies, has introduced to the Americans many of the leading novels of Bulwer, Dickens, Thackeray, and George Eliot, and other English writers. The use of such copyright material has hitherto prevented the sale of the magazine here, but future arrangements will obviate this difficulty by covering the right of serial publication both in England and America. Thus Mr. Thomas Hardy is engaged upon a new novel, to be illustrated by Mr. Du Maurier, of *Punch*, which will appear exclusively in *Harper's*. The illustrations are a chief feature of this monthly, which will be issued here at a shilling, much less than the American price.

Masonic and General Tidings.

An interesting feature of the recent Royal visit to the Mansion House was the exhibition of the Broken Column in ebony and silver, which was fully described in the *Freemason* of 26th June last, on the occasion of its presentation by Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D. Lincolnshire, and Grand Reg. Sussex, to the Royal Clarence Lodge, 271, Brighton in connection with its permanent fund of benevolence, which Bro. Ford and others were instrumental in founding. Through the courtesy of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor this Broken Column was placed, for the inspection of H.R.H., in the centre of the table in the Venetian Parlour, specially set apart as a withdrawing room for the Prince, and was much admired by the Grand Officers generally. We understand Bro. Ford's handsome design was very successfully carried out by Messrs. Benham and Son of Wigmore-street.

At the last meeting of the members of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, the election being accompanied by the hearty congratulations of many of the brethren who so highly esteem him for his Masonic worth and general amiability of disposition. He is sure to have the cordial "good wishes" of many outside and inside the "Israel" when he assumes the important duties of the chair.

THE MASONIC RE-UNION IN LIVERPOOL.—A report of this interesting and attractive gathering on Wednesday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, will appear in our next issue.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, of which the Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers is P.G.M., will hold its annual festival at Loughborough, under the banner of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, on Friday, the 19th November. The Craft Lodge will at the same time hold its installation meeting for the purpose of installing Bro. E. S. Burnaby, M.P. for North Leicestershire.

At the regular meeting of the Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory, K.T., held at the North Staffordshire Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., Sir Knight John Payne Hall, of Cokayne House, Uttoxeter, was duly installed as Preceptor for the ensuing year, the ceremony being effectively performed by the retiring Preceptor, Sir Knight T. Taylor. After his installation the Preceptor made the usual appointment of officers.

The Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction on Thursday last.

The Installation Festival of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 1565, will be held at Lymm, Cheshire, on Thursday, the 4th prox. Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, will perform the ceremony.

A resident medical officer will be appointed to St. Thomas's Hospital next month. Applications for particulars can be made to Bro. Alderman Stone, Treasurer of the Hospital.

Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., will be installed Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the newly-constituted Province of North Wales on Tuesday, November 16th. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, has been appointed by the M.W. Grand Mark Master the Installing Officer upon this occasion.

Most of our readers, and certainly those who have the pleasure of knowing Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G. S.B. of East Lancashire, will learn with feelings of regret that he has been seriously ill. Later accounts, however, report a considerable improvement in his condition, and we trust that ere long our worthy and distinguished brother may be so far restored to health and strength as to take his place once more amongst us with his accustomed energy and ability.

ROYAL GIFTS.—By direction of the Queen a valuable present of cast linen has been forwarded to St. George's Hospital for the use of the patients. A similar present has been made to the Charing-cross Hospital.

MADAME WORRELL'S ANNUAL CONCERT.—On Thursday evening, the 21st inst., this talented and popular artiste gave her annual concert at the Angell Town Institute, Gresham-road, Brixton, when she was favoured with an overwhelming attendance of friends and admirers, and rarely has such a splendid musical treat been afforded the music-loving inhabitants of Brixton. The programme was of the highest character, and contained, besides some ballads of established repute, several new compositions. Madame Worrell's reputation is so firmly established that it is almost impossible to say anything new in her praise; but on this occasion she fairly excelled herself in the rendering of Piusuti's "It may be so." This appropriate song fairly brought down the house, and, in response to an unanimous demand for a repeat, she gave, with accustomed archness, "Thady O'Flynn." Other solos were most artistically given. We congratulate Madame Worrell on the success of the affair, and hope that this lady will again shortly afford the public an opportunity of hearing such a galaxy of talent.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE LORD MAYOR.—In order to mark their high appreciation of the admirable manner in which the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott) has discharged his duties during his year of office, now approaching its termination, many of his lordship's public and private friends, together with colleagues and constituents, have expressed a desire to give practical expression to their feelings in some substantial and enduring form, and thus testify their approbation of the way in which the dignity and popularity of the mayoralty have been maintained by him, its usefulness (charitable, commercial, and municipal) extended, and the hospitalities of the Mansion House dispensed with surpassing munificence, taste and liberality. For this purpose a committee has been formed, of which Mr. J. K. Luck is chairman, Mr. H. A. Isaac, C.C., vice-chairman, and Mr. W. E. Baxter, C.C., hon. sec. We (*City Press*) understand that Lieut.-Colonel Britten has undertaken the duties of treasurer, and that the past and present sheriffs and under-sheriffs are among the active promoters of the movement.

The list of officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec last week was wrongly given as that of the "Provincial Grand Lodge," an error which we desire to correct.

The meetings of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, are now held at "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1732, S.W. 1507. Bro. James Willing, P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, is the Treas., and E. Storr, I.G. 167, Secretary.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has graciously accepted a copy of Bro. Crozer's "Masonic Music," which was reviewed in our pages some time since.

The Children's "Pinafore" Company are still drawing large audiences in the provinces. They have just appeared at Dublin, and the press are unanimous in their praise of this unique opera company. The band and chorus are most favourably spoken of, and Bro. Jenkinson, the conductor, has reason to be proud of the company he has so ably drilled.

The annual concert in aid of the funds of the Post Office Orphan Home will be given at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Thursday, Dec. 9th, under distinguished patronage. Sir Julius Benedict will be present as conductor.

The funeral of Bro. W. Grist, of Mare-street, Hackney, took place yesterday (Friday), at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, a large number of brethren, to whom our late brother was so well known and esteemed, being present to pay their last respects to his memory.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree—by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand, no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself safely through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oftentimes inclement winters. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, whooping cough, can be successfully treated by well rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills. During damp, foggy weather asthmatic sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the inunction of the Ointment, and all tender-chested persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.—[Advrt.]

On Saturday Miss Helen Hopekirk, assisted by Signor Alberto Bach and Mr. Carl Hamilton, gave a morning concert in the Freemasons' Hall. The room was filled in every part. The programme was, of course, largely made up of pianoforte solos, of which there were in all no fewer than thirteen, enabling Miss Hopekirk to give ample evidence of her capacity for the interpretation of music of widely differing schools, and also of her remarkable musical memory; for all the solos were played without book, and though some of them were short, and one or two comparatively simple, several were of considerable length, and most of them of great complexity and difficulty. The breadth and masculine power of Miss Hopekirk's style, her clearness and roundness of touch, the delicacy and purity of her phrasing, and her command of impassioned expression were never more conspicuously illustrated than during Saturday's recital. The concert was a great success.

Their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales, and the Duchess of Connaught, were present at the Strand Theatre on Monday evening.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Shrops, has accepted the Presidency of the newly-formed National Eisteddfod Association.

Bro. Sir John Bennett reached his sixty-sixth year on the 15th inst.

The Memorial Stone of the Ipswich Corn Exchange was laid on Friday week by the Mayor, the proceedings including a procession of the members of the various lodges in the town. At the banquet in the evening among the brethren present was Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes.

We are asked to announce that the meetings of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, will in future be held at the East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, Wandsworth, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Fleming Mark Lodge No. 265, will be held at Newark on the last Friday in the months of March, June, September, and November.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held at the Apollo University Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Wednesday last, Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presiding in the absence of the Earl of Jersey through indisposition.

Bro. the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, accompanied by the Countess, left England on Tuesday, in the Kinfauns Castle, for Madeira, where it is expected they will remain some time.

Bro. Alderman Hanson has promised the sum of fifty pounds towards the expenses of the second Competitive Exhibition of the Shipwrights Company.

The consecration of the Shakespeare Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 40, took place on Tuesday last at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick, a large number of brethren being present. The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, assisted by the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Grand Mark Master of Warwickshire and Staff, and Lieut. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. We hope to give a full report of the meeting in our next.

The installation meeting of the Marquis of Lorne Lodge, No. 1354, takes place on Wednesday next, 3rd proximo, at the Masonic Rooms, Hope-street, Leigh.

The installation meeting of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, was held on Wednesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 5, 1880.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.
Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

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, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leaden hall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1609, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-ter., W.C.
Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, S.
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, S.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot.
" 765, St. James's, White Hart Hot., Borough.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mark 1, St. Mark's, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
Rose Croix, 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, 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 Bldgs., 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.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
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, NOVEMBER 3.

Grand Chapter at 6, for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1707, Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & 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, S.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Haro 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., Limchouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Annual Ball Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, 1642, Town Hall, High-st., Kensington.
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1288, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Village Club, Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston, N.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1672, Mornington, King's Head, Fenchurch-st.
" 1681, Londresborough, Regent M.H.
" 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Finchley.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-hind, Regent M.H.
" 1705, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
Chap. 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kennington Oval.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-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., Ealing, 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, NOVEMBER 5.
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 1489, Ezra, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot.

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, November 6, 1880.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 683, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

GAWNE.—On the 22nd inst., at Beaufort Villa, Grosvenor-road, Scarborough, the wife of Mr. Eden H. Gawne, of a son.

HUME.—On the 24th inst., at Aldershot, the wife of Lieut. John William Thring Hume, Isle of Man, 45th Regt., of a son.

ROBERTSON.—On the 14th inst., at Tudor Lodge, Lewis-ham, the wife of Mr. James P. Robertson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SIMPSON—SANDS.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the Rev. C. Isherwood, James Carrington Simpson, M.I.C.E., to Elizabeth Sands.

WHITE—BALLANTINE.—On the 25th inst., at the parish church, Iver, by the Rev. W. S. Ward, M.A., John Arkell White, to Agnes Annie, daughter of Mr. Chas. Ballantine, of Iver, Bucks.

DEATHS.

ASPLAND.—On the 24th inst., at St. Helen's Field, Mr. Alfred Aspland, of Dukinfield, F.R.C.S., in his 65th year.

LEIGH.—On the 24th inst., at Balham, Mr. John Leigh, aged 73 years.

SMITH.—On the 24th inst., at 17, Union-place, Aberdeen, Mr. Lewis Smith, in his 77th year.

VON TETTENBORN.—On the 18th inst., at 149, Golborne-road, Notting-hill, Baron Ernest de Gleichen von Tettenborn, aged 53, leaving a widow and six children.

WORTHINGTON.—On the 22nd inst., at Llandudno, Mr. George Henry Worthington, of HOLLINWOOD, J.P. for the county of Lancaster, aged 61 years.