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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda paper of the business to be transacted at the United Grand Lodge to be held on Wednesday, December 1st:

- The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September, 1880, for confirmation.
- Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
- Report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge 3rd March, 1880, on the purchase of property adjoining Freemasons' Hall.
- Election of a member of the Board of General Purposes in the place of Bro. Frederick H. McCalmont, W.M. No. 394, deceased.
- Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
- Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
- Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
- Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, wherein the recommendation made on the 18th August last for a grant of £150 to a brother of Lodge No. 1326, having been referred back by Grand Lodge on the 1st September for reconsideration, is cancelled, except so far as the £10 already paid on account of such recommended grant. And recommendations are made for the following grants, viz.:

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of St. James' Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, Yorkshire.....	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton.....	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, Windsor.....	100	0	0
A brother of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, Portsmouth.....	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 784, Deal.....	50	0	0
A brother of the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster.....	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester.....	75	0	0
A brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon.....	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford.....	75	0	0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4573 12s. 11d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
16th November, 1880.

Names of brethren nominated to fill the vacancy on the Board of General Purposes:

Bro. Henry Harben, P.M. No. 92; Bro. John Messent, P.M. No. 231.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence:

Bros. George P. Britten, P.M. 183; Walter T. Christian, P.M. 1662; Joseph D. Collier, P.M. 1366; John Constable, P.M. 185; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; John M. Klenck,

P.M. 1686; William Mann, P.M. 186; Henry Massey, P.M. 619; William H. Perryman, P.M. 3; William Stephens, 1489; and no more than twelve were nominated.

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge—

- Lodge 1877, Ashley, Rangiora, Canterbury, N.Z.
- 1878, Northern Light, Kawa Kawa, Auckland, N.Z.
- 1879, Lord Warkworth, Amble, Northumberland.
- 1880, The Goulbourn Valley of St. George, Shepparton, Victoria.
- 1881, Neptune, Melbourne, Victoria.
- 1882, St. John of Rochester, Rochester, Victoria.
- 1883, William of Wykeham, Winchester.
- 1884, Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.
- 1885, Torridge, Great Torrington, Devon.
- 1886, St. John's, Kokstad, Griqualand.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, F. Adlard, J. J. Berry, W. Stephens, A. J. Duff Filer, E. Spooner, W. F. C. Moutric, C. G. Brown, A. E. Gladwell, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the minutes of the House Committee were read for information.

Col. CREATION said there was one recommendation arising out of the House Committee's Report, which would have to be considered by the General Committee, and that was the appointment of Mr. T. A. Howell as Honorary Assistant Medical Officer to the School. Mr. Howell was the son of Dr. Howell, the medical officer of the Institution, and as the School was now getting very large it was thought advisable to have an assistant. Dr. Howell had been good enough at different times to employ his assistants in watching the health of the pupils; Mr. Howell was now an assistant to his father. The House Committee thought it would be well to appoint Mr. Howell assistant medical officer to the Institution.

On the motion of Bro. LETCHWORTH, seconded by Bro. FILER, Mr. Howell was appointed assistant medical officer. Petitions for placing four candidates on the list for election in April were read and examined, and the candidates were placed on the list.

The Committee then adjourned.

ST. ALBAN'S RESTORATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee took place on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, when the report of the Sub-Committee was unanimously adopted, and the design of a Reredos approved of, and the tender for £400 accepted. Orders were also given to commence the work.

A very beautiful design for the Reredos by Mr. J. O. Scott was exhibited, and which, as has just been said, was accepted in its general idea; but it was also unanimously decided that the sculptures should be *purely Masonic*.

After much interesting discussion and consideration of estimates, the following two resolutions were also unanimously adopted:

1. "Resolved, that if a further sum of £350 can be obtained, this Committee is clearly of opinion that the design of the proposed reredos, which is so artistic and effective in itself, and which has been unanimously accepted by the Committee, ought to be completed by the filling in of the panels with sculptures, and that subscriptions be requested from lodges and brethren to render the work a complete work, and a satisfactory offering, on behalf of English Freemasons, to the Cathedral of St. Alban's."

2. "That in the event of the additional amount being raised, the sculptures be filled with Masonic subjects; the representation of Alban and Amphibalus, Solomon and Hiram in the Temple, in the centre; Moses and Aaron on Mount Hor, with a view of the Tabernacle, the faithful sojourners restoring the walls of Jerusalem."

We may add that the ultimate selection of the sculptures is not yet made, that the above suggestions are only tentative, except that all such must be Masonic, and that Bro. C. E. Keyser, Merry Hill House, Bushey Walford, Herts, will gladly receive suggestions, give information, and receive subscriptions. Any brethren or Secretaries of lodges wishful to have the printed circulars, can obtain them by applying to Bro. C. E. Keyser, and all subscriptions promised, but not yet paid, it is requested may be sent to him. Any new subscriptions will at once be announced in the *Freemason*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire Mark Master Masons held a meeting at the lodge rooms, Cheltenham, on Saturday, the 20th inst. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, Past G.C., presided, and he was supported by the Very Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John Walker, M.A., and the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., G.M.O. There

were also present the Worshipful Bro. Geo. Rennie Powell, G.S., P.G.S.W.; the Worshipful Bro. Jas. Robertson, P.P.G.S.W.; and Bros. W. L. Bain, P.G. Treas.; James Payne Curtis, P.G. Sec.; J. Brooke-Smith, P.G.S.O.; Henry Jeffs, P.G.M.O.; W.M. Lowick, P.G.J.O.; F. G. Roberts, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Parker, P.G.I.G.; Joseph R. Monks, P.G.S.; J. Stephens, P.G.S.; W. C. Ferris, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Phillips, P.G.T.; J. Naysmith, James Newman, R. T. Hughes, George Norman, Charles Iles, and others. The business of Provincial Grand Lodge having been despatched, the brethren sat down to an admirably served banquet, the Right Worshipful P.G.M. presiding.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

From the Australian *Freemason* for October 6th, 1880.

To a brother who, until his arrival here, has spent his life in England, the "battle of Constitutions" appears exceedingly curious. John Bull is far too apt to believe that the whole system of our universe is centred in Great Britain, and in no class of society is this more apparent than amongst the great rank and file of Freemasonry. To doubt that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is not only Grand Master of England, but the sovereign ruler of Freemasonry in every Degree throughout the whole civilised world, would be, by thousands of our English brethren, considered rank heresy, and the reasons for this belief are not far to seek. The members of lodges are never taught that there are many jurisdictions—not even informed that there are other Degrees beyond those of the M.M. and R.A. until they find out, usually in a casual, and always in a gradual manner—first, that there are many different Orders to which entrance can only be gained through the Craft, and secondly, that Scotland and Ireland have separate Grand Lodges. Even then, it is by the greater moiety of our English brethren believed that if England has allowed them a kind of "home rule," the privilege is merely permissive, and applies only to matters of local or internal importance. To dream that foreigners can have entire control over their Masonic affairs, or that America is not subservient to the mother country, so far as regards our Institution, is quite out of the question. We do not mean to state that every brother in England is so ignorant of the extent of Freemasonry, or of its subdivision for the purposes of government, but we challenge contradiction from any competent authority upon the fact that the great masses of our brethren are so little acquainted with what in America and the colonies is perfectly well known to every brother, with but rare exceptions. Even the London *Freemason*, the only Masonic newspaper in England of any importance, "hardly ever" adverts to the affairs of Freemasonry outside England and Wales, the references to Scottish and Irish occurrences being few and far between, and to colonial, American, or foreign matters, fewer still. If, then, the lodges, in 99 cases out of 100, confine themselves to the routine of ritual and necessary business, and the recognised organ of the Order does not instruct its readers, how can it be expected that the great bulk of our brethren in the old country can become enlightened or fit to understand, for instance, the battle New South Wales is gallantly fighting for Masonic independence?

The foregoing remarks equally apply to Ireland and Scotland; and we make bold to state that the very few brethren (in comparison with the immense number of Masons there are in the British Isles) who take so deep an interest in the affairs of Freemasonry as to become "Grand Rulers," do not make the slightest effort to afford information, but rather seem to do all in their power to prevent subjects being ventilated which lie beyond the ordinary affairs of a private lodge.

If this were not so, and individual members were sufficiently instructed in what is going on beyond their immediate circle to be able to form an opinion, the three Grand Lodges would frequently find their actions discountenanced. Who dare say, for instance, that if the facts relating to the formation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales were properly placed before every private lodge at home, and discussion invited thereon, that the verdict in our favour would not be overwhelmingly large, if not perfectly unanimous? The wire-pullers of the Grand Lodge of England—a tribunal looked up to by the whole Masonic world as the very embodiment of justice and impartiality—dare not—we emphatically repeat, dare not—bring our claim before that Grand Body. They have suppressed our manifesto, choked our application, and taken upon themselves to decide a question which the Grand Lodge in Quarterly Communication assembled has alone power to determine. Neither they, nor their representatives in this colony, can or will meet us with fair argument. If we attempt to show them, in friendly converse and brotherly spirit, how firm our premises are, and how legitimate our action, the only answer we obtain is a reiteration of the threadbare statement that we are not recognised by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and they affect to sneer at the fraternal greetings and cordial welcome extended to us by American and Canadian sister Grand Lodges.

The reverse of this picture is to be found in the United States and the Dominion. There we find Masonry flourishing to an extent scarcely dreamt of by those who have not visited North America, or who do not regularly peruse the exceedingly numerous and high-class Masonic newspapers there published. Every topic which presents itself to the Masonic world is thoroughly understood by the great majority of brethren, and is carefully ventilated and properly discussed. One by one, as the various Grand Lodges take up the question of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, a verdict is given in its favour. The home authori-

ties, and particularly the Grand Lodge of Scotland, made a bold attempt to smother our Grand Lodge at its very birth, but only succeeded in stifling it for a period, at the end of which, more powerful reason for its execution and burial not being forthcoming, the light of inquiry is being gradually thrown upon the stripling (which in the meantime has grown enormously, and reached man's stature), and brotherly hands are rapidly being extended with offers of cordial assistance and fraternal welcome from members of the august family of Grand Lodges.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

Some months back several Mark Master Masons resident at Port Chalmers determined to establish a lodge under the English Constitution there, and to that end forwarded an application to the Grand Mark Lodge of England for a warrant of constitution. This was numerously signed, and on arrival at home was laid before the M.W.G.M.M., who at once graciously acceded to the request, and issued a warrant authorising the petitioners to meet under the style and title of the Zealandia Marine Lodge, No. 261.

In due course the warrant reached Port Chalmers, and the members having made all necessary preparations, decided upon consecrating and dedicating the new lodge on Wednesday, September 15th, at 8.30 p.m. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham, with the assistance of his officers, and after a candidate for the Mark Degree had been regularly advanced, the business of the evening commenced. The lodge at this part of the proceedings presented a very beautiful spectacle, the building, which is exclusively devoted to Masonic purposes, being appropriately decorated, while, from the numerous attendance of members and visitors (some of whom came from considerable distances), the scene presented a very animated appearance. Among the Mark lodges represented were the Copley and Beaconsfield, E.C.; Greenock, St. John's, 17, S.C.; Kilwinning, Otago, 116, S.C.; and Shamrock, I.C. The dais was occupied by W. Bros. T. S. Graham, P.M., I.C.; W. Caldwell, S. T. Kerr, Campbell, P.M.'s; and others. An efficient choir, under the leadership of Bro. J. Ross, was present, and the musical arrangements were ably carried out by Bro. A. Bott, Organist of the lodge. Throughout the consecration ceremony the necessary details were under the supervision of Bro. W. L. Buchanan, who was indefatigable in his efforts to carry out the ceremonies with success.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of the choir sang the 133rd Psalm, and the following prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Bro. R. Bauchop:—"Grand Overseer of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this lodge and now solemnly consecrate it to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy name."

After this prayer the choir chanted the sanctus "Glory be to God on High," and the Worshipful Master proceeded to sprinkle the consecrating elements—corn, wine, and oil—the choir chanting the Old Hundredth Psalm, the dedicatory prayer being delivered by the Chaplain as follows: "Grant, O Lord our God, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this lodge may be endowed with wisdom to instruct their brethren in their duties, and that, marking well Thy holy commandments, they may glorify Thee in all their works. Bless all our brethren wherever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. We commend, O Great Overseer of the Universe, to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May the genuine tenets and principles of our profession ever distinguish them, and lead them to increased knowledge of Thy Divine precepts, and the love of each other. Finally may we, when we have finished our work here, receive Thy approving mark, and have our transition from this scene of our earthly toils to that spiritual mansion above, that Heavenly temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss ineffable and eternal." The choir again chanted "So mote it be," and "Glory be to God on High," with the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect all praise," and the Worshipful Master declared the lodge consecrated and constituted. After this part of the ceremony, the following anthem was rendered by the choir:—

ALL HAIL, ZEALANDIA!

All hail, Zealandia! queen of Southern isles,
On whose bright destiny benignant Nature smiles;
Louder than cannon's roar, echoes from shore to shore,
All hail, Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!

All hail, Zealandia! rear we a stalwart race,
Whose ancestors have made thy plains their dwelling place;
From out thy virgin soil reaping the fruits of toil;
All hail, Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!

All hail, Zealandia! beneath thine azure skies,
Cradled in infancy an empire shall arise;
Whose countless sons in song shall the refrain prolong—
All hail, Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!

The grace cup was then passed round the lodge, and the dedicatory ceremony was brought to an end.

The officers of the lodge were presented for investiture, and this part of the ceremony was ably performed by the R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell, P.M. 116, S.C., who placed the distinguishing badges of their respective offices on the following brethren: Bros. R. Ritchie, S.W.; W. Murray, J.W.; J. A. D. Adams, M.O.; S. de Leon, S.O. (by proxy); W. L. Buchanan, J.O.; R. Bauchop, Chap.; C. G. V. Leijon, Treas.; J. W. Cumming, Sec.; C. L. Arnesson, R. of M.; G. L. Asher, S.D.; C. N. Schumacker, J.D.; A. Bott, Org.; G. Boaz, I.G.; T. Brebner, Tyler; and J. Johnston, Steward.

The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the visitors and members were then entertained by the Master and officers. The following toasts were given and responded to, "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The M.W. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales, the Earl of Lathom," "The Grand R.A. Chapters of the World,"

coupled with the G.R.A.C. of Scotland. In proposing this toast the W.M. expressed his satisfaction that an act of recognition between the R.A.C. of Scotland and the M.W. G.L. of M.M.M., E.C., had recently taken place. Bro. W. Caldwell, P.G.S. of R.A. Masons, S.C., made a suitable response. "The Investing Officers" was next proposed by the W.M., and honoured with the customary salutes. "Prosperity to the Zealandia Marine Mark Lodge" was proposed by Bro. S. T. Kerr, P.M., and acknowledged by the W.M. The toast "Absent Brethren" was coupled with the name of Bro. John Back, whom the W.M. alluded to in eulogistic terms, and the brethren one and all heartily expressed the warmest wishes for that brother's welfare. Bro. J. W. Cumming, Secretary, made an appropriate reply on Bro. Back's behalf. "The Wardens" were proposed by Bro. Campbell, W.M. Kilwinning Otago Lodge, No. 116, S.C., and Bros. Ritchie and Murray made suitable replies. "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Parker, of the Copley Lodge, E.C. "The Overseers" was proposed by Bro. Caldwell, and responded to by Bros. J. A. D. Adams and W. L. Buchanan. "The Visitors," "The Choir," and "The Ladies" were also proposed; and the Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable meeting to a close.

ORDER OF MEMPHIS.

The following circular anent the re-formed Masonic Order of Memphis was issued by the then Grand Secretary, Bro. Gray Clarke, in 1859. We reprint it, believing it will be of some interest just now:

Freemasons' Hall, London.
24th October, 1859.

Dear Sir and W. Master,—
I am directed to inform you that it has come to the knowledge of the Board of General Purposes that there are at present existing in London and elsewhere in this country, spurious lodges claiming to be Freemasons.

I herewith furnish you with a copy of a certificate issued by a lodge calling itself "The Reformed Masonic Order of Memphis, or Rite of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphes," and holding its meetings at Stratford, in Essex.

I am directed to caution you to be especially careful that no member of such body be permitted, under any circumstances, to have access to your lodge, and that you will remind the brethren of your lodge that they can hold no communication with irregular lodges without incurring the penalty of expulsion from the Order, and the liability to be proceeded against under the Act 39, George III., for taking part in the meetings of illegal secret societies.

I am further to request that you will cause this letter to be read in open lodge, and the copy of the certificate to be preserved for future reference in case of necessity.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

W.M. GRAY CLARKE, G.S.

N.B.—It is to be observed that the original certificate contains various emblematical devices which it has not been deemed necessary to have copied.

"Au nom du G. Conseil Gen. de l'Ordre Mac. Réformé, de
"Memphis,

"Sous les auspices de la G. Loge des Philadelphes,
"A tous les Maçons répandus sur les deux hémisphères.
"Salut, Amitié, Prospérité, Courage, Tolérance.

"To all whom it may concern, these are to testify that our Brother _____, who hath signed his name in the margin thereof, was regularly received into Freemasonry, and admitted to the Third Degree in the Equality Lodge,
"And that he is duly registered in the Book of our Order accordingly.

"In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our Names and affixed our Seals.
"At Stratford, Essex, the _____ day of _____, A.L.
000,000,000 (_____ 1859 V.E.).

"F. SEHROEDTER, Timbré et scellé par nous G. des sceaux
et timbres de la _____.

"LEAMEN STEPHENSON, Le 1st Surveillant.

"JOHN STEWART, L'Orateur.

"C. TURNER, Le Tresorier.

"ROBERT MEIKLE, Le Ven de la L.

"DANIEL BOOTH, Le 2me Surveillant.

"STEPHEN SMITH, Le G. Expert.

"WILLIAM COX, Le Secrétaire.

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"CT. VEILLARD, S.S., Le President.

"BT. DESQUESNES, L'Arch. Gén. de l'O.

"J. BALAGUE, Le Secré Gén. de l'O.

"Vallée de Londres, le jour de 1859 (E.V.)."

Rosicrucian Society.

YORK.—York College.—On Saturday, the 20th inst., a meeting of this college was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. Among those present were Fratres T. B. Whytehead, IX^o, Ch. Ad.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII^o, Suff.; J. S. Cumberland, VII^o, Celeb.; T. J. Wilkinson, V^o; E. P. Peterson, V^o; C. L. Mason, V^o; R. W. Moore, and others. After some formal and preliminary work, Bros. Wm. Paley, M.D. (Ripon), and John Oates (Darlington) were received into the M.C., and admitted to the First Grade. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Chief Adept read a paper on the literature of the old Rosicrucians, illustrated by a translation of an old pamphlet of 1619, entitled "Philosophicus Raptus." The Suffragan also read a paper on a visit paid by him last summer to the remains of a Preceptory of Knights Hospitallers at Dunmore, in Herefordshire. Great interest was expressed in both subjects by the members, and the papers were ordered to be printed. The M.C. was then dissolved.

We are asked to state that the regular meetings of the old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction are held on the first and third Mondays in each month, until March next, at the "Trocadero," Liverpool-street, City. A special meeting of the above lodge will be held on Monday next, at the Trocadero, at half-past six, and at its conclusion the annual festival will take place, when it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of brethren interested in this Degree. The supper is announced for eight o'clock.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).—The November meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday last, the 20th inst. Among those present we noticed Bros. Alex. C. Cope, W.M.; H. Watts, S.W.; E. Zwinger, J.W.; S. G. Myers, Treasurer; Henry Birdseye, P.M., P.Z. 22, and 192, Sec.; James C. Howell, S.D.; Wm. Birdseye, P.M., acting S.D.; E. W. Richardson, I.G.; and John Smith, Tyler; J. H. Weedon, P.M.; John Gale, P.M.; W. J. Crossfield, P.M.; E. Phillips, P.M.; Moses Bennett, C. F. Smith, and the following visitors: Bros. Thomas Boyce, 11; C. F. Kearley, 173; E. T. Darford, 1216; W. J. Seymour Cutler, 1584; A. Perrot, 1584; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in due form at four o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Richard Conder, proposed by Bro. W. Birdseye, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Henry Birdseye, P.M., the result being unanimously in favour of the candidate. During Mr. Conder's preparation for initiation, Bro. S. G. Myers, Treas., proposed the motion, that stood in his name on the agenda paper, "That the initiation and joining fees be reduced respectively to seven guineas and five guineas. In the course of Bro. Myer's explanatory remarks in support of his motion, he assured the brethren that, after fully and deeply considering the matter, he conscientiously believed the passing of the motion would prove to the best interests of the lodge. The proposition which was seconded by Bro. Henry Birdseye, P.M., Sec., was carried unanimously. Mr. Richard Conder having been properly prepared, was admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; the manner in which the ceremony was performed, considering the length of time since the last "initiate," reflected the highest praise upon the W.M., Bro. Cope. On the return of the candidate, the charge at initiation was impressively delivered by Bro. Myers. Bro. Moses Bennett having proposed Bro. Cutler, of Lodge 1584, as a joining member, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where, under the genial/presidentship of the W.M., they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, admirably served under the superintendance of Bro. E. H. Rand.

On the removal of the cloth the customary toasts, loyal and Masonic, were proposed. In giving the first toast, that of "The Queen," the W.M. knew that it would be cheerfully responded to. It would be superfluous to expatiate upon her qualities, for they were so well known not only in this lodge but throughout the country. With this toast he would couple the Craft, "The Queen and the Craft." After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the mention of whose name, he remarked, was accepted in all societies with feelings of great pleasure, but more especially in Masonic lodges, where his name is always received with the greatest enthusiasm. In reply to the toast of "The W.M.," proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Past Master Phillips, Bro. Cope said that he felt unequal adequately to reply to the kind remarks that had fallen from their I.P.M. On all occasions that he (Bro. Cope) had to perform his duties he endeavoured to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren, and with credit to the lodge, and he would take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Henry Birdseye for the instruction he had always been so ready and willing to give. The W.M. then gave the next toast, that of "The Initiate," which he described as one most peculiarly gratifying to himself, this being the first "Initiate" the lodge had seen for a very long time. By the attention Bro. Conder had given to the ceremony they had every reason to believe that he would prove a very desirable acquisition to Freemasonry, and they all felt highly pleased at seeing him enrolled a member of the Panmure Lodge. After Bro. Gale had favoured the brethren with a song, Bro. Richard Conder rose and thanked the W.M. for the very kindly welcome the brethren had accorded him that evening, and sincerely hoped to prove a good member of the lodge, and a credit to the Craft. Bro. Perrot having replied on behalf of "The Visitors," the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and in the course of his remarks said that it was a most difficult toast to propose in fitting terms. It was only those who had to depend upon the P.M.'s that could fully appreciate their services. They had not only in the past but were prepared in the future to do their utmost for the good of the lodge. He had infinite pleasure in proposing this toast, and knew that it would be heartily received. The Past Masters were at present nearly equal in number to the lay members, but since the alteration in the initiation and joining fees a great change might safely be expected. Bro. Myers in reply said that the Past Masters had the best interests of the lodge at heart, and the motion which had been carried in the lodge that night would prove he was confident of great service to the lodge. The Past Masters were very pleased to meet the brethren again after the recess, and trusted a bright future was in store for them. He much regretted that Bro. Muggerridge's illness had prevented him from being present; in him they had a sincere friend and valuable guide. He thought they had a very good new member in Bro. Conder, who he was sure would prove a valuable addition to the lodge, as also would Bro. Cutler. Bro. H. Watts having replied on behalf of the "Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was well attended by members and visitors. Bro. Frederic J. C. Taylor, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. Wale, S.W.; Gabb, J.W.; Wilkins, S.D.; Williams (for Bundy), J.D.; Byng, I.P.M.; Poynter, P.M. and Treas.; Jeffreys, P.M. and Sec.; Young, I.G.; Gilbert, Tyler; Past Masters Harvey, Iron, Smith, Field, Pocock, and Baster; and Hostombe, W.S. There were several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Larham, P.M. 1839; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Herbert, a candidate for advancement, was questioned as to the progress he had

made in the former Degrees, and being considered satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and he was most impressively and carefully raised to it by the W. Master, who was ably supplemented in the work by the whole of his officers. Seldom, if ever, has this Sublime Rite been more correctly or effectively conferred. The next business was to pass Bros. Chaplin, Moffat, Dawson, and Smith to the Degree of F.C., which ceremony was twice gone through with equal ability. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. William Walter Clark and Mr. George Fox, candidates for admission, were balloted for, and the same being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Some routine business having been disposed of the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall to partake of what was called in the summons "a supper," but which was certainly well worthy of a more dignified description, as it consisted of fare which was unanimously admitted to be unexceptionable.

The cloth having been removed, the W. Master, with exemplary brevity, gave the usual loyal and formal toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Byng, I.P.M., said he had a most pleasing toast to propose, which was "The Health of the W. Master," who, in the chair, had displayed all that zeal and ability which had characterised him at the commencement of his Masonic career, and he felt sure that he would do his best to maintain the dignity of the lodge while he was so well supported in the chair. The W. Master briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, but expressed his misgivings as to having deserved all the compliments that had been passed upon him; but it was his wish to deserve their approbation. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was always considered to be the toast of the evening, as it was "The Health of their Brother Initiates," and he felt sure, from the attention they had paid to the ceremony they had passed through, that they were deeply impressed with the importance of the step they had taken, and would become good Masons. The toast was most cordially received; and Bro. Clark, in replying for himself and Bro. Fox, thanked the brethren for their admission amongst them, and could assure them that no act of theirs should ever give them occasion to regret having accepted them as Masons. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of their Brother Visitors." The Burgoyne Lodge was second to none in the Craft for the cordiality with which they received visitors from other lodges, and that evening they were rather more numerous than usual, and amongst them were several distinguished Masons. In giving this toast he was sure that it was one that would be received with acclamation. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Larham, P.M. 1859, said that on that evening he had enjoyed a real Masonic treat, in having witnessed the working of the three ceremonies, and one of them twice over. He must say that he had seldom seen the work so well performed, and it was quite needless for the W. Master to offer any apologies for the manner in which he had performed his duties; and he again expressed the gratification he had experienced in being present that evening. Bro. Henry Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158, said, in the first place, he wished to thank the brethren for the magnificent hospitality with which he had been received that evening, for it would stand out in bold contrast to many other large establishments in the metropolis. He, however, wished also to express his gratification at the working of the lodge that evening, which showed that the Worshipful Master ably filled the place of those who had gone before him. He might say that he was one of the few, probably, then present who was present at the consecration of this lodge, when it met at another place and under a different name, when that ceremony was performed by one of the most talented and distinguished members of the Craft, the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. Well did he remember in installing Bro. Wiggington how impressively he enforced upon him the importance of the position in which he had the honour of being placed by the founders of the lodge in selecting him as their first Master, and of the deep responsibility which devolved upon him in the discharge of his duties. These solemn warnings then uttered by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson appeared since then to have been observed by his successors, and he had no doubt that could their revered sponsor, who was one of the most critical and painstaking members of the Craft, again visit their lodge, he would find that the injunctions given by him at the commencement had been transmitted through a long line of Masters, and the former prestige of the lodge had up to the present time been fully maintained. Bro. H. T. Thompson and other visitors also returned thanks. The next toast given was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was also well received. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Poynter and Jeffreys," and said that all who were connected with the Burgoyne Lodge knew the amount of zeal and intelligence that was brought to bear by Bro. Poynter, their Treasurer, and they also knew the assiduity which Bro. Jeffreys carried on his work as Secretary, and, indeed, he did a considerable amount of labour which few of the members of the lodge knew anything about. This toast, like all the others, was cordially responded to. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treas., said he begged to return thanks for the toast which had been so ably proposed by the W.M. and so cordially responded to by the brethren, but after having so often acknowledged it he hardly knew what to say. Bro. Thompson, by his observations, had awakened a somewhat melancholy feeling, for he had touched a tender chord in his allusions to the consecration of the lodge, now nineteen years ago. He, Bro. Poynter, was the only one then in the lodge who was present at that meeting, and it was on that night that he first saw the light of Freemasonry. Four others were admitted on that occasion, two of whom had since departed this life, and the other two had quitted the lodge, and he was not aware of what had become of them. He was glad to hear from Bro. Thompson, who had only once visited them in the interval, that he found a determination in the lodge to preserve the high position in which it had been placed by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, and he was kind enough to say that they had that night not deteriorated in the efficiency of their working. They had had their times of trouble and tribulation, but they had passed away, and under the new bye-laws, for which they had made an ample grant that evening, the prestige of the lodge would be perpetuated, and a few pages will be added to the new bye-laws to record the events which have occurred in its existence. He was happy to say that there had been few differences of opinion in the lodge, and he

had received the kind support of all the Past Masters, and they had all worked together as one man. Since he had been admitted to the rank of Past Master they had worked together, shoulder to shoulder, one for all, and all for one, which he looked upon as the great secret of Masonic success. He was happy to say that by their unanimity they had been enabled to help their deserving brethren quietly, unostentatiously, and without those brethren losing any of their dignity, and they were prepared to help them again, and all this good was done by their working together in that way. If there had at any time been a cloud over the lodge, it was forgotten in a moment, as they had been taught to subdue their passions, and let it pass away. They could keep up those feelings by giving a little and taking a little, and those feelings were the true keystone of the Masonic Arch, and such he believed then existed in the Burgoyne Lodge. Out of doors he had endeavoured to bring in that element, and by assiduity in their service he hoped long to enjoy their confidence, which to him was his highest reward, but when he could no longer do that, he would, like the great Roman at the foot of Pompey's statue, cover his head and gracefully retire. Bro. Jeffreys also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and a most pleasing meeting was brought to a close.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The November meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Carberwell New-road, when the following brethren were present: Bros. William Ashwell, W.M.; Knight Smith, I.P.M.; Foster, S.W.; Skegg, J.W.; Jolly, Sec.; D. H. Ashford, S.D.; Goodman, J.D.; Bowley, I.G.; Fox, P.M.; Tyler; Cantle, P.M.; Poupard, P.M.; Cornilissen, P.M.; A. Vernon, Trant Smith, Gill, and others. Bro. Wright, of the Hornsey Lodge, was a visitor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no ceremonial business before the lodge, the brethren had ample time to discuss a notice of motion given by Bro. Knight Smith, I.P.M., for the alteration of the times of meeting back to the original, four meetings, instead of six, as at present, and which was unanimously agreed to. The W.M. having undertaken to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival for the Aged Masons, the sum of £25 was voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon the W.M.'s list. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge closed in peace and harmony and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a capital supper was waiting them. The usual Masonic toasts followed during the evening. Bros. Knight Smith, Cantle, Vernon, and Catlin contributed to the pleasure of the evening with some capital songs. The brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings that has for some time been spent in the Ivy Lodge.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Side, W.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., S.W.; H. Stiles, J.W.; C. J. Scates, I.P.M.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Prov. G.P. Kent, Sec.; G. Clark, S.D.; W. Lovegrove, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W. Middx., J.D.; T. Gilbert, jun., I.G.; G. Edwards, D.C.; T. Runey, W.S.; J. W. Knight, A.W.S.; J. Daly, Tyler; Hatch, Tuck, Little, Perks, Edwards, and many others, with several visitors, including Bro. J. Terry, P.P.J.G.W. Herts.

The first business, after the confirmation of the minutes, was the passing of Bros. Gent, Tabby, Botty, and Carter, after which the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. Mills, Hayland, Sykes, Carter, and Turville, the whole of the work being performed in excellent style by Bro. Side, the W.M. Some notices of motion were given, and a petition for presentation to the Lodge of Benevolence was signed on behalf of the widow of a late member. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of refreshment.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held on Tuesday last at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, upon which occasion a large number of brethren, about 100, assembled to witness the installation of Bro. F. H. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, as W.M. The lodge was summoned at three o'clock, at which time there was a fair muster of members and visiting brethren. Bro. John Douglass, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, assisted by his officers, Bros. F. H. Clemow, S.W., W.M. elect; J. L. Jones, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1732, Sec.; T. J. Hyland, S.D.; G. H. Dellar, I.G.; John W. Cook, J.D.; Wm. Smith, D. of C.; F. W. Sillis, Organist; and C. Koester, P.M. 435, Tyler. After the report of the Audit Committee had been submitted to the brethren, and by them unanimously passed, Bro. Douglass proceeded to raise Bros. H. E. Price and S. Murgford to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and afterwards passed Bros. J. Keast, W. C. Laing, J. Foster and R. T. Wall to the Second Degree. The next business was the installation of W.M. Bro. John Douglass having taken the chair of K.S., supported by Bro. W. Side, W.M. 1507, as S.W.; and Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319, as J.W., Bro. W.M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1732, presented Bro. Clemow to receive the benefit of installation. Bro. Clemow, having assented to the Ancient Charges read over to him by Bro. Stiles, was duly obligated as Master elect. The brethren below the rank of Installed Master then retired, and Bro. John Douglass in a masterly manner installed his successor into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and in the presence of eleven Masters. On the re-admission of the members the newly-installed Master was saluted and proclaimed in the usual manner. Bro. Clemow then appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. L. Jones, S.W.; T. J. Hyland, P.M. 201, J.W.; Jas. Willing, P.M. 177, 1507, and 1744, Treas. (absent, owing to a domestic affliction); W. M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1732, Sec.; W. Cook, S.D.; G. H. Dellar, J.D.; Augustus Holt, I.G. (by proxy); J. W. Smith, D. of C.; W. Jaques, Asst. D. of C.; F. W. Sillis and F. Johnson, Stewards; J. C. Smith, Organist; and C. Koester, P.M. 435, Tyler. The whole of the installation ceremony and addresses were given by Bro. John Douglass in excellent style, receiving valuable support from Bro. Wm. Clarke, Asst. Grand Purs., who officiated with his well-known ability as D. of C. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. Samuel Arthur Wilkes and A. E. Wauthier, and, proving in their favour, these

gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Clemow. Bro. Stiles reported to the lodge that among the letters of apology for non-attendance that he had received was one from Bro. Willing, whose absence was caused by the serious illness of his wife. He (Bro. Stiles) proposed that a letter of hearty sympathy from the lodge be sent to Bro. Willing. Bro. Douglass seconded this proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Stiles next proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be given, and the same to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. John Douglass for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. This proposal, seconded by Bro. Cook, was loudly cheered by the brethren, and carried. The W.M., Bro. Clemow, then rose and said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. with a jewel, as a mark of esteem for the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. Bro. Douglass briefly returned thanks, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

At its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which, owing to the late hour, were proposed briefly and in quick succession. To the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled the name of Bro. Wm. Clarke, Asst. Grand Pursuivant, who, in reply, said he always felt great pride in responding to this toast. He could assure the brethren that while they had such men as Lord Carnarvon and Lord Lathom at their head, the prestige of Grand Lodge would not deteriorate. The present had been a busy year for Freemasonry. In May last there was an important Masonic ceremony in Truro—the laying of the foundation stone of the Cathedral with Masonic honours; and, quite recently, they had had the great banquet to the Grand Master at the Mansion House. This meeting would always be remembered for its success, and would, he was sure, be handed down to posterity. Bro. Clarke concluded by thanking the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, expressing at the same time his great pleasure at visiting the Royal Savoy Lodge, having acted as Director of Ceremonies upon the occasion of its consecration. Bro. Douglass proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that it was impossible to have a more genuine Mason than Bro. Clemow. No member of the lodge had had a heartier welcome than Bro. Clemow when he first became a member of the lodge, and it had given him very great pleasure indeed to see the able manner in which he had entered upon his duties that evening. Bro. Clemow, in reply, said he felt a great difficulty in having to follow such men as Bros. Willing and Douglass. His installation, which had been so admirably done, had made a great impression upon him. Bro. Clemow concluded by proposing, in glowing terms, "The Health of the Past Masters," regretting very much the cause of Bro. Willing's absence. Bro. Douglass, I.P.M., thought it did not frequently occur for the Installing Master to respond to the two toasts. He felt exceedingly obliged for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also for the handsome jewel presented him in lodge. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to whom the W.M. gave a hearty welcome. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. W. Side, W.M. 1507; Ferguson, P.M.; William Holland, P.M. 157; H. Webb, P.M. 72; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319; C. J. Scates, I.P.M. 1507; and J. S. Wilkes. "The Initiates" was the next toast proposed, who each in turn neatly and briefly replied. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was acknowledged by Bro. W. M. Stiles, who in the course of his remarks, referred to the large number of brethren present, only two short of 100. As Secretary and a founder of the lodge, he felt proud of its position. He was sure the W.M. installed that evening would prove a good Master. Bro. Stiles then made paid highly complimentary remarks to the absent Treasurer, Bro. Willing, jun., and concluded by expressing his willingness at all times to carry out his duties to the best of his ability. Bros. Jones, Hyland, and J. W. Smith having replied for "The Officers of the Lodge," the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Between the toasts some capital songs were given by Bros. Silvester and Styles. Bro. Silvester giving, for the first time a most amusing song, "On the Banks of the Silvery Thames."

The following members were also present:—Bros. William Clarke, Assistant Grand Pursuivant (hon. mem.); K. Dickey, J. Hone, S. Hurdle, P. W. Earle, P. F. Callaghan, Captain Cole, James Smith, J. P. Ellis, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray, J. N. Hare, W. Smith, J. Fisher, W. T. Haycock, W. Armstrong, W. Hixon, C. Hammond, C. Merion, M. Zumpf, J. W. Wheeler, A. Ramsden, G. W. E. Thorn, J. Blundell, C. H. Holland, W. Redstone, W. Bryant, G. C. R. Perugia, R. Michell, W. Ponton, H. Howard, A. Verdin, A. J. Tomlin, and G. Mordey. Visitors: Bros. W. Side, W.M. 1507; H. Webb, P.M. 72; William Holland, 95, 1261, and P.M. 157; Ferguson, P.M. 177; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Edward Swanborough, P.M. 1319; C. J. Scates, I.P.M. 1507; W. J. Burgess, S.W. 1402; R. Burleton, J.W. 860; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; Leon Jacobs, J.D. 1732; B. Kauffman, D. of C. 1732; H. W. Field, 87; R. W. Key, 108; Culverhouse, 173; J. S. Wilkes, 177; James Copelin, 192; F. Silvester, 193; C. Baker, 201; F. Jesse, 453; P. Hornett, 813; T. Pinn, 860; E. G. G. Bax, 871; J. G. Thomas, 871; W. Abrahams, 1178; G. Duke, 1446; J. L. Edmonds, 1507; J. Gibbs, 1580; A. N. Clemow, 1589; H. W. Clemow, 1589; T. Burnitt, 1614; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—This good old lodge held its first meeting since the installation of Bro. N. Brown, W.M., in July last, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. N. Brown in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. T. Hutton, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M., Sec.; H. Syer, S.W.; T. Hosgood, J.W.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. H. Masters, I.G. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Good, P.M. 189, and P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall; J. Elder, J.W. 1472; W. Harris, J.W. 871; James Tough, 1536; E. Thoroless, 1714; J. J. Gould, 1685, and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bro. G. B. Cole, which having been finished, Bro. Hutton, P.M., was elected Treasurer of the lodge in the place of Bro. Davies, appointed Secretary; Bro. G. Masters, J.D., in the place of Bro. Matthey, re-

signed, and Bro. W. Akers, I.G., vice Masters promoted. At the refreshment table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and responded to with heartiness by the brethren. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Robinson Good responded, as also did Bros. Harris and Gould. The toast of "The W.M.," given by Bro. Hutton, was received with applause, and Bro. Brown returned thanks. "The Past Masters and Officers" were the other toasts given, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks on behalf of the *Freemason*. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened with some excellent singing and reciting by the brethren.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly gathering of this lodge was held at 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 22nd inst. The severity of the weather doubtless had some effect on the attendance of the members and visitors, for there was not quite the usual average number present. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after 7 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by his officers, viz: Bro. Robt. Whitfield, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, as S.W.; E. Liddle, J.W.; E. W. Middlemast, Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, as J.D.; Thos. Dinning, I.G.; A. Rhagg, S.S.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. John Duckitt, W.M. 481; John Usher, I.P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, J.W. 481; T. Dinning, J.S. 481; W. F. Carmon, 481; W. A. Grant, 481; J. B. Courtenay, Wm. Dalrymple, R. W. Sisson, S.S. 406; A. Simpson, 406; John Mackay, W.M. 424; E. A. Gibson, 424; J. W. Courtenay, 424; William Smith, J.W. 1342. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. One subscribing member was proposed; some ordinary routine business was transacted; and, there being no candidates present, no further work was done. After the W.M. had received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed at eight o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment board, where a happy and enjoyable evening was spent in listening to the Masonic toast list, and the musical entertainment provided by the lodge for its members and visitors. During the evening a sum of money exceeding £9 was subscribed for, and handed to the W.M. for the benefit of a very deserving and influential member of the lodge, who is prostrate with sickness.

MACCLESFIELD.—Lodge of Unity (No. 267).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Thursday, the 18th inst., at their lodge room at the Macclesfield Arms, on the occasion of the monthly meeting. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were on the agenda for the evening, the former being impressively conducted by Bro. R. Wood, P.M., and the latter by Bro. Cockayne, I.P.M., the W.M., Bro. Slade, being unavoidably absent. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren, including Bro. F. Jackson, jun., G.T. of the province, and P.M. of the sister lodge, 205; Bro. Bates, P.P.J.D., 205; Bro. Wadsworth, P.P.A.S.D.C., 205; and other P.M.'s of both lodges. A fraternal evening was spent.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the North Western Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thomas Wood, W.M.; S. Scott, D.C., S.W. pro. tem.; R. Sudbury, J.W.; J. Lloyd White, Sec.; John Baker, S.S.; E. J. Mousley, I.G.; E. W. Taylor, Org.; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; Thos. E. Fowke, I.P.M.; Thos. Rigby, Fred. Woolley, N. D. Batkin, J. Wooldridge, T. B. Mottram, Henry Newton, W. P. Duncalfe, S. S. Plant, James Senior, John Taylor, Albert Joyce, H. Thorn, and Albert Heath. Visitors: Bros. R. Gibson, P.M. 419, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. C. Bastick, I.G. 419; T. J. Williamson, 1604; and J. W. C. Warming-ton, I.G. 1284.

The lodge having been opened in the usual form the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Woolley, Duncalfe, and Newton were examined as to their progress in Masonry. The answers proving satisfactory, the W.M. entrusted them with the test of merit, and they then retired in order to be prepared to be passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Woolley, Duncalfe, and Newton were re-admitted and passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, the ceremony being rendered throughout, and the Tracing Board explained, by the W.M. No other business offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and with perfect harmony.

After supper the usual loyal and other toasts were proposed, and the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health took occasion to mention that he had a few days previously remitted £42 17s. 6d. as the yearly subscription of the individual members of the lodge to the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association. The W.M. congratulated the members on this handsome contribution, not altogether on account of the amount, but more particularly on account of the great interest taken in the Masonic Charities, as evidenced by the fact that out of sixty-one members forty-four had subscribed. The W.M. reminded the brethren that it was his intention to serve as Steward at the Girls' festival to be held in May.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., when Bro. F. Hodgson, W.M., presided, supported by his officers: Bros. J. S. Braithwaite, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W. and W.M. 1660; R. Twentyman, Sec.; G. Smith, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org.; J. Angus, I.G.; J. W. Salisbury, Tyler; James McGowan, and S. Blenkhorn, Stewards; W. Cowman, P.M.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M.; Chas. Dalton, J. Sewell, Thomas Ellwood, J. Cornthwaite, J. Townson, Thos. Glessal, J. H. Quarmy, G. Smith, Union Lodge, Carlisle. On the minutes being read and confirmed, the next business before the lodge was the election of W.M. and to pass Bro. J. H. Quarmy to Second Degree. After a long list of P.M.'s and Wards had been disposed of the choice fell upon Bro. Dalton, Past Junior Warden. Bro. Quarmy then gave proofs of his proficiency as E.A. and was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Angus, I.G., at the invitation of the W.M., gave the first Tracing Board in a very able manner. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 1086).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road. There were present Bros. Isaac Lecce, W.M.; G. J. Townshend, I.P.M.; G. Hanmer, P.M.; Joseph Ellis, P.M.; John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. J. Savage, S.W.; J. D. Reader, J.W.; R. Beckett, Secretary; W. G. Veale, Organist; Dr. David Parry, S.D.; W. Thomas, J.D.; W. Roberts, S.S.; R. E. Roberts, J.S.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chaplain; W. Williamson, Tyler; C. McEwen, W. Williams, T. Haslam, F. Mansley, J. Rud, J. Casey, J. Fowler, R. Copeland, F. Ewart, R. Davidson, W. Stooke, J. Pearson, and others. Visitors: H. Ashmore, P.M. 823 and 1325; J. Croxton, 1756; C. Bargery, Sec. 1756; W. Brackenbury, P.M. 673, P.G.S.; R. T. Bretten, 823; J. Molyneux, 1756; Thos. Watkins, 249; J. Hanley, 673; B. Coyle, 203; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Flockhart, who was declared duly elected, and he being in attendance was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Stern, Reeves, and Hanley, of Lodge 673, were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work in both Degrees being performed by the W.M. and his officers in a very efficient manner. Bro. Townshend, P.M., then proposed "That the sum of two guineas be granted out of the funds of the lodge towards a fund being raised for the relief of a widow," which was duly seconded and carried. There being no other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The brethren separated at eleven o'clock p.m., having spent a very pleasant evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—Since its consecration in 1874, amidst the most sanguine expectations as to its success and the strongest anticipations as to the true spirit of Masonry being carried out and consolidated through its influences, the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502 "on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England," celebrated another anniversary of its existence on Monday afternoon, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, with an amount of *éclat* and true development of brotherhood which showed that those who were present at the inauguration of the lodge could not possibly have been disappointed in their hopes with regard to its progress, position, and influence. Each year's annual festival celebration has been invariably looked upon and enjoyed as one of the most pleasant and successful of the Liverpool series of Masonic installation meetings, and that which took place on this occasion certainly proved no exception to the rule; indeed, many who had previously joined in similar gatherings voted that for 1880 the most pleasant of any in which they had had the privilege of joining. The gathering of brethren was not only numerous, but also thoroughly representative; the arrangements were of the most complete and satisfactory character; and the W.M. (Bro. S. J. Henochsberg), who was placed in the chair in the East, as we have already stated, enjoys a popularity amongst the brethren which is as widespread as it is well-deserved. The Prov. Grand Lodge was well represented by several prominent officers, past and present; and the "Israel" members mustered in strong force to witness a ceremony which is always so full of interest to every true Mason. No fewer than twenty-five W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present at the Installed Master's lodge, and this attendance gave demonstrative proof that Bro. Henochsberg was esteemed and valued outside as well as inside the lodge of which he assumed the government on this occasion. Bro. H. A. Tobias, the retiring W.M., took his place in the chair of K.S. promptly at the fixed hour (half-past three o'clock), and he closed a most efficient year's working by installing Bro. S. J. Henochsberg as his successor in the chair, the whole of the ceremony being performed by him in a manner which elicited the heartiest approval of even the oldest Masonic worker in the room.

The following officers were subsequently appointed: Bros. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M.; M. Aronsberg, S.W.; M. P. Tieski, J.W.; the Rev. Professor J. Prag, Chap.; B. Levy, D.C.; M. Hart, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); J. Saber, Sec.; H. F. Wright, S.D.; D. Gabrielson, J.D.; H. M. Silver, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; M. Baum, S.S.; Philip S. Levy, J.S.; M. Ehrenfeldt, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected).

The newly-installed W.M. commenced his year of office by performing the ceremony of initiation in a manner which could hardly have been excelled. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the magnificent banquetting room, where a *recherché* dinner was provided. The W.M. presided, and he was supported by a large and influential assembly of brethren. Nearly a hundred members and visitors were present, and the whole of the proceedings were of the most pleasant and enjoyable character.

Amongst those present, besides those already named, we noticed the following members of the lodge: Bros. S. Schönstadt, P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; A. Jones, P.M., R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; B. Woolf, I. Phillips, J. Toope, R. Abrahams, J. Archer, E. J. Hart, P. S. Levy, S. Marcus, H. Asher, A. Rabow, J. Franks, P.M. 203; A. Zelki, J. Mitton, E. Capstick, J. Workes, S. Simmons, A. Levy, and others.

The visitors included Bros. H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. (North Wales and Shropshire); Henry Ellis, 1021; Councillor J. Ball, S.W. 673; C. A. Luker, 241; A. Campbell, 758; T. Kirkham, 758; G. Bell, 758; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Salter, I.P.M. 241; J. Lipson, 724; A. C. Wylie, W.M. 1264; E. Hinks, P.M. 1073; R. Johnson, 1013; H. Gabriel, 263; R. Samuels, P.M. 1350; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; Captain Newman, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Thomas, 216; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Whalley, W.M. 249; Dr. J. F. Barley, P.M. 786; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609; W. Savage, J.W. 1609; S. Forrest, P.M. 241; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; J. R. Grant, 1356; B. Striem, 1609; E. Brammell, 1609; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; W. Harrington, 413; A. B. Ewart, 241; S. Tebbutt, 249; D. Saunders, 1609; Webster Williams, 1609; and Hargreaves Gill, 1086.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was appropriately given and cordially responded to. Bro. Schönstadt gave "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and

the rest of the Royal Family," and the W.M. submitted the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; and P.G. Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. Newell, P.P.G.S.W., and J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. Bro. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was most enthusiastically received, paid a high compliment to Bro. Henochsberg's Masonic work, spoke of his great popularity, and referred to the admirable manner in which he had performed all the duties he had been called upon to fulfil during his connection with the lodge. The able and efficient way in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that day indicated how well he would carry out the duties of the chair in which he had been placed. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the toast, expressing an earnest hope that he would be able to maintain the dignity and well-working of the lodge. He concluded by presenting Bro. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M., with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, set with diamonds, unanimsously voted by the members of the lodge as an evidence of the value which they placed on his services during his year of office. The W.M., in making the presentation, also alluded to the excellent manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by Bro. Tobias. The presentation and compliment were fittingly acknowledged by the I.P.M. "The Visiting Brethren," given by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bros. Mackenzie, Haslam, Hincks, Schmale, and others; and "The Fund of Benevolence" was proposed by Bro. R. Robinson in very eloquent and impressive terms. The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by Bro. M. Aronsberg, S.W., and the same brother most appropriately acknowledged "The Officers." During the evening an excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Webster Williams, M. Hart, D. Saunders, S. Schönstadt, and others; Bro. Brammell amused every one with "The Showman;" Bro. Hargreaves Gill's "Fairy Bells" were as charming as ever; and Bro. Ehrenfeldt gave an exceedingly clever sleight-of-hand entertainment. Bro. A. B. Ewart most efficiently fulfilled the duties of accompanist.

PORTMADOC.—Madoc Lodge (No. 1509).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held recently at the Masonic Hall. The hall, which is devoted entirely to Masonic purposes, was dedicated in September, 1879, by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., and has lately been painted and decorated in a very artistic and workmanlike manner. Owing to the number of council and other meetings that were held on the same day there was not such a large attendance of visitors as is usually the case to this prosperous lodge, but the brethren of the lodge mustered in good numbers, among the P.M.'s being Bros. J. B. Boucher, 606, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Dr. Roberts; Dr. Griffith; C. Davies, Prov. G.J.W., M.M.M., and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the ballot taken for three candidates for initiation, the chair was vacated by the W.M. in favour of P.M. Davies, who initiated his son, Dr. Jesse Conway Davies, into the mysteries of the Craft. The ceremony of installing Bro. Edward Seymour Greaves, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with by Bro. Dr. Jones Morris, Prov. G. Steward, the retiring W.M., in a most impressive and satisfactory manner, and the following brethren invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Dr. Jones Morris, I.P.M.; J. G. Tuxford, S.W.; Rev. John Lewis, J.W.; Dr. Robert Roberts, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. J. Morgan, Chaplain; C. Davies, P.M., D. of C.; J. W. Wheeler, Secretary; F. H. Strowger, S.D.; J. S. Hughes, J.D.; Griffith Prichard, I.G.; William Williams, Organist; R. M. Greaves, S. Steward; and Thomas Roberts, J. Steward. A vote of condolence with the widow of Bro. Owen Williams, which was raised at the monthly meeting in October, was passed amid signs of heartfelt sympathy. The annual banquet, held in the evening at the Sportsman Hotel, presided over in a genial and eminently satisfactory manner by the W.M., Bro. Greaves, gave entire approbation, and reflected great credit on Mrs. Francis, the respected hostess.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The first meeting after the summer vacation of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road, and although it was not so large as usual, yet an excellent muster of the brethren and friends of the new W.M., Bro. D. Deeves, assembled to welcome him and support him in this, his first essay in the chair. On account of the unavoidable absence of the S.W., Bro. Hollyman, J.W., filled that chair, and Bro. R. Gooding did good service in the J. Warden's chair. Among the officers and visitors present were Bros. H. Shaw, I.P.M.; H. Picken, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M. and P.M. 913; W. Weston, P.M. and Sec., and P.G.S.B. Kent; S. Orton, Org.; W. Moulds, I.G.; J. Purnell, Wine Stwd.; J. Lackland, Tyler, all of the lodge; J. Donnelly, P.M. 706; J. Wilkins, W.M. 700; Thos. Hosgood, J.W. 13; C. Ellis, 913; Jas. Taylor, 730; J. Strange, 114; I.C.; Thos. Preece, 1394; P. Redfern, 407; C. Jolly, 713 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Sayles, Flours, and another were after examination raised to the Sublime Degree. Five guineas were then voted to Lord Holmesdale's testimonial fund, and the lodge was duly closed. At the refreshment table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Weston's name was coupled with the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, and in reply, although a very young Grand Officer, thanked the brethren sincerely for the toast. In reference to the testimonial to Lord Holmesdale, he spoke in the most eulogistic terms of his lordship's goodness of heart, and earnest work for the good of Freemasonry. He reminded them of the kindness of his lordship in the case of the widow and son of a brother of that lodge. When the petition of that poor woman, because it was informal, was about to be thrown out, his lordship, taking a merciful view of the case, suspended the standing orders of the day, and voted the sum of twenty-five pounds for her immediate relief. The Committee had determined that the name and rank of every subscriber should be inscribed on the vellum presented to his lordship, so that the scroll would, in years to come, be a history of Freemasonry and a chronology of the most important Masons in the province at the present time. The W.M. then, as Bro. Picken had to go a long way to his home, gave the toast of "The Past Masters," and after Bro. Shaw had spoken, Bro. Picken said that he was highly pleased with the style in which their W.M. had

done his work that night. There was also another subject for congratulation, and one that the Past Masters especially rejoiced at, and that was the manner in which the various offices of the lodge had been carried out that night by brethren who had taken them at a moment's notice. It had the effect of making the Past Masters more comfortable and satisfied, because they felt that at any emergency there were brethren in the lodge fit, ready, and willing to fill the vacancy. He thanked them for the toast, and assured them that the Past Masters would always lend a helping hand to any aspiring candidate for office. Bro. Shaw then proposed "The Health of the W. Master," and said there was no time when the help and support of the brethren would be more welcome to the W.M. than at the present time. He was just commencing his duties, which were never very light, in that lodge, and although there might be a little cloud at times threaten the brightness of even the most bright of summer days, yet it soon passed away and left sunshine behind it. If there was a cloud in the horizon of that lodge—God forbid that there should be—he trusted the hearty support and sympathy of the brethren would help to clear it away. He asked them to rally round their W.M. and assist him, heart and soul, in carrying out the duties of the lodge. The W.M., in reply, said Bro. Shaw had asked them to rally round him, and he trusted they would. As far as he was personally concerned, they might depend upon it that nothing should be wanting on his part to make every one comfortable and happy, and if there should be a member of the lodge who had, or thought he had, a grievance, if he would only come to him and state it he would do all in his power to remedy the evil and put things straight. There was one thing that he had discovered since he was placed in that chair, and that was that the Master of a lodge had a great many responsibilities thrust on him, and he need have very broad shoulders to bear them. He asked them to continue to him the same kindly sympathy, and brotherly assistance, that had been so generously given to those who had preceded him, and then he had no fear that at the end of his year of office he should leave the chair with the same respect and esteem with which he had been placed in it. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Strange, Hosgood, Ellis, and Prece returned thanks. Bros. Hollyman and Gooding returned thanks for "The Officers;" and after our representative had returned thanks for the "Masonic Press," the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there was an attendance of about fifty brethren. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M., presided, and there was also present a full attendance of officers. Messrs. William Edward Glover and Alfred James Rawlings, both connected with the Carl Rosa Opera Troupe, were initiated, Bros. Rudersdorff, Goldhart, Carodus, Vokins, Beddoes, and Vandenberg (all members of the same company) were passed, and Bro. Gough (another of the same corps) was raised to the Degree of M.M. A novelty of the afternoon banquet proceedings was the introduction of two splendidly played violoncello solos by Bro. Rudersdorff, and an excellent rendering of one of Beethoven's stringed quartets, the executants being Bros. Gough, Glover, Goldhart, and Rudersdorff. Several old musical Masons were immensely delighted with the performance.

SHOEBURYNES.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Cambridge Hotel on Thursday, the 18th inst. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., Bro. G. J. Glasscock, who was supported by the following officers and brethren, viz: Bros. J. M. Farr, S.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; C. Eltham, I.P.M., Prov. G.P. Treas.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; S. M'Call, Walker, S.D.; J. English; as J.D.; H. Church, I.G.; A. Martin, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.D.C.; J. A. Wardell, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.; S. Turner, T. Bertram, G. A. Foster, G. Berry, S.W. 1000; A. Betenson, T. Hamblin, F. Reed, J. Cockburn, C. Floyd. Visitors: Bros. J. Harrington, W.M. 160; H. Harper, S.W. 160; C. Purdon, P.M. 36, I.C.; T. F. Barrett, J.W. 1000; J. Moroney, 226; C. W. Godfrey, 160; and J. Taylor, 1000. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bros. G. A. Foster and F. Reed to the Second Degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. William Kirkwood into the mysteries of the Order. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The ceremony of installation was rehearsed at a meeting of this lodge of instruction held on Monday week at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Bro. Shaw, W.M. of the Raleigh Lodge, No. 834, presided, and was supported by Bros. Kitson, W.M. 548, as S.W.; Waterman, I.P.M. 147, as J.W.; Hutchings, S.W. 147 and 1531, as S.D.; Behenna, J.D. 1531, J.D.; Taylor, 1531, as I.G.; Griffin, P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, Preceptor and Treasurer of the lodge, as Director of Ceremonies; and Gibson, 1531, Hon. Secretary.

There was a strong muster of the brethren, and amongst those present were Bros. Andrews, P.M. and D.C. 871, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, New Cross; Gloster, I.P.M. 1531, and S.D. 1326; Moffat, W.M. 1538; and West, P.M. and P.Z. 548. The labours of the evening were commenced by the opening of the lodge in the Three Degrees, and its resumption in the Second Degree. The Director of Ceremonies then presented Bro. Kitson as W.M. elect, and, having signified his adherence to the ancient charges, he was obligated in due form, and the lodge being resumed in the Third Degree, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The brethren in the several Degrees having been re-admitted, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers, who, with the exception of the S.W., to which office Bro. Gloster, P.M., was appointed, were the same as at the opening of the lodge. The charges to the W.M., officers, and brethren, were most impressively delivered by Bro. Shaw, who displayed throughout the ceremony a perfect acquaintance with the ritual, combined with elocutionary abilities of no

mean order. The satisfaction of the brethren assembled was manifested by the unanimous and hearty plaudits with which Bro. Shaw was greeted on the completion of the ceremonial, and by the subsequent record upon the minutes of a vote of thanks for his valuable services. Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren, many of whom, despite unfavourable weather, had journeyed a considerable distance to assist in the proceedings, then separated.

HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).—The inaugural meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th of November, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Hon. Sec. 1580, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who appointed as his officers Bros. E. Bowyer, P.M. 1580, P.G.S.W., S.W.; T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.G.J.W., J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.M. 1580, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The ceremony of consecration was rehearsed in Bro. Terry's usual able manner, Bro. J. R. Dare, P.G. Org., presiding at the harmonium. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed by Bro. R. H. Halford, W.M. 1580, P.G.S.D., candidate, who appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. J. S. Webb, S.W.; W. M. Baker, J.W.; J. H. Wane, Treas.; W. Webb, Sec.; J. R. Dare, S.D.; H. T. Shillito, J.D.; and Couchman, I.G. It was proposed by Bro. Terry, and seconded by Bro. Mather, that Bro. J. S. Webb be elected W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously.

The following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. Terry, Bowyer, Mather, H. Cox, G. F. Cook, R. H. Halford, W. Webb, W. M. Baker, J. S. Webb, J. R. Dare, Wane (all of 1580), Carter, 403; H. T. Shillito, 25; Miller, 228; Patmore, 228. The visitors were Bros. Quartly, 228; Cambden, 228; Jackson, 1037; Gladwell, 1470; Johnson, 948. The lodge will meet every Thursday evening, at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, at eight o'clock, under the able preceptorship of Bro. S. Mather, who has kindly consented to act in that capacity for the present.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were in attendance, among others, Comps. W. Mann, P.Z., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; H. Higgins, J.; G. Everett, junior, S.E.; Speedy, P.S.; Webb, 1st Asst.; Köhler, 2nd Asst.; Daly, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a notice of motion was given, that a chapter of instruction, to be called the Kennington, be forthwith founded. A letter from Comp. George Everett, I.P.Z. and Treas., regretting that illness prevented his attending the chapter, having been read, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to a well served supper.

It being an "off night" the toasts were necessarily and commendably curtailed, but the proceedings were agreeably prolonged, thanks to the vocal and dramatic entertainment furnished by some of the companions.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—A meeting of this chapter took place on Monday evening, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Present: Ex. Comps. Colonel the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., M.E.Z.; H. Longman, H.; W. Duff, J.; Wm. Hall, P.Z.; Comps. Ellershaw, S.E.; F. G. Dale, S.N.; R. Stanton, P.S.; and others. The chapter having been opened in due form by the Principals, the ballot was taken for Bro. B. Greyson, J.D. 281, which proving unanimous, he was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., the working being gone through in a most impressive manner. On the conclusion of the ceremony, it was resolved, on the motion of Ex. Comp. Stanley, M.E.Z., seconded by Ex. Comp. W. Hall, P.Z., that a vote of sympathy with Ex. Comp. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in his severe illness be passed, and the same ordered to be forwarded to him. A joining member was proposed for admission, after which the chapter was closed with the usual formalities.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The installation meeting of this Mark lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. C. P. McKay, W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; T. Poore, P.M.; H. Baldwin, J.O. and Sec.; Axford, I.G.; G. J. Dunkley, O.; Potter, Tyler; M. S. Larham, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 139; C. Palmer, P.M. 139; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 198; F. Borer (visitor); G. Gilham, jun., J. Holliday, J. G. Wyatt, C. G. T. Kipling, W. Ackland, and others.

After the opening of the lodge, and taking the ballot for several brethren for advancement and joining, Bro. R. R. Johnston, of No. 1777, was admitted, and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, with full musical accompaniment. The chair was then assumed by W. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G., and in a masterly manner he installed Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex and Surrey, into the chair of A., according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. P. McKay, I.P.M.; G. Clark, jun., S.W.; Jas. Curtis, J.W.; W. Ackland, Prov. G.S.W., M.O.; Kipling, S.O.; G. J. Dunkley, J.O. and Hon. Org.; Axford, Reg. of M.; H. Baldwin, Prov. G.A.D.C., Sec.; Gilham, S.D.; J. Holliday, J.D.; Dan Kerrell, I.G.; G. F. Smith, jun., D.C.; Johnston, W.S.; and R. Potter, Tyler. Bro. Poore, the Installing Master, then gave the addresses, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M. The usual toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bros. Poore, McKay, Holliday, Gilham, and G. J. Dunkley, the latter of whom efficiently accompanied the other singers, besides giving two songs in good style himself.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. the Rev. W. Valentine, W.M.; R. W. Hollon, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; J. Murray, P.M. Star in the East; S. Middleton, P.M. Star in the East; Rev. W. C. Lukis, S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, J.W.; J. T. Wilkinson, G. Ayre, A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, M. Millington, A. Hanson, W. B. Dyson, J. Redfare, and other brethren and visitors. Bro. W. Colman, W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416 (Thirsk), was duly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., after which a ballot was taken for election of Master, resulting in the unanimous choice of the brethren falling on the S.W., Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge (Ripon). Bro. T. B. Whythead was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Those brethren having thanked the lodge for the compliment bestowed on them, Bro. Pearson was unanimously re-elected Tyler. Bros. M. Millington and W. B. Dyson were appointed Auditors. Bro. T. Marshall, Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was proposed as a candidate, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. W. Martin, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and members: Bros. R. Wilson, S.W.; R. Baxter, J.W., P.G.I.G.; D. Bell, M.O.; T. Swainson, S.O.; A. Crawford, J.O.; B. Craig, Sec. and Reg.; J. Winter, S.D.; W. Swain, I.G.; John Close, Tyler; James Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; George Dalrymple, I.P.M., P.G.J.W., and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Jordan Ashworth, M.M. 119 and 1660, which was unanimous, and he being in attendance was duly advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master. Bro. David Bell was afterwards proposed as a joining member from Whitwell Lodge, 151, Maryport. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from Lodges 213 and 147, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at a quarter to nine.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PLANTAGENET CONCLAVE (No. 2).—This conclave held its chapter at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, on Monday, the 22nd inst. Present: Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, M.P.S.; G. A. Rooks, V.E.; H. Venn, S.G.; Herbert Dicketts, P.S., Treas.; and T. W. Merley, Herald. Bro. Dr. J. M. Sigismund having been installed a knight of the Order, the chapter was closed, and the Sir Knights sat down to a banquet, over which Sir Knight Hogard presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The unavoidable absence of Sir Knight Levander was remarked upon, and deplored by all. The toast of "The Senate and Council" was then given, coupled with the name of Sir Knight J. L. Thomas, G.S., who thanked on behalf of the Grand Officers, and regretted the absence of Sir Knight Col. Burdett. He alluded to the new Knight, who he thought had made considerable progress in Masonry, considering his very short Masonic career. He prophesied a brilliant and most promising future in store for him. "The Health of the new Knight" was then drank. After thanking for the honour conferred on him that evening, Sir Knight Sigismund said that he felt proud of being received in the Order. He would ever highly prize the cross with which he had been decorated. He had seen some military service, and might almost say with Horace "Militavi non sine gloria," and yet the letters inscribed on the vermilion cross would remain indelible in his memory. "In hoc signo vinces" would not only remind him of the originator of the Order, but the deeper and purer significance Constantine intended to convey to those who would in future ages have the honour of wearing it. He—the speaker—preferred it to all purely military orders; the latter, although it honoured the bravery of the recipient, was, nevertheless, conceived in the suffering and misery of fellow beings—it received the baptism of blood; whereas this Order, although red in colour, is as innocent and pure as the Paschal lamb and the dove sacrificed at the altar of our glorious temple. Far from the recipient taking life, it was his solemn duty to assist in saving and prolonging life; to relieve the distressed, support the weak, and assuage the suffering of others is not only a meritorious, but a sublime task. He trusted, with the benign help of the Great and All-Seeing Sovereign, to perform that task faithfully. He begged to convey his sincere thanks to his proposer and seconder, Sir Knights Levander and Venn. With the Sentinel's toast, a very enjoyable evening terminated.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, (No. 29).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday last at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, when Bro. Louis Hirsch was installed M.W.S. by Bro. Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, 33°. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Arthur Rooks, P.M. St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, was perfected. Arrangements were made for auditing the accounts of the past year, and the chapter was then closed, the brethren afterwards dining together at the Café Royal.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEBBLES AND SELKIRK.

The annual Prov. G. Lodge visitation to Lodge St. John, No. 32, Selkirk, was made on the evening of Thursday, the 18th inst. The following Prov. G. Officers formed the deputation: Bros. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M., Manorhead, Stow; James T. S. Elliot, S.P.G.M., Wolflee; Robert Sanderson, P.G. Sec.; R. Lees, P.G.S.D. Selkirk; W. Ferguson, P.G. Pres. of Stewards; and W. Montgomery, P.G. Steward. The deputation was received at seven o'clock, after the lodge had been opened by Bro. R. Currie, W.M. 32. The

lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, and lowered to the Fellow Craft, for the purpose of passing three candidates into that Degree, which Masonic work was performed in a very efficient manner.

The books of the lodge were examined and found correctly kept, all accounts paid and properly vouched, and a minute certifying the same was read by the P.G. Sec. and signed.

The D.P.G.M. complimented Bro. Currie on the highly efficient state of the lodge funds, and made some excellent remarks on the advantages to be gained by visiting deputations seeing the lodges at their proper work when making annual visits.

The deputation left by train at 9.30 p.m.

KELSO LODGE (No. 58).—On Thursday, the 18th inst., the brethren of this ancient lodge met in their hall for the purpose of bidding "good-bye" to their esteemed and worthy Bro. H. W. Thomson, Secretary to the lodge and P.G. Sec. of Berwick and Roxburghshire, who was leaving Kelso for the South. Between twenty and thirty brethren assembled, and the R.W.M., Bro. Bulman, having, in a very neat speech, alluded to the services Bro. Thomson had rendered the lodge, presented him, in the name of thirty subscribing brethren, with a handsome gold Secretary's jewel, which he affixed amidst the applause of the members, wishing him at the same time long life to wear it. Bro. Thomson feelingly replied. Bros. James Steel, P.M., and Vernon, P.M., added their testimony to what had been said concerning Bro. Thomson's connection with the lodge, and wished him every happiness and success in life. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Black Swan, Bro. Rodger's, the Senior Steward's house, and enjoyed a social hour together, the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Thomson," being proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. Vernon. A number of excellent speeches and songs were given during the evening, and the company separated before eleven o'clock.

Obituary.

BRO. COLONEL PEARD.

After a lengthened illness "Garibaldi's Englishman" has passed away. The news will revive in the minds of the middle-aged recollections which had faded of the brilliant exploits by which Italian Unity became a real thing instead of a mere byword of political badinage, and of the part which Englishmen took, emulating the heroism and self-sacrifice which, in a fiercer struggle, inseparably associated with the liberties of Greece the names of Byron, Trelawney, and Church. Bro. John Whitehead Peard, of Trenythen, was the second son of the late Vice-Admiral Shuldham Peard, and a descendant on the maternal side from the Cornish branch of the Fortescues, his maternal grandfather being Mr. William Fortescue, of Penwarn. Born in 1811, his years verged closely on the allotted span of man's life. The career which his death terminates has been varied as well as long, though its most exciting chapters were comprised in its concluding decades. The first fifty years of Bro. Colonel Peard's biography are marked by no events outside the range of ordinary English life. At two-and-twenty he graduated at Oxford, his college being Exeter, and four years after proceeded M.A. In 1837 he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple. If he ever practised his professional career was brief and by no means eventful. He married in 1838 a daughter of a then resident of Teignmouth, the Rev. Dr. Richards. For some time he resided at Exeter before taking up his residence in Cornwall. Though he formerly held a commission in the Cornwall Rangers Militia, and rose to the rank of captain, Colonel Peard had not served in the English army, and his military rank was that he held in Italy during the marvellous campaign of 1860, which drove "Bomba" into exile, and brought the States of the Church, Naples and Sicily, into the kingdom which the French and Austrians and the Pope had conspired to limit to Northern Italy. It would seem that when hostilities broke out in 1859 on the declaration of war by Austria against Sardinia, and the intervention of France "in the cause of liberty" (and glory), Mr. Peard was travelling in the Peninsula, and was attracted to Garibaldi's standard almost as soon as the Condottieri as an organised force began their operations. Skill as a marksman and indomitable *sang froid* as well as physical powers appear to have brought the English volunteer into general notice, and before his friends in England knew anything of his deeds, Mr. Peard's courageous bearing in the field had won for him the cross of the newly-created Order of Valour from the hand of Victor Emmanuel. The *Times* correspondent in Italy at that time honoured "the fighting Englishman," as the unknown marksman was called, with frequent notices more or less complimentary. Peard remained in Italy during the disturbed winter which followed the Peace of Villafranca, and after the Garibaldians took the field in May, 1860, and kindled a new revolt in Southern Italy, he was one of the leaders of the English Legion in which Plymouth and other towns in the West of England contributed volunteers. The services which he rendered Garibaldi acknowledged four years afterwards by paying him a visit in his Cornish home. The enthusiasm of the Liberator's reception in England, and the vexation which was caused by his abrupt departure, it was said at the instance of the Government, will be generally remembered more distinctly than the visit to Benquite, except by those western gentlemen who had the satisfaction of meeting Garibaldi there. It was only a day or two before he set sail homeward, and when he bade Colonel Peard farewell before embarking it was noticed that "Garibaldi was affected to tears."

Colonel Peard's later life in Cornwall is well known. He was a magistrate, and in 1860 sheriff. It is not in the nature of things that a man of his temperament should escape occasional unpopularity, and, as other justices of the peace have done, he incurred public censure on one occasion by an arbitrary exercise of power, the committal of some Sunday-school children to prison for a trespass which was generally regarded as innocent. But the memory of that act will not seriously affect the posthumous reputation of one who has earned an honourable soubriquet among two nations.

Colonel Peard was a Freemason and a member of the Thirty-first Degree, one of the highest grades in the Order. He held the offices of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of

Cornwall, Provincial Grand Mark Master, and Provincial Prior, having attained the latter office within a comparatively recent time. It has been said that Colonel Peard's association with the Italian patriots began at the meetings of the Carbonari or other secret societies with which Freemasonry in Italy was associated during the struggle for independence, and that he became acquainted with Garibaldi in a lodge of which they and Mazzini were members. The story, if true, corrects the impression of the *Times* correspondent that Colonel Peard's presence at the fighting in 1859 was "impassionate," or, in other words, cold-blooded and murderous. Though "the fighting Englishman" chose to conceal his reason, alliance with the secret societies in the Peninsula was an ample explanation of his presence with Garibaldi's army.

About six months since Colonel Peard was struck down by paralysis, and from that time he has lain in a precarious state at his residence near Par. Two months ago his life was despaired of, but he still lingered, and a week ago another paralytic stroke shattered the little remnant of life that remained. From that time he gradually sunk, notwithstanding the care of his medical attendant, Dr. Davis, and on Sunday morning, at eight o'clock, his life ended.—*Western Morning News*.

The funeral took place at Fowey Cemetery on Wednesday, and was largely attended.

We hope to give an account of Bro. Colonel Peard's Masonic career in our next.

BRO. J. E. GARSIDE.

A highly-esteemed brother was consigned to the grave on Wednesday, the 17th inst., in the burial place adjoining the beautiful old parish church of Astbury, Cheshire. Bro. Garside was the representative of an old and respected family in Congleton, of which borough, about a century ago, his grandfather filled the office of mayor. Bro. Garside served his articles as a solicitor with Messrs. Wilson and Moorhouse; and on the departure of the latter gentleman for Liverpool, thirteen years ago, he was appointed to succeed him as clerk to the county magistrates for the Congleton district, and also to the Local Board of Buglawton. In April, 1878, he was unanimously elected coroner for the No. 2 Division of Cheshire. Bro. Garside's singular popularity and favour with all classes was the result of his genial disposition, ever cheerful temperament, and genuine benevolence of heart. He had suffered from failing health for nearly twelve months past, but the news of his decease, though so long expected, threw a gloom over Congleton and the neighbourhood; and his funeral on Wednesday, the 17th inst., was the occasion of a display of universal sympathy and respect. Although it was the desire both of himself, while yet living, and of his family, that the funeral should be as private and simple as possible, yet Bro. Garside's immediate connections were so numerous that the cortege was necessarily large. There were no mourning coaches, the private carriages of friends conveying the attendants from Congleton to Astbury, while the streets along the route of procession were lined by sympathising spectators, and every blind was drawn down. The brethren of Eaton Lodge, No. 533, of which Bro. Garside was Junior Warden, attended with the W.M., Bro. T. A. Daniel, and preceded the funeral cortege. Bro. Harry Froggatt, of the Lodge of Unity, No. 267 (Macclesfield), was also present. Bro. Froggatt is a candidate for the office which his friend's death has left vacant, and for which he was also a candidate when Bro. Garside was appointed, on which occasion he generously gave way to his older friend. The services in the church and at the grave were read by the Rev. T. Spencer, of Preston, brother-in-law of the deceased, and the Rev. G. A. E. Kempson, vicar of St. James's. Fourteen years ago Bro. Garside married Emily, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Spencer, of Preston, twice mayor of that borough, and a much-respected magistrate of the county. He leaves that estimable lady with a son and four daughters to lament their irreparable loss.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL ARCH ABSTRACT OF LAWS.

It struck me as odd, on reading Bro. Hughan's note, if I had made a mistake, and on looking over the work I find the following curious fact. On the title page is printed, "London, A.L. MDCCCLXXXVI." At the end this is altered to the "10th day of May, A.L. 5786, A.D. 1782." So that, as usual, both my worthy friend, Bro. Hughan, and myself are right, though I had omitted, it seems, the actual date, 1782, which I ought not to have done.

CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

"Le Maçon Demasqué" is published at London, (à Londres), without a date or printer's name. It would seem from some expressions to be after 1745, and it mentions in the history that the writer who signs himself "T.W." was initiated at the "Swan in the Strand," by the inter-mediation of his friend, "Monsieur Cowens," "Mr. Fielding" being the "Venerable," or Master. This work is written in French. It has mixed up "Adonhiram" as is usual in similar French works, but preserves in one portion a true account of Masonic traditions, more clearly than I have ever seen, though equally clearly an "after thought," and utterly incorrect ritualistically. Kloss says the first edition was published in London, 1751, and a second at Berlin, in 1757, the writer being a Thomas Wolson, or Wilson. He is the Editor also of "Solomon in all his Glory," that work being a translation of the former, of which the first edition, says Kloss, was published in 1766.—I have the second edition, with three copper plates, of 1768. Curiously enough the English translation also alludes to "Adonhiram." He calls himself Thomas Wilson, in "Solomon in all his Glory."

MASONIC STUDENT.

LISTS OF LODGES.

Let me call Bro. Gould's attention, if he has not seen it, to the List of Lodges appended to an edition of "Solomon in all his Glory," 1768, lately mentioned in this column. By this list it seems that the lodge at Madrid, at the Three Flour de Luces, founded in 1727, had become No. 27, that 32 and 33, though each founded January 22nd and 24th, 1729, are not named, that 35 is vacant, and also 38, founded September 7th, 1730; likewise 40, founded in 1730; but the dates are given to 32, 33, 38, and 40, and the names are given in the 1756 list, as Bro. Gould will remember. 45 is out, though at the Half Moon, Cheap-

side, in 1756; 59 is the lodge at Paris, founded in 1732; 65 is the lodge at Boston, Royal Exchange, founded in 1733; 66 the lodge at Valenciennes; 71 is one in Holland, 1735; 73 is at Aubigny, in France; 74, Solomon Lodge, Charleston, 1725, not Fountain, at Bristol, as in 1756; 75 at Savannah, 1735.

As I think it may interest Bro. Gould to note the changes of twelve years—according to a list by "order of the Grand Master, brought down to February, 1768," I give the first ten lodges, observing solely, that many too are the changes later on, and that if it will please Bro. Gould to see the list it is heartily at his service. Is it, however, a correct list?

1756.	1768.
1. King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard.	1. Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard.
2. Horn, Westminster.	2. The Golden Fleece, Tottenham-st., Westminster.
3. George & Dragon, Grafton-st., St. Ann's	3. Thatched House, St. James's-st.
4. Braund's Head, New Bond-st.	4. Crown & Rolls, Chancery-lane.
5. Castle, Seven Dials.	5. Talbot, Tottenham Court-road.
6. Fish & Bell, Charles-st., Soho.	6. Salmon & Bell, Charles-st., Soho.
7. King's Arms, New Bond-street.	7. King's Arms, New Bond-street.
8. Crown, Leadenhall-st.	8. Running Horse, David-st. Grosvenor-sq.
9. Dundee Arms, Wapping New Stairs.	9. Dundee Arms, Private Rooms, Red Lion-st., Wapping.
10. The Mitre, in Globe-Lane, Chatham.	10. Bunch of Grapes, Chatham.

All the dates of foundation are the same in each case.
MASONIC STUDENT.

GREGORIANS.—The statement commonly made that this was a society formed in opposition to and ridicule of Freemasonry cannot be sustained. We have the original rules before us, in Bro. Munkhouse's writing, and nothing of the kind is discernible. Bro. Munkhouse was a well-known clergyman at Wakefield, and a distinguished West Yorkshire Mason, and appears, if not to have founded, to have revised, remodelled, and re-enacted the constitutional laws of Gregorian. This would be late in the last century. The objects of "our Order" are stated to be "the establishment and permanent continuance of unity in society and Christian charity." They were in fact, a loyal and social and Christian Order, one of their principal officers being "the Prelate." Though we find mention of the "Regalia," we cannot trace any specific description of their emblems; but we find that they met in a Chapter, and had anniversary and quarterly meetings. Their first toast was always "The King, Family, and Friends," and they had certain constitutional and Gregorian songs. Most of the rules resemble those of a contemporary Lodge of Freemasons, and from Freemasonry they borrowed evidently both their outward and inner organization. The society had its origin at Wakefield. Political subjects were not to be debated after dinner or supper, nor "any subject thought likely to produce unseemly warmth of argument, or occasion dissension among the brethren." A good rule still.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

This rite is fortunate in having found such a distinguished champion as "Masonic Student," and the Antient and Primitive unfortunate, in the same ratio, in not meeting his smiles. Still with a little trouble, which I am not disposed to give to it, and fair play, the Antient and Accepted Rite may exclaim, "Save us from our friends." "Masonic Student" says, at page 522, "Without being too pointed, I would say that I make my starting point with Stephen Morin's patent in 1761, under which, eventually, in 1801, a Supreme Council was established in Charleston." The first check to "Masonic Student's" position is the following resolution, which rendered all Morin's doings irregular and spurious. Extract from the minute book of the G. Lodge of France, "Session of the 17th August, 1766. Brethren entitled to the gavel: Moët, President; Gerbici, S.W.; Lettie, J.W.; Baron von Ischondy, Master of the Lodge St. Etienne, at Metz; Gallart, Master of the Lodge St. Julien, in Argental; Martin, Leroy, Lexcombart, Ledain, de Lorraine, Duplessis, Liègeois, Joubert de la Bondiniere, Baillet, Duhoussy, Bandson, Robinson, Poupart, Borel and Richard. The worthy Master Bro. Martin read a tracing to the very Worshipful Grand Lodge of France, in reference to his intended journey to America, in which he thanked the G.L. for the post of Secretary for Paris assigned to him. It was resolved that the various copies of the different rites should be verified and then signed, sealed and stamped, whereupon they should be handed to the Master, Bro. Martin. It was further resolved that in acknowledgment of the zeal of the worthy Bro. Martin in the various offices he has held in our Grand Lodge, that a patent as Inspector of the Lodges of America shall be prepared for him, in which it shall be fundamentally declared that in consequence of the little care of Master Bro. Morin, and the many alterations the latter had introduced into the Royal Art, his previously granted patent as Inspector is annulled by Grand Lodge, and also that it is thought best for the interests of the Royal Art to substitute for him the said worthy Master, Bro. Martin, Master of the Lodge of Saint Frederick, and that his letter of constitution for America be ratified." "Masonic Student" next says, "Bro. Gourgat took an active part. It is from this body that the Supreme Council, at 33, Golden-square, derives its vital and legitimate honours." This second position of your distinguished contributor will shortly be met by the publication of the minuted history of the Supreme Council of America, commonly called the Cerneau Council, who have undertaken to prove that the Gourgat Council was a *spurious* offshoot of their body. This body did me the honour to appoint me their Grand Representative, and if any brother is eager to obtain information of this little known history in advance, they may write our Grand Representative, Bro. William Youngblood, 424, 426, Broadway, New York.

JOHN YARKER.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Advrt.]

Reviews.

FREEMASON'S CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1881. Spencer's Masonic Depot, 23a, Great Queen-street, W.C.

We have received this useful and valuable "aide memoire" of English Craft Masonry, and hasten to acknowledge it and commend it to the notice of all members of the English Grand Lodge, and for the matter of that all Freemasons, wherever dispersed, over the face of land or water. It seems to us to be admirably "got up" and carefully compiled, and abounding in information likely to be useful to those who use it from day to day, consult its pages, or are governed by its reminders. Among the improvements we note the distinction between the modern and ancient lodges being marked,—the ancient lodges being all distinguished by a small dagger,—and we also observe the list of Grand Masters, both of the modern and ancient Grand Lodges. Such a handy little work is indispensable to the "Craft Mason," wherever he be, however he fares, whithersoever he directs his steps, as it tells him of meetings to be holden, of duties to be performed, and if at home offers him the opportunity of many a pleasant gathering; if abroad, recalls to his mind the scenes he has witnessed, the genial hours he has spent, the friends he has made. Just now, too, as there are few spots on earth where Masons do not congregate—as a Craft lodge and cheerful chapters of the Royal Arch are extant in almost all the countries of the world—it is well for us Craft Masons to be reminded year by year of the fact, wonderful as it really is, after all, that our kindly, and useful, and beneficent Order is to be found North and South, East and West, and holds out a fraternal hand of friendship, and offers a link of unbroken union, whenever the lodge meeting or chapter gathering be assembled, to all true brethren, all faithful sojourners, to every honest, every deserving, and every loyal Freemason. We congratulate the Calendar Committee and Bro. Spencer on the neat and effective appearance of the "Calendar."

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA. By HERBERT A. GILES, W.M. Ionic Lodge, 1781, Amoy.

This is a most remarkably interesting book. It has long been known that there are traces in China of Freemasonry. Bro. Giles quotes several statements of the Chinese ancient bodies, which have a "Masonic spiritualism" about them. At No. 33, Golden-square is a figure of Confucius, wearing a "square" and an "apron," and a very fine worked square of "Jude," which must be very old indeed. We have always understood that the "Triad" Order was Masonic, but being a secret society now, and forbidden by the Government, and some say "political," as favouring the "Ming Dynasty," it has never yet been proved whether European Masonry has any connection or identity with it. Bro. Giles evidently thinks not, but, we confess, we do not as yet see that his reasons are altogether good, nor his facts clear on that point. We should like the trial to be made, if possible, in order to ascertain if there be the slightest connection now, or if the "Triad Society," which is Masonic in its organization, and even in its catechisms, (as far as known), is a portion of the great world-wide Masonic Fraternity, or has drifted into what Oliver calls "spurious Freemasonry." The question is a most interesting one, *per se*, and in its relation to and bearing upon other complex and moot points. We recommend Bro. Giles's sketch to our readers. Bro. Giles refers us to two other works: "Thian Ti Huwi," by G. Schlegel, and some papers on "Chinese Secret Societies," by W. A. Pickering, published recently in the journals of the branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. If any brother can aid us to obtain these works we shall be truly obliged.—Address, Editor *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The number of Craft Lodges acting under the Grand Lodge of England is now 1886.

Bro. the Rev. P. Pinnington, P.M. Mariners Lodge, Liverpool, has been appointed Vicar of Bolton, Westmoreland.

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D. (late Sec. of the Great Western Railway of Canada), has met with a severe accident, which providentially was not a fatal one. On Friday afternoon, the 12th inst., in attempting to cross Bishopsgate-street, he was knocked down by the pole of one of the General Omnibus Company's vehicles proceeding on the wrong side of the way, and fell under the horses' legs. He was with difficulty extracted from this dangerous position by a policeman, and taken to the nearest police station, where his immediate requirements were attended to. It was found that one of his ribs was broken, that he had received a scalp wound on the back of his head, and severe contusions and bruises about the arms and legs. He was taken to his residence at Lee, and is, we are happy to say, progressing favourably.

The installation meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was held on Thursday, the 25th inst., at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Bro. J. E. Shand, W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Full report in our next will appear.

The *Broad Arrow* of Nov. 20th contains the following notice of the "Masonic Magazine":—"Among the many interesting papers in this month's 'Masonic Magazine' we specially notice one on Rabbinical proverbs and sayings, which are full of wisdom, as, for example, this one, 'Thy yesterday is thy past, thy to-day the future, thy tomorrow is a secret.' Rhythmic Sayings is another article which will well repay perusal, while the continuation of the paper on the ancient mysteries, and that on the suppression of the Templars in England—together with many others—make up an extremely good number."

Bro. J. E. Wallford, C.C., is this year the Master of the Loriners' Company, and the Livery dinner took place at Cannon Street Hotel on Thursday last, under his presidency, supported by the Wardens, Bros. H. A. Isaacs and Alderman H. E. Knight.

A Quarterly General Court of the Guardians of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, will be held on Thursday next, December 2nd, at the Asylum, Caledonian-road, N., on general business, and to elect fourteen children—seven boys and seven girls.

The meetings of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, are now held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, having removed there from the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, will in future be held at Freemasons' Hall, 79, Commercial-road, Landport.

Bro. John Dodson, of Fetter-lane, is a candidate for the Common Council, Farringdon Without Ward.

At a convocation of Royal Arch Masons, held at the Burlington Hotel on Thursday, the 18th inst., Comp. R. Pidcock was installed as M.E.Z. of the Hartington Chapter, No. 916, for the ensuing year, in succession to Comp. Dr. Bransby Roberts. Comp. T. Holman was appointed H., and Comp. G. A. Wallis, as J. The other officers are Comps. Cardwell, S.E.; C. Tomes, N.; Rev. Faithfull Davies, P.S.; and Goldring, Janitor. The business of the chapter included the ceremony of exaltation. The companions afterwards dined together, and in addition to the officers already named there were present Comps. Trollope, P.Z. Derwent; Jos. Farncombe, Z. South Saxon; J. H. C. Coles, Waits, Cooper, Bolton, C. W. Tomes, and others. The party was a small but very agreeable one.

EBORACUM LODGE, NO. 1611.—A very beautiful toast list was used in connection with the installation of Bro. J. T. Sellar as W.M. at York, on the 8th inst. The square, printed in gold, occupies a very prominent position on the front and back, bearing the legends—"I will strive to live with love and care," and "Upon ye level. By ye square." An excellent photograph of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, surrounded by various emblems and ornamental capitals, occupies the front page. Inside, within a border, the corners of which are formed of views of the different bars or gateways of "ye ancient city," is the toast list, with poetical quotations appropriate to each, and all Masonic. The initials in the corner, "T. B. W.," within the square and compasses, show the design to be from the facile pen and pencil of Bro. Whythead.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, F.R.A.S., treasurer of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, will preside at the twenty-sixth annual meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday.

We are glad to hear that there is a prospect of a new Mark Lodge being opened in Malton, near York. The Mark Masons in that town are likely soon to make application for a warrant.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1881." (London: George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.) This useful *vade mecum*, without which a Mason's paraphernalia can hardly be said to be complete, has now entered the eleventh year of its publication. Each fresh issue sees some great improvement, which, however, having regard to its original merits, it must seriously have taxed the ingenuity of the compiler to introduce. The information it contains has been greatly extended, and a far higher degree of accuracy has been attained. This latter feature is especially noticeable in the lists of lodges and chapters, in which are given, as far as it was possible to obtain them, not only the days on which the said lodges and chapters severally hold their meetings, but likewise the months in which those meetings take place. The names and addresses of the Dep. Prov. Grand Masters, Prov. Grand Secs., and Prov. Grand Scribes, &c., are also furnished, while the Mark Degree receives that greater share of attention which its increasing popularity fully justifies. The information respecting foreign Masonic organisations is far ampler than in former years; in short, the "Cosmo." keeps pace with the times, and is a credit both to its proprietor and its compiler.—*Land and Water*, November 20th.

MANSION HOUSE HOSPITALITY.—Many have been the congratulatory comments and favourable expressions of opinion as to the excellent manner in which the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, discharged the duties of his high and important office. His unceasing countenance and support of the benevolent institutions of the City and metropolis, and his munificent hospitality at the Mansion House during his year of office, can be testified to in the fact that he entertained no less than 12,000 visitors at various banquets, *déjeuners*, &c., while more than 5000 other distinguished personages partook of his hospitality at *réunions*, *conversations*, or the like.

The installation meeting of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, took place on Monday, 22nd inst., when Bro. G. W. F. King was installed W.M. by Bro. G. W. F. Loftus, W.M., and P.P.G.W. Norfolk. The W.M. afterwards initiated two gentlemen into the Order, and giving them the charge to the approbation of all present.

THE LONDON LAND COMPANY (Limited).—The subscription list of the above Company, an advertisement of which appears in another column, will close on Tuesday, the 30th inst.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott and Lady Truscott left London last Tuesday evening for Pau, where it is understood they will sojourn for about two months.

THE LIEUTENANCY OF LONDON.—Her Majesty the Queen having been graciously pleased to order the issue of a new Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London, for the purpose of filling up the vacancies caused by death or otherwise, the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, has nominated the following gentlemen, stating them alphabetically:—Messrs. James Chapman Amos, Edmond Kelly Bayley, J.P. (ex-Sheriff), Edward Hegley Byas, Lionel Louis Cohen, John Crawford, J.P., Charles Messenger Major, Samuel Ernest Palmer, Charles Henry Roberts (the City Remembrancer), Frederick William Steward, George Wyatt Truscott, Philip Hickson Waterlow, and Charles Woollaton, J.P. (ex-Sheriff).

The new number of the "University College of Wales Magazine" is chiefly remarkable for a paper by Dr. Ethé, in which he points out incidentally some of the parallelisms of thought and expression to be found in the "Shahnama" of Firdusi, and in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Mr. W. E. A. Axon writes of Dr. Johnson's visit to Gawenynog. Dr. Ethé's proposal for an Oriental department at the college is sympathetically discussed.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., was selected to propose, the toast of the evening at the Colston banquet of the Dolphin Society in Bristol. The learned gentleman was received with enthusiastic applause.

The funeral of Bro. R. Stubington took place at Abney Park Cemetery last Wednesday.

Bro. Alfred Dickinson is a candidate for the position of Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Without.

Bro. G. C. Boor, Chairman of the Library Committee, has issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion, on Friday, December 10.

Bro. E. Clarke Q.C., M.P., has been elected chairman and Bro. P. A. Nairne, of Camberwell-grove, Secretary, of the Dulwich and Camberwell Conservative Association just formed.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., is announced to open a bazaar at the Pilgrim Fathers' Memorial Church, New Kent-road, on Tuesday.

Bro. Joseph Clever, P.M., was presented with a massive silver salver by the Amity Lodge at their last meeting.

Bro. Richardson, F.R.S., delivered a lecture on Wednesday at a meeting of the Ascham Society. Mr. D. Grant, M.P., occupied the chair.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has been staying this week with Bro. Tyssen Amhurst, M.P., at Didlington Hall, Norfolk.

Bro. Lord Methuen, Grand Master of Wiltshire, had a large shooting party last week at Gresham Park, to meet his eldest son, Col. Methuen, who is home for a short holiday from Berlin.

Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer, M.A., W.M. 314, will preach a sermon in St. James's Church, Preston-lane to-morrow (Sunday), in aid of the Masonic Charities belonging to the Province of West Lancashire.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. R. Stubington, which sad event took place on Thursday, the 18th inst. He was one of the representatives of the Cripplegate Ward Without in the Court of Common Council, having been elected to that office within the last two years. Bro. Stubington was also a liveryman of the Loriners' Company.

A report of the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will appear in our next.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Festival of the Girls' School held on the 16th of April last will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock.

A national Preat Griory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, will be held on Friday, the 10th of December, at Cannon-street Hotel, at four o'clock prompt. At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, the Great Prior will hold, under the banner of the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory, a priory of the Order of Malta. The banquet will take place at 6.30, seats at which will be provided for those only who intimate, not later than the 7th proximo, their intention of being present.

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Grand Master of Durham, assisted by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Deputy Grand Master, will consecrate the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, on Saturday week, the 11th proximo, at the Athenæum, West Hartlepool. The principal officers designate are Bros. J. W. Cameron, P.M. 764, W.M.; F. H. Bennett, P.M. 531, S.W.; John Brown, 764, J.W. Bro. Dr. Gourley, P.M., Past S.G.W. Durham, is the Installing Master.

The *Athenæum* states that Messrs. Macmillan and Co. have in the press and will shortly publish, under the title of the "Life's Work in Ireland of a Landlord who tries to do his Duty," a collection of papers bearing upon the Irish Land Question, which have been contributed during the last twenty years to various newspapers and periodicals by Mr. W. Bence Jones, of Lisselan.

The *fac-simile* reproduction of the "Boke of Saint Albans," containing the treatises on hawking, hunting, and "cote armour," attributed to Dame Juliana Berners, is now in the press. The introduction, from the competent hand of Mr. William Blades, will give a full historical account of this curious and interesting book.

THE CITY COMPANIES AND EDUCATION.—On Saturday, the 20th inst., after the public distribution of certificates, awards, and prizes in the large theatre of the London University—at which a large company was present—Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., addressed the students.

In the course of his speech the learned gentleman said that he considered himself reasonably entitled to be called the "first" Society of Arts of that university, as he was fortunate enough to be first on the list at one of the first examinations held for those who did not belong to the University of Oxford. We had of late heard a good deal with regard to the inattention and neglect of the great City companies of the condition of the many educational establishments that they were supposed to administer. He could, however, point with pleasure to the fact that for the fourth time one of the schools, namely, Bancroft's Hospital, Mile-end—which was entirely under the direction of an important guild—had come out successful after the severe ordeal of the present examinations. (Bro. Clarke's remarks were received with loud applause.) This must be a source of pleasure to the members of the Drapers' Company, to whom has been entrusted the management of the school, and must also reflect considerable credit on the head master, as the boys leave the school at the early age of fifteen.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree—by the former 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 through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oft-times inclement winter. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, whooping cough can be successfully treated by rubbing this Ointment on the chest, and by taking the Pills during damp, foggy weather, asthmatical 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.—[ADVT.]

To Correspondents.

Bro. T. BROWN, I.P.M. and Treasurer of Gosport Lodge, No. 903, is desirous of starting a Charity Association in the lodges in his locality. Will any brother having a knowledge of such organisations kindly forward a copy of rules or other information to Bro. BROWN, 13, Brown-terrace, Gosport?

Bro. DAVIS is very much thanked for the *New York Dispatch*.

Bro. MARK FRAMPTON.—Such is the custom in London.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following stand over:—

Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Woolwich.
Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, Mirfield.
Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, Manchester.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Leicester Advertiser," "The Croydon Guardian," "Jewish Chronicle," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Keystone," "The Life and Work of St. Paul," "The Broad Arrow," "Land and Water," "The Metropolitan," "Le Monde Maconnique," "The Masonic Herald," "Egyptian Gazette," "The Mystic Tie," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Der Long Islaender," "Leicester Advertiser."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27, 1880.

WE call attention to a report of the meeting of the St. Alban's Restoration Committee, which took place on Tuesday last. It is a very important one, as it brings a very interesting subject clearly before us. It seems that the Committee has received from the rising architect, Mr. J. O. SCOTT, a very effective design for a "Reredos," which is to be put up in the Cathedral. The stone work will be most graceful and striking, but the funds of the Committee do not allow of the sculptured panels, which are needful to complete it, being filled in. The Committee have, however, thought it their duty to endeavour to offer a complete portion of Masonry, as a testimony of the interest of English Freemasons in the work of restoration, and propose to fill up the sculptures with purely Masonic subjects. We think their decision a wise one, and will commend itself to English Masons, and we cannot doubt but that the sum they desiderate to effect this praiseworthy object will speedily be obtained. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter might surely make a small grant in aid. The "Reredos" will be under the window, one of the compartments of which is being filled in by a kindly vote of the Corporation of the City of London.

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THE more we consider Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S proposal for the enlargement of the Boys' School the more clearly we seem to see how abstractedly it is alike advisable and necessary in the best interests of the School and the Craft. For we think that all must feel that the large margin of unsuccessful applicants for the great benefits of our excellent Charity is increasing, and ought to be reduced. We are aware that there are some popular arguments afloat which cannot be overlooked. We often hear it said "we are doing too much," and that "the more we do the more we have to do," and that "as we cannot meet all applications we must draw a line somewhere." But though all these arguments to some extent are true, they are not altogether sound, inasmuch as there is a fallacy lurking in them which is of easy detection and answer. It is quite true that we are doing a very great deal, but it is not a case of "sequitur" that, therefore, we are to say, "hold hard," "pull up," to do no more, or to declare "Sunt certi denique fines," beyond which we cannot and will not pass. The whole matter entirely resolves itself into a question of necessity on the one hand, and of means on the other. If there are such demands upon the resources of the Boys' School as are both legitimate and reasonable, and such as it becomes our duty as well as our privilege to seek to meet, they cannot be speedily dismissed or contemptuously ignored. Shall we meet them, and grapple with them? Or is it better to refuse to increase the number of our pupils, and leave the applicants to take their chance? We venture to think that as the increase of claims is unavoidable, and only following the

natural growth of our Order, it ought, if possible, to be liberally and kindly dealt with; and as we equally believe in the large-heartedness of our great Fraternity, we also are persuaded that there will be no refusal on the part of the Craft, for an appeal so genuine, so seasonable, and, we will venture to add, so pressing. There can and ought to be no party or private feeling in the matter. For the wants and applications of the poor children of our brethren address themselves really to every principle of duty and every sentiment of benevolence.

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HAS the time not come when we must hedge round the admission into our Schools with a few more precise formalities? We do not speak of examinations, though there is something, nay, a good deal, as Bro. RAMSAY well put it, in a "qualifying examination," but rather as regards claims for admission. We have lately sought to break down that far too prevailing evil, of brethren leaving Freemasonry for years and then of their children claiming the benefit of early membership. Much, no doubt, may be said even in this matter, on both sides, but it has been a growing evil for some time. We now require, except in case of death, &c., seven consecutive years' subscriptions for the Boys' School, — seven years simply in the Girls' School. But might not, even in case of death, &c., a minimum of three years, (say), be also required? There would be no unfairness in any such provision, as the fact that gives the child a claim is that her or his father had been a subscriber to a lodge. Not long ago a poor child's petition was read, by which the father it seems had died before he had even reached the Second Degree. And many cases may be cited of one, or one and a half year's subscription. We admit how much of kindly feeling and gentle and true sympathy is enlisted by the averment of one of "God's visitations," but we have to deal with the interests of our Institutions, for which, if we do not take timely heed, the applications will be so many that it will be impossible even to meet them halfway. We think the subject deserves consideration.

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OF course, different views will strike different minds as to the best way of meeting and dealing with this overburdened list of unsuccessful candidates. A good many object to "new building operations," on the ground of "present and future expense." Some disapprove of a "temporary arrangement," as leading to and necessitating a building, &c., subsequently. A few are in favour of merely educational help, by which all the unsuccessful London cases would be sent to schools in London, and unsuccessful provincial cases either aided through the provincial associations, or, where none such exist, paid for in local schools. This, in fact, constitutes a grant of "school pence," and would become a Masonic "capitation grant." A good deal may be said in its favour, but the condition of many of the applicants is such, that to render the charity sought for really helpful to them, food and housing must also be supplied. On the whole, as most beneficial to the children of our brethren, and as most in unity and harmony with the whole design of the Boys' School, we think a temporary provision for a certain number of boys in a preparatory school, after the April election, is really the aim to be reached, the point to be attended to.

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WE have seen a "skit" in circulation with respect to the late LORD MAYOR'S Masonic dinner, which, at first sight, we thought it better not to allude to at all, as it was so deficient in wit, geniality, and "good form" as to be certain to find its way at once to the waste paper basket, or be consigned speedily to the "limbo" of forgotten absurdities. We ourselves regretted the fact, Masonically speaking, that one or more of our brethren should think it right or fitting to waste time, temper, and paper in the concoction and dissemination of "similar trash." A "skit" to be seasonable and readable, must be short, clever, and witty, with some amount of "Attic salt" and latent talent. But

this is a very heavy, very silly, very jejune production, and is fitly dated from the "Hole in the Wall," being both "low" in conception, and lower in temper and taste. It is, in fact, a stupid little effusion of disappointed spleen, probably by some one who was *not* "invited." The circular itself fully justifies the fact of non-invitation for the writer. He does not deserve to mix with the society of gentlemen. We should not have said so much, but that the writer or writers have sent the paper addressed to "the W.M." of a City lodge, marked "important," a great impertinence and impropriety in itself, and which we think an additional proof of bad taste and un-Masonic sympathies, highly to be deprecated and universally to be condemned by us all alike, in the best interests of Masonic goodwill and fraternal feeling. The kindness and hospitality of Bro. SIR FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT was fully appreciated by his brethren.

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THE discussion "anent" Grand Officers continues with renewed vigour and great liveliness. For ourselves we are just where we were. We do not think that anything is disproved as regards the constitutional precedence and privileges of Prov. or District Grand Masters, and as we always object to "Popes" in the abstract and the concrete, we cannot accept the dictum of any one brother or brethren, but think that the matter ought authoritatively to be decided by Grand Lodge, one way or the other. It is quite clear to us that any attempt to lessen the prestige and diminish the privileges of Provincial and District Grand Masters may be fraught with great danger to the Craft. In this we agree with the moderate and proper remarks of a Past District Grand Master in our last.

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WE call attention elsewhere to some answers to "queries" addressed to us. In future we shall have any such replies to any such similar questions printed in the same place, as it may be, we think, greatly for the interest and information of our many readers.

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THE accounts of Grand Lodge from April 1 to June 30, 1880, are before us, from which it seems that the Fund of Benevolence has received £2591 and spent £2707, or £116 in excess of receipts, including a balance of £447 15s. 7d., so beginning the next quarter with a deficit of £116 8s. 9d. We observe, however, in the payments £200 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and as the payments to the Boys' School and Girls' School are debited to the General Purposes Account, we do not see "à priori" any reason why this £200 should be debited to the Fund of Benevolence. If this £200 be subtracted, the Fund of Benevolence has not "outrun the constable." The Fund of General Purposes has received £6363 17s. 8d., and spent £2434 17s., leaving a balance to credit of £3929 0s. 8d. On the 12th November there was on both accounts a balance in the Bank of England of £4573 12s. 11d., with a small sum in the hands of the Grand Secretary, — £171 15s., — for "petty cash" and "servants' wages."

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It has been said that the Board of Benevolence is giving too largely, and that it ought to keep down its grants. We cannot agree with either proposition, though undoubtedly it is always the duty of those in authority to preach economy, and to deprecate lavish expenditure of the Funds of Benevolence. We have seen the care and discrimination exercised by the Board, and cannot say that we think there is much to complain of. Formerly, undoubtedly, the grants were far too small; it is possible that now, by a not unnatural reaction, the donations may be sometimes on too large a scale. But that, we venture to contend, is a matter entirely within the jurisdiction of the Board of Benevolence. We cannot, therefore, concur, either in the complaints of cavillers or the apprehensions of alarmists, though we fully agree, that it is the duty

especially of its respected President to call the attention of the brethren, "in season and out of season," to the unchanging verity of that good old axiom, "be just before you are generous."

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Two distinguished members of general society have passed away, full of years and honours, during the last week, who deserve a "passing note" in the friendly pages of the *Freemason*. The one is the lamented Lord Chief Justice, SIR A. COCKBURN, who will long be missed in the Court he so ably presided over and in the society he adorned so much; the other is Field Marshal SIR CHARLES YORKE, a good old soldier, and a most kindly man.

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WE publish Bro. YARKER'S letter elsewhere in the *Ancient and Primitive Rite*, but we must venture to impress upon him the desirability of a little more moderation in the language he uses and the epithets he applies. We shall allude to the subject again in our next. We regret to see, as "Craftsmen," the personality evoked by such discussions.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

1. Provincial Grand Masters in the colonies and foreign parts were first designated District Grand Masters by resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th December, 1865.
2. Bro. Robert Thomas Crucefix was suspended for six months by the Board of General Purposes on the 10th of March, 1840, and the suspension was confirmed by Grand Lodge on the 3rd of June, 1840. T. F.

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 OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very much interested in the able discussion which has been going on for some weeks past in your columns. I cannot bring myself to look upon either Provincial or District Grand Masters as officers of Grand Lodge, but rather members of that body with a defined status.

In support of this view, I beg to quote Rule 6, p. 19, of the Book of Constitutions, "No brother shall hold more than one office in the Grand Lodge at one and the same time." If, therefore, Provincial Grand Masters are officers either of or in Grand Lodge, I should look upon this regulation as being constantly violated, as for many years the Deputy Grand Master has invariably been a Provincial Grand Master, and it will be in your recollection that a Royal Warden was installed also to that office.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P. G.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am quite pleased to see that "Bayard" has returned to the charge so full of life and chaff, though I cannot congratulate him either on his own reading of my last letter, or somebody else's suggestions. I by no means give up the legal interpretation of the Book of Constitutions, to which I adhere, but, in the course of the argument, I felt that, as "Lex Scripta" pointed out fairly, there was an actual distinction between Provincial and District Grand Masters; and, as the main objection was to the latter, not to the former, I saw no objection in saying that we might fairly distinguish between them for various reasons, which it is needless to detail. But I foresaw the difficulties, as I said, and quite go with "Past District Grand Master" in the last *Freemason* thereanent.

I do not think, for one, that "Bayard," or "Lex Scripta," or "Reviresco" have proved that Provincial and District Grand Masters are not Grand Officers. All they have proved is, which nobody contested really, that they are not "invested officers," and which, also, nobody said they were.

But they have not proved, as they cannot prove, that they do not come under the term "Grand Officers" in the clause of the Book of Constitutions relative to presidency in Grand Lodge. With respect to "Grand Master's Officers," I do not see that in the present controversy the order of the Duke of Sussex affects our arguments, though it might tend to prove that they were covered by the word "Grand Officers." But, on the whole, I prefer to rest my contention on the verbiage of the Book of Constitutions and the practice of Grand Lodge, undoubted and unchanging, since 1815.

To put the matter as simply and plainly as I can, can any instance be adduced since 1815 where Grand Lodge has been presided over by a Past Grand Warden, or any Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge, in the presence of a Provincial Grand Master?

I do not say District Grand Master, as their precedence is of later date, not earlier than 1865. In the Constitutions of 1815, (p. 24), the Provincial Grand Masters were fifty in order of precedence. Curiously enough, by those Constitutions only a "Past Grand Master" could "assume" the "Grand Master's" chair, but the "Deputy Grand Master" could "rule the Grand Lodge;" and, in the absence of the Deputy, the "Grand Officer next in rank

and seniority shall act 'pro tempore.'" I, therefore venture to repeat that the "status" of Provincial Grand Masters, and, according to the present Book of Constitutions, that of District Grand Masters, is one no wise affected by the ingenious and subtle pleadings of "Bayard," "Reviresco," "Lex Scripta," and "A Puzzled Student."

I see that all these able writers keep reasserting that they have "proved" so-and-so, whereas I contend they have really "proved nothing," though they have asserted a good deal, and that the only comment outsiders can make on this prolonged and important controversy is, "As you were."

Yours fraternally, NOT INFALLIBLE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With the causes or the consequences of the discussion now proceeding, your readers will be alike unconcerned. Be the former ever so trifling, or the latter ever so momentous, these have no bearing whatever on the actual and legal status of Grand Officers; our inquiry in this particular, being restricted to the terms of the Constitutions and the force they possess.

If, however, I am allowed a short digression from the real point at issue, I think it can be shown that the limitation of the title of "Grand Officers" to the office bearers of Grand Lodge will not in any way lessen either the rank or the dignity of Provincial Grand Masters.

For this purpose I will now adduce extracts from the Constitutions of Scotland and Ireland respectively:—
[From Constitutions of G. Lodge of Scotland, Ed. 1879, pp. 1 and 26.]

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland consists of the Grand Master Mason, . . . Provincial or District Grand Masters, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, . . . the Master and Wardens . . . of all subordinate lodges. The office bearers [italics mine] of the Grand Lodge consist of a Grand Master, Past Grand Master . . . Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, . . . [Provincial and District Grand Masters not named]. In the absence of the Grand Master the chair shall be filled in the following order: By the Past Grand Master . . . Provincial Grand Masters; Senior Grand Wardens, . . . [District Grand Masters not named]."
[From Constitutions of G. Lodge of Ireland, Ed. 1875.]

"[P. 2, Rule 3.] The members [italics mine] of the Grand Lodge rank in the following order, viz.: The Grand Master, . . . Provincial Grand Masters; the Senior Grand Wardens, . . ."

"[P. 5.] At each meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge shall be opened and ruled by the Grand Master, and in his absence by the Deputy Grand Master, and in his absence by the member [italics mine] of Grand Lodge then present, who shall be next in order of precedence, according to Rule No. 3. . . ."

"[P. 12.] The Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers [italics mine] except the Deputy Grand Master, that is to say, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer [and so on down to] Grand Inner Guard [Provincial Grand Masters not named], shall be annually elected by the Grand Lodge."

It is worthy of note that Irish Past Provincial Grand Masters in the scale of precedence [p. 2, Rule 13*] are ranked after the junior of the Grand Officers, viz., the Grand Inner Guard. But in the Constitutions of Scotland these dignitaries though not according to p. 1† (*ante*) forming part of the Grand Lodge, are accorded at p. 33 precedence in Grand Lodge and otherwise, after actual Provincial Grand Masters, and before Grand Wardens.

We find, therefore, by the Scotch Constitutions that Provincial Grand Masters form part of the Grand Lodge, but are not office bearers, and by the Irish regulations that they are members of Grand Lodge, but not Grand Officers, whilst in both countries—Scotland and Ireland—they are called upon to preside over Grand Lodge according to their position on the scale of precedence.

The status of English Provincial Grand Masters is almost identical with that of corresponding dignitaries in Scotland and Ireland, but not quite. An unlucky proviso at p. 23 ("Constitutions of Grand Lodge of England") ordains "If at any Grand Lodge the Grand Master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present," &c.

Now, in order to ascertain who are "Grand Officers," the Book of Constitutions must be further consulted, and we find accordingly that Provincial Grand Masters do not come within this description. Shortly stated, the affirmative of the proposition, that Provincial Grand Masters are Grand Officers, is at best inferential, whilst the negative is express. In the *Freemason* of 13th November, "Not Infallible" states:—"In expounding laws it is a well known axiom of construction, never to allow a distinct provision (italics mine) to be over-ruled by an inferential interpretation." By virtue of this reasoning, which is merely the Latin maxim cited in my previous letter put into an English form, it is unequivocally proved that Provincial Grand Masters are not Grand Officers.

An alteration of our Constitutions, to the effect that, in the absence of the Grand Master, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the member then present next in order of precedence—would at once regularise our ordinary procedure, and also bring it into complete harmony with that of the Sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland.

That some distinction between Provincial and District Grand Masters is desirable, most brethren will admit. For my own part, I cannot quite see the justice of denying any special privilege to Nos. 2, 12, and 4—the three survivors of the "four old lodges"—who, in 1717, formed and created the "Premier Grand Lodge of the World," whilst an aggregate of three lodges in any foreign country or settlement, is held sufficient to justify the appointment of a District Grand Master, or, in other words, of a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with rank and dignity superior to that of a Grand Warden of England!

Referring to the expression "Grand Master's Officers," which has cropped up in the course of this discussion, I apprehend that before this phrase is endowed with legal meaning, it will be necessary for the Grand Lodge of England to adopt a practice not uncommon in America, and to publish a code of "Grand Masters' decisions" having the force of law."

Yours fraternally, LEX SCRIPTA.

* Irish Constitutions.

† Scotch Constitutions.

BRO. DR. GOSS CRUCEFIX.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please allow me to explain to Bro. J. Marsden that I did not allude to Bro. Crucefix as a spurious Mason; I referred to Bro. J. J. Gourgas, 33° of America, who constituted the English Supreme Grand Council on the application of Bro. Crucefix, and regret that he has misunderstood me. Bro. Gourgas was not initiated into the Craft in a regular lodge, and is, therefore, held up by the opponents of the A. and A. Rite as a spurious Mason, and, as far as I know, the allegation has never been answered; the A. and A. Rite has, pretty generally, maintained its legal right to confer the Craft grade, but they do not exercise it either in America or in England, and if they did confer the Craft Degrees they would be treated as spurious.

I may inform Bro. Southwood that he will find the circumstances attending the suspension of Bro. Crucefix, told by himself in the 1840 volume of the "*Freemasons' Quarterly Review*." I have so many written enquiries in regard to the history of this brother that I should be glad if you would settle these enquiries, once for all, in your pages. I do not doubt that he was a duly qualified medical practitioner, if I did I do not think I should raise the question in your pages. I wish, however, to enquire in what college he took his degree, what degree, and under what name?

Personal to myself, I shall be glad if you will allow me an explanatory word. It is not my custom to answer letters which are written anonymously, because I think the space of any periodical may be better used. Where a brother gives his name in an honourable way to any statement he may make as to facts, I may meet him on those grounds, and I consider I have every right to expose wilful perversions of truth or erroneous statements. I cannot help thinking that had I sent you anonymously an abusive letter without any apparent object, you would, very properly, have declined to insert it. I answered the letter of Bro. Duncan in the way such a letter deserved. In the last number of the *Freemason* you pertinently enquire what the "Craft has to do with the matter," in reference to the conflicting claims of the A. and A. Rite and the A. and P. Rite. I will tell you what they have to do with it. Ever since the rite was started the emissaries of the A. and A. Rite have sought out our members, and threatened them with exclusion from Craft provincial office and lodge office; this very thing is now occurring in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Even had the A. and A. Rite all the authority which you seem to imagine, there are many Masons who do not wish to belong to that rite, and this for various reasons, apart from any disrespect to it. Why then should you wish to exclude such from the benefits of a High Grade Masonry which takes their fancy? The A. and A. Rite does not suit me in its forms, ceremonies, history, or system of government; there are many who think as I do. Do you say to us, "You shall have this or nothing?" The injustice of such an answer would be a hundredfold more intense if I were not a Christian; as it is, I look upon it as an attempt to infringe upon my liberty and my conscience.

Admitting your assertions in their full force as to the antiquity of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I would put respectfully to you the following questions:

1. Did its institution by Lacorne annul the practice of all the other rites from which he made his collection?
2. You must answer that it did not. Tell us then at what time and in what way it became a sovereign power with the infallible right to anathematise all other rites practising similar Degrees.
3. If you answer that Frederick the Great conferred it upon them in 1786, you will then be asked to prove the authenticity of the said charter.
4. That charter proved—the labour of Sisyphus—you will have to show that Frederick possessed a legitimate power to destroy all other rites, and how he derived it. If you fail in all this, as you must, we come back to our original proposition, that our claims are as good as the A. and A. Rite without reference to dates.

In Masonic rites we are governed by the law of selection: the best win in the long run; and the A. and P. Rite is quite willing to leave their chances to the arbitrament of time in all good fellowship.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN YARKER.

[We publish this letter with pleasure, having excised one or two passages.—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I frankly admit that I was wrong in using the word "expelled" in reference to the late Dr. Crucefix-Goss, but at the time I wrote my letter to you I was unable to refer to the papers connected with his case. I have now done so, and I am sorry to say that matters look considerably worse than I thought them.

The word I should have employed was "suspended," but when that sentence of suspension was appealed against, a very narrow majority of Grand Lodge restored Dr. Crucefix-Goss's rights as a Craft Mason. The censure was, in fact, as effectual as expulsion; and had it not been for the magnanimous feelings exhibited by the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, no doubt the attacks made upon the Duke by Dr. Crucefix would have been punished by expulsion.

He was not even just towards his brethren, Henry Udall, Davyd W. Nash, the Rev. George Oliver, and others, in the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Desirous of eminence, he procured, surreptitiously, from a council having no corporate right to grant such a document, the charter by which the Ancient and Accepted Rite now grant such Degrees as they are possessed of. This, and not the mythical charter of Frederick the Great of Prussia, was the document to which I referred.

At the time when it was proposed to form into a system many of the Degrees now in use, and certainly existing as the "Emperors of the East and West" in France from 1765-1780, there could not exist any objection to such formation, and it was earnestly advocated by the brethren named above, several of whom I knew, and with whom I have conversed on the subject.

The Duke of Sussex, knowing what harm was done to true Craft Masonry by the constant exhibition of these High Degrees, was adverse to their re-establishment. He very reasonably conjectured that the chaos into which Masonry had been plunged by the needy Masonic adventu-

turers of the last century might again imperil the common cause.

Knowing this, and having achieved a temporary triumph by his restoration, Dr. Crucefix laboured to undermine the authority of Craft Grand Lodge. By forming a council of High Degrees, he vainly thought he could attract, through sounding titles and imaginary rank, a party to his view sufficiently strong enough to sway the decisions and enactments of Grand Lodge itself. Now, this was an idea at once in variance with the Act of Union of 1813, with his obligations as a Master Mason, and with the ancient landmarks—thus, therefore, with common justice. In no sense since the Act of Union have the High Degrees received anything but toleration, and they have no right to impose themselves on the Masonic world as being of authority. Those who subscribe to them are bound by their promises, and if they agree to abide by their mode of government no one can complain who has at any time been admitted to the system. But that any body of gentlemen, however eminent for good and genial qualities, however worthy in themselves, or however exalted in rank, can assume over Bro. John Doe or Bro. Richard Roe a supremacy founded upon a charter derived from the followers of Joseph Cernau, who, according to Bro. Woodford's "Cyclopedia of Masonry" (p. 101), "set up a Supreme Council of the Thirty-three Degrees at New York under the high-sounding title of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of the United States," I fail to see.

It was through Cerneaux or Cernau's representatives that Dr. Crucefix-Goss derived any authority. Bro. Woodford's words, impartial and clear, are these as to Cernau—"He was denounced as a *fauteur* of spurious Masonry."

Bros. Udall and Davyd W. Nash were negotiating with the authorities of the Grand Orient, who had legitimate right to grant a charter; but the other warrant, by some accident, was accepted.

Of course, what I have said in no way reflects upon the gentlemen who now officiate at Golden-square in any personal sense. Among them I have the pleasure to note friends and real ornaments to Masonry. To these I, therefore, appeal, and say: Would it not be better to abandon pretensions which are historically indefensible, and live, as Masons should, in amicable comity?

Most of the present members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite know nothing of, and probably care less, for the way in which their chapters were established. But I think they may be led to look into their history, if honourably submitted for investigation. I am not defending or depreciating any rite, but truth is my main object.

I apologise for a letter which I have made as short as possible, and remain, ever sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

Clyde House, Hounslow,
November 22nd.

[We publish this letter with one or two needful excisions.—Ed. F.M.]

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the last number for 1879 you inserted a letter from me asking for information as to the above, but up to date no reply has been given. In No. 582 a similar complaint from a member of No. 36 appears, followed by a reply from Bro. John Mason, who seems to think it impossible for such a thing to occur with this body. I will thank Bro. Mason to obtain for me a reply to the numerous communications I have sent, one of which was returned through the post to New Zealand, and which with its envelope was presented by Bro. G. Kenning for me to the proper person, a Bro. Lewis, I think. Our warrant was gazetted in 1876, but has not yet reached us. I presume the fee with the application for warrant must have been received or it would not have been granted. I beg to refer Bro. Mason to the report of the annual meeting of the General Grand Conclave on 8th March, 1876, on p. 53 of "The Rosicrucian." I think, Sir, I am justified in asking either Bro. Mason, Bro. Dr. Woodman, or any officer of Grand Conclave, why no communication of any kind has been sent to us during this time, now nearly four years. It is quite time somebody attended to their duties.

Yours,
HENRY G. WADE, D.G. Sec., and
Recorder Delta Crucis, 126.

Auckland, New Zealand,
October 11th.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret that my letter of June 7th, inserted in your paper of August 7th, should have been too vague for you to comprehend the point raised, but I imagined that, examining the Constitutions referred to, and their comparison with the bye-laws quoted, would have made my object in addressing you sufficiently clear. As I have taken too much upon trust, permit me to request another tax upon your space by inserting this letter, in which I will quote, instead of referring to, the Constitutions in question, and endeavour to state lucidly the point at issue.

Bye-law I.—"The general meetings of the lodge shall take place at the _____ on the second Tuesday in each month." &c.

Bye-law XXXIV.—"The Master of the lodge shall be annually elected by ballot at the regular lodge held in the month of November. The Secretary shall previously read over the names of the subscribing members who are eligible for the appointment of Master, when the ballot shall be taken; and at the lodge held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, after the minutes of the lodge relating to such election have been read and confirmed, the Master elect shall be installed."

According to Rule 2, p. 62, Constitutions, "Every lodge shall annually elect its Master _____, and, at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair, according to ancient usage," &c.

According to Rule 1, p. 76, Constitutions, "Previously to the installation of the Master, the minutes of the preceding meeting of the lodge must be read and confirmed, so far, at least, as to the election of Master, after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed," &c.

Now, observe, according to the bye-laws, the Master shall be elected at the regular meeting held in the month of November, the next regular meeting should take place on the second Tuesday in December, when, according to Rule 2, p. 62, Constitutions, the Master should be installed, but

the bye-laws require that the installation shall take place at a lodge meeting held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, *i.e.*, on December 27th. Do the Constitutions nullify the bye-laws in this case, or the bye-laws the Constitutions? If the regular meeting is held on the second Tuesday in December, what is the meeting held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist to be called—regular, special, or emergency? And what business, if any, besides installing the Master should be done at it? Then, when are minutes relating to the election of Master to be read—at the regular meeting in December? If so, and having been confirmed then, are they to be read again at the meeting held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist?

Trusting that I have made myself sufficiently clear as to the points raised, and that you will as early as possible give your opinion on the matter, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. IRVING DE LISLE, M.D.,
I.P.M. 1577, E.C.

Napier, N.Z., Oct. 8th.

LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased to find Bro. R. F. Gould drawing attention to the *resumé* of our lodge transactions as printed in the "Masonic Magazine" for 1875, and hope it will revive some interest in the correspondence recently admitted into your pages.

I regret, however, I cannot afford Bro. Gould any local knowledge respecting the "dignity" of a "Highrodiam" mentioned in our minute book of 1746. Under that head is a memorandum that members are admitted on payment of 1s. 6d., and then follows several names. In my opinion the term "Highrodiam" may be considered as the distinctive term for a wanderer or a wayfarer, *i.e.*, one not connected with the regular lodge.

On the same page is recorded another peculiar name, *viz.*, "Domaskin" or "Forin." This does not apply to anything locally and I presume is only one way of spelling the word "Damascene" at that period of time. Can Bro. Gould or others of your learned correspondents enlighten us on the matter?

Yours fraternally,
R. WHITFIELD.

SAVED BY A SIGN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the last number of your useful and valuable journal an allusion is made to the life of an officer having been saved owing to his giving one of the signs of Masonry. If you will permit me, I will mention another instance of a similar character, of the authenticity of which I have irrefragable proofs.

At the battle of Corunna, fought in 1809, an English officer was badly wounded in the leg, and left on the battlefield. The next morning one of the enemy's picquet fired at him three times in succession, but, in consequence of a defect in the flint, the gun was not discharged. The man was in the act of manipulating the flint, in order to make it "bite" (I believe that is the correct term), when the wounded officer made a certain sign, by which he was at once recognised as a Mason. His assailant communicated with his commanding officer, himself a Mason, and by his orders the wounded man was conveyed to excellent quarters, and, although exceedingly faint and prostrate from loss of blood, he underwent the operation of amputation, and received such careful and skilful treatment, that he perfectly recovered. When an exchange of prisoners took place he was restored to his country, and became the father of a family. One of his sons, Bro. J. Bennett, P.M. Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 234, has in his possession his father's medal; and I have his authority for recording another instance of the utility of Masonry in saving life on the battle-field, where, ordinarily, little respect is paid to persons, and where the *coup de grace* is administered to suffering humanity with as little ceremony as would be observed in slaughtering a mad dog or any other quadruped.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
W. P. ROBINSON,
Sec. Old England Lodge, No. 1790.

THE NUMBER OF METROPOLITAN LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is very evident, from his letter in last week's *Freemason*, that Bro. Oliver is not a subscriber to the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book*. From that valuable little work for 1881 I learn that there are 303 lodges meeting in the London radius, which is I think an answer to our Chicago brother's question.

Yours fraternally,
M.M.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

The remains of the Ancient Theatre of Naples are believed to have been found in a palace garden, near the Church of San Paolo.

The eleventh volume of the "Archives of the Bastille," just published under the editorship of M. Ravaillon contains some documents relating to Avedick, Patriarch of the Armenians at Constantinople, who has been identified by several authors with the "Man in the Iron Mask."

Lady Martin (Helen Faucit) has permitted to be printed, "for strictly private circulation," two letters on the characters of *Ophelia* and *Portia*. These letters were written to amuse and gratify a dying friend, and are now printed in compliance with that friend's last request.

It is announced that Von Ranke is about to publish with Messrs. Duncker and Humblot, of Leipzig, the first volume of a *Universal History (Weltgeschichte)*, which is to be rather a philosophy of history than a history in the strict sense of the word. The first chapter will be entitled "Ammon-Ra, Baal, and Jehovah."

The Committee of Management of the Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Musical Festival have decided to hold the next musical festival during the week commencing Monday, October 10th, 1881. Signor Randegger has been appointed conductor.

By a review in the *Times* of Wednesday, "Endymion" has appeared.

A Mexican Pompeii has been unearthed by M. Charnay, who is exploring Mexico and Central America. Close to the present town of Tulla, which occupies the site of the former capital of the Toltec Empire, Tollan, he has found the ruins of a large palace, and has besides completely excavated a villa containing twenty-five rooms, fifteen staircases, and twelve corridors. Remains of porcelain, coarse clay vessels, and glass were buried in the ruins, which are more distinctly Asiatic in style than any Toltec remains yet known. Bones of some huge ruminating animals have also come to light, of which the *tibia* is nearly fourteen inches long and four inches thick.

Drawing is now taught in all London Board Schools, and next month a selection of the best works done by the scholars from the different metropolitan divisions will be shown at the Saffron-hill school-room. There have already been some local displays in different parts of London, and the drawings show considerable progress, although as yet the copies are solely from the flat, not from the round. If this branch of study is to be of real use in any branch of trade, however, the pupils, as they advance, must copy from models, as in the Art Schools of both England and other countries.

The *Academy* says that Mr. C. L. Eastlake's forthcoming "Notes on Foreign Picture Galleries," to be published by Messrs. Longmans, will treat of the pictures in the Brera Gallery, Milan, the Louvre, and the Munich Pinacothek. The work will be fully illustrated.

The *Athenaeum* says that a daughter of Mr. Frith, the well-known R.A., is going to publish a volume of poems. A son of Dr. Charles Mackay is treading in his father's footsteps, and has just brought out a volume of verse, to which, however, he does not put his real name.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December 3, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Lodge 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
" 1703, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Teddington.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King' Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., W.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.
Red Cross of Con. Premier, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.
" " " 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st., W.

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 30.

Final Meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Festival of the Girls' School, at 4, F.M.H.
House Com. R.M.B. Inst., at 3.
Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Red Cross Con., 15, St. Andrew's, S, Air-st., Regent-st., 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.
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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at S.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at S.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at S.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at S.
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, DECEMBER 1.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter Hot.,
Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at S.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at S.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at S.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at S.
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 S.
Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at S.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at S.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Haro Tav., at S.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at S.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2.
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot.
" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, 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.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Curr's Rest., 265, Strand.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1672, Mornington, Eagle Tav., Snarebrook.
" 1708, Plucknett, Railway Hot., Church End, Finchley.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank-st.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moria, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tav., Crutched Fns.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden Square, W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at S.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at S.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at S.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at S.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at S.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at S.
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 S.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at S.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at S.
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 S.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at S.
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
" 2275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1478, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
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" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's R., St. James's.
Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smith-
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Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at S.
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Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at S.
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 S.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Cambervell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at S.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at S.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at S.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at S.
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Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at S.
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Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at S.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.
BUSFIELD.—On the 21st inst., at Oakhill, Ilkley, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Busfield (late Major 22nd Regiment), of a daughter.
WILLING.—On the 22nd inst., at Rockhall, Cricklewood, N.W., the wife of Bro. James Willing, jun., of a daughter, stillborn.

MARRIAGES.
WHITTELEY—CLARKE.—On the 23rd inst., at the parish church, Pewsey, Wilts, by the Hon. and Rev. Bertrand P. Bouverie, M.A., assisted by the Rev. H. Howard Heaton, M.A., William Sedgwick Whiteley, of Hammersmith, to Mary Bargh Clarke, of Hallgate House, Pewsey.
WYMAN—DEAR.—On the 20th inst., at Christ Church, Bengo, by the Rev. Robert Rutland, assisted by the Rev. F. W. Neve, William Henry, son of Mr. W. B. Wyman, formerly of Stonebury, Buntingford, to Alice Mary, daughter of Mr. F. C. Dear, of Ivy Cottage, Portvale, Hertford.

DEATHS.
HEWARD.—On the 21st inst., at Donnington House, Stone-
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