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## CONSECRATION OF THE STRANTON LODGE, No. 1862.

On Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., the consecration of the above lodge took place in the Athenæum, West Hartlepool, in the presence of a large assemblage of provincial and other officers, and of brethren of the Craft, the ceremony being performed by the R.W.P.G.M., the Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P. The brethren met at 1.15, and the lodge was opened in due form by the R.V.D.P.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. Among the brethren in attendance were Bros. the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M.; Sir H. Williamson, D.P.G.M.; Rev. J. J. Brown, Silksworth, acting P.G. Chaplain, 1389; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; Joseph Dodds, M.P., P.G.S.W.; Rev. Geo. Bulman, P.G.J.W.; Chas. S. Lane, P.G.J.D.; Dr. Gourley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Robert Hudson, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; George Greenwell, P.A.G.D. of C.; M. Corbett, P.G.S.D.; J. M. Meik, P.G. Reg.; John Tillman, P.M., 949 P.P.G.S. of W.; John Hunter, jun., P.P.J.G.W.; F. Torry, P.P.G.D.; James Groves, P.P.J.G.W.; J. W. Cameron, P.M., 764; F. H. Bennett, I.P.M., 531; R. G. Salmon, W.M., 486, P.G.D.C. of C. Northumberland; W. M. Bell, P.M., 1557, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Northumberland; J. Quincey, W.M., 531; Alex. Iley, P.M., 509; W. H. Fisher, P.M., 764; W. D. Coxon, P.M., 764; B. R. Huntley, P.M., 531; W. Hodgson, P.M., 764; W. J. Sivewright, P.P.G.P., 531; John Horsley, P.M., 531; T. J. Johnston, P.M., 531; M. Spofforth, P.M., 531; J. Wood, W.M., 48; J. Gordon, P.M., 443; S. Armstrong, P.M., 531; W. Brandt, W.M., 1389; G. Carter, W.M., 764; A. Farmer, P.M., 1848; W. H. Cowper, P.M., 602; B. Boulton, P.M., 111, P.P.G.D.; D. W. Dixon, P.M., 1618; G. Taylor, W.M., 1618; H. N. Ground, P.M., 1618; G. T. Pearson, P.M., 764; E. Hudson, P.M., 764; W. J. Jones, P.S.W., 97; G. Porteous, S.W., 949; T. H. Sissing, Sec., 764; W. Roe, J.D., 764; R. W. Merryweather, P.G.G., 764; E. J. Fullerton, S.D., 509; J. C. Moor, S.D., 97; J. G. Smith, S.W., 48; W. Gill, J.W., 612; L. M. Hill, P.J.W., 531; T. P. Tillman, S.W., 1389; F. S. Cowper, P.S.W., 764; J. Stonehouse, S.D., 764; H. Baumann, S.W., 764; T. Bell, S.W., 1848; T. Dickinson, S.W., 1618; J. Thompson, P.G.T., 94; B. S. Beckwith, I.G., 1230; A. Broughton, 80; N. W. Apperley, Granby Lodge; W. H. Craven, 80; J. H. Atley, P.M., 521, and others.

The lodge having been opened, prayer was offered by the acting P.G. Chaplain, after which the anthem, "The Glorious Majesty," was sung by Bros. Whitehead, tenor; Walker, alto; J. Nutton, first bass; and Wilkinson, bass, from Durham Cathedral; Bro. Quincey, W.M., officiating as organist. The Prov. G.S., Bro. Crookes, read the petition and warrant for the new lodge, and the lodge was subsequently consecrated by the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M., Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.P.G.M., and Bro. J. W. Cameron, P.M., the W.M. designate, who was afterwards installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Dr. Gourley, Installing Master. The W.M. having been properly saluted, under the able direction of Bro. Hudson, the P.G.D. of C., Bro. Cameron proceeded to invest the officers of the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, in the following order:—Bros. Charles S. Lane, I.P.M. and D.C.; F. H. Bennett, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; J. N. Taylor, Treasurer; R. Woodliffe Simpson, Secretary; R. R. Ogilvie, S.D.; Thomas Metcalfe, J.D.; J. F. Wilson, Org.; J. E. Davison, I.G.; G. T. Walker, and M. Hobson, Stewards; William Atkinson, Tyler. Thereafter, upon the proposal of the W.M. and S.W. of the new lodge, the Marquess of Londonderry and Sir Hedworth Williamson acceded to the unanimous requests made, and became honorary members of the Stranton Lodge. After other business, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form.

The consecration festival took place in the evening at the Royal Hotel, where a very sumptuous banquet was provided. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Cameron, and the vice-chairs by Bro. Bennett, S.W., and Bro. J. Brown, J.W. The Chairman was supported on the right by Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., the Marquess of Londonderry, the R.V.D.P.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Dr. Gourley, Captain Young; and on the left by Bros. C. S. Lane, I.P.M. and D. of C.; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; J. Dodds, M.P., P.P.G.S.W.; W. M. Bell, P.M., &c.; Rev. G. Bulman; and Rev. J. J. Brown. There were also present Bros. N. W. Apperley, W. Atkinson, J. H. Baird, H. Baumann, T. H. Barraclough, John Belk, Thomas Blake, B. Boulton, W. Brands, G. Carter, W. H. Carter, W. D. Coxon, Dr. Crowe, Jos. Davison, R. Davison, Henry Dew, E. J. B. Ebdy, H. Erickson, A. Farmer, W. Fleetham, J. Garry, W. Gregory, H. N. Ground, James Groves, H. J. Hagan, John Hardy, Captain Gordon, R. B. Harpley, M. Harrison, L. M. Hill, J. Y. Hill, W. J. Hodgson, G. Horsley, J. Holland, J. Hood, T. S. Hudson, J. Hunter, R. Hutchinson, R. H. Lyon, W. Mayson, G. Mitchell, J. C. Moor, Thomas Metcalfe, Edward Nixey, R. R. Ogilvie, G. T. Parson, H. Peele, T. Phillips, Jos. Quincey, W. Roe, George Scott, T. H. Sissing, R. W. Simpson, Jos. Stobart, W. T. Tate, H. H. Taylor, J. N. Taylor, J. Tillman, T. Tillman, J. Tweddell, G. Walker, Jos. Wilson, and W. W. Brunton.

Grace having been said, the CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft." (Cheers.) The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England," said he hoped His Royal Highness would long live to occupy the post of G.M. of England, and that they might continue to prosper as much in future years as they had done in the past. (Loud applause.)

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said he had particular pleasure in proposing the next toast, that of "The Health of the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M. of Durham." (Loud applause.) His lordship held the highest position in the county, and had recently been installed as the G.M. of the province, and while the responsibility and the honour were great, he was sure they were in very satisfactory hands. (Applause.) They had had a proof that his lordship was not desirous of shirking his responsibilities by the fact that he had agreed to take the chair at the Boys' Masonic Charity Festival next June, when he hoped the province would give him such assistance and support as would be honourable to the province and creditable to themselves. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they all must feel exceedingly gratified that the P.G.M. had come and consecrated the Stranton Lodge that day. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in proposing the toast. (Cheers.)

The Marquess of LONDONDERRY, P.G.M., in responding, thanked them most sincerely for having drunk his health with the enthusiasm they had done, and he could only say it gave him great pleasure to visit Hartlepool as the P.G.M. of Durham. It had been a source of very great satisfaction and pleasure to him to come down to the consecration of the first lodge that had been formed since the time when H.R.H. the G.M. appointed him to the responsible position he had the honour to fill. As he said at his installation, he might say with regard to this ceremony that he was still a novice in the art; but if he could express the feelings he had towards the Craft and the anxiety he had to make himself acquainted with the duties, he was certain it was his endeavour to do the best he could to qualify himself for the position he occupied, and do what he could for the welfare and prosperity of the Craft—(loud applause)—and to emulate the knowledge and science of his predecessor. (Loud cheers.) He expressed his indebtedness to the kindness of the D.P.G.M. for his assistance. He also returned his thanks to the P.G.S., the P.G.D. of C., whose absence he regretted, owing to a domestic affliction in his family.

Other toasts were given with much cordiality. At intervals a very excellent selection of music was rendered by Bros. Whitehead, Walker, Nutton, and Wilkinson, to the great enjoyment of the company. The arrangements of the whole of the proceedings, made by Bros. C. S. Lane and F. H. Bennett, were most complete and satisfactory, and the consecration and festival must tend to the furtherance of the influence and prosperity of the Craft in the locality.

## THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41.

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Bro. W. J. Hughan has presented to us a valuable and rare old book entitled "Pocket Companion for Freemasons," with the name of W. Smith attached to the preface. It was published in 1735, and contains a list of all the lodges existing up to 1734, in number 126. On looking over the regulations therein given, as they were approved by the Grand Lodge at a meeting held at Stationers' Hall, on June 24th, 1721, it appears that in clause four it is enacted that "no man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-five, and that he must also be his own Master, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy." In the list of lodges in this book is found "No. 28, Queen's Head, in the city of Bath, last Thursday 1724." It may be here observed, that at that period the lodges had no distinctive titles other than those of the inn at which the meetings were held. All the lodges enumerated before No. 28 belonged to London, so that without doubt Bath had the honour of receiving the first warrant from the

Grand Lodge of England for a country lodge, which fact was quite new to us. Observe that this is quite irrespective of the question as to our direct descent from the lodge of 1724.

The present Royal Cumberland Lodge stands on the list in this book, as it also does in the list of 1736 at page 52 in Bro. Gould's history, thus:—"113, Bear, in the city of Bath, first and third Friday, March 18th, 1733;" the latter being intended as the date of the warrant, though, on reference to the document itself, it is found that the real date is April 26th, and this agrees with the Grand Lodge records, there being a discrepancy to the extent of nearly six weeks. This possibly is explained by the one date referring to the granting of the warrant, and the other to its issue, or to the constitution of the lodge. In Pine's Engraved List of Lodges in 1740 there is still another difference, the date given being May 18th, which, as stated in Bro. Ashley's history by quotation from the minutes, is the day when the lodge first met under the new warrant. Thus there appears to be confusion between the granting of the warrant, its reception by the lodge, and its first meeting under it.

To resume, after this digression on dates. As no other lodge existed at or near Bath in 1733, the brethren who met under the warrant granted in that year must have hailed from the No. 28 of the year 1724, for on careful examination of the records of Grand Lodge, the names of members of the 1724 Lodge are found up to 1729, and then suddenly terminate, though the lodge appears to have been kept on the roll till 1736. This seems tolerably conclusive evidence that the No. 28 of the year 1724 ceased to have active existence, and that its members were absorbed in the new lodge, the No. 113 of 1733, the 41 of the present date. Moreover, one name of a member of the No. 28 of 1724, St. John Smyth, is also recorded in our earliest minutes as a member of the Royal Cumberland in 1733, and present both at the preliminary meeting in 1732, and at its first meeting under the new warrant in May, 1733.

Assuming that our inference is correct—namely, that the Royal Cumberland may be traced directly as the continuation of the No. 28 of 1724—another most interesting fact may be deduced from the list in this old book—namely, that our lodge was the first, and for a brief period the only one out of London, warranted by Lord Montague as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. It is worthy of remark that two of the Fellow Crafts mentioned as present at the first meeting on "Friday, the 18th of May," afterwards filled the Master's chair of the lodge—John Wiltshire in 1741; Thomas Bragg in 1746, as recorded by Bro. Ashley. It is singular that though we do not find the name of the other Fellow Craft, John West, on the register of Masters, that of Thomas West occurs as having ruled the lodge from 1793 to 1803. This may possibly have been his son. On examination of the list of 1736, as given at page 51 of Bro. Gould's book, it is found that there were thirty lodges out of London whose warrants from the Grand Lodge were of anterior date to the Royal Cumberland of 1733, nearly all of them only by one or two years; but of these, according to the calendar in the annual Masonic Pocket book, only four now exist—namely, those at Exeter, Chichester, Canterbury, and Boston. The number of such country lodges given in the book of 1835 presented by Bro. Hughan is 32, of which four were abroad, at Gibraltar, Madrid, Paris, and India, and these are mentioned under the same numbers in both lists. On comparing these two registers, it is seen that while the numbers correspond, there are discrepancies in the places of meeting of some of the lodges. As a specimen of difference while in two lists No. 8 is mentioned as meeting at "Daniel's Coffee House, Temple Bar," in another it is described as held at "The Devil within Temple Bar," the latter possibly being a mistake in copying, no doubt a fertile source of error.

There are one or two circumstances connected with our lodge which will illustrate the facility with which important local facts fall out of mind in a comparatively short period, and these should impress upon those in authority the duty of making our historical records as complete as possible, without infringing on what may not be revealed.

At the recent commemoration meeting, Bro. Hughan stated that he had discovered the existence now, in a collection in America, of a medal, of which he produced a rubbing received from across the Atlantic only that morning. This proved to have been struck in celebration of the dedication of a Masonic Hall in Bath in 1819, at which the Duke of Sussex, as Grand Master, officiated in the presence of the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Ireland, six Prov. Grand Masters, the chief of my first province, Warwickshire, being one, and eight hundred brethren. As the word Bath was not inscribed thereon, it was supposed that it referred to a Hall in London. On one side is a representation of a building which still exists in Bath, though unfortunately it is no longer a Masonic Hall. The origin was discovered by Bro. Hughan only by the date on the medal, September 23rd, 1819, when the erection at Bath was completed and dedicated, and the error was corrected by reference to the records, of the Grand Lodge of England, of which he possesses a full and complete file from 1813, the date of the Union, to 1880. Though the building of this Hall was well known and mentioned by Bro. Ashley in his history of the lodge, not one brother present at our meeting was aware of the medal. I must, however, add that I have since met with one old and distinguished Mason who was conversant with the fact, and also that within the last few days one of these medals in silver has come to light in the possession of Bro. E. L. Hill, P.M., 906, who was not present at the meeting on October 7th. In my copy of the 1829 edition of Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry" there is an account of this Masonic Festival at Bath occupying eight pages, but singularly there is no mention of the medal.

Again, the three lodges at Wakefield, Falmouth, and Swansea did not know that their Worshipful Masters, as well as those of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, were

entitled to wear the Freemasons' Hall medal granted in 1780, until the publication of Bro. Hughan's "Numismatical and Numerical Register of Lodges" last year, wherein it was mentioned that they possessed this privilege, from which source they obtained the correct representation of it, and, having lost the original medals, they were thus enabled to have new ones struck for them. On the contrary, the W.M. of No. 41 wears the silver medal actually struck for the celebration in 1780, and is in this respect distinguished from the others. It would be interesting to know how many of the thirteen lodges in London now extant and entitled to it still possess and value the old original.

From what has been said, some idea may be formed of the difficulties which beset the historians of our Craft, and it is therefore incumbent not only on Secretaries of lodges to keep clear and exact records of all the transactions, but also on Masters to see to the due performance of the duty. No doubt the spread of education will render this more possible than it was a century ago, but it must be borne in mind that all men have not the habits of care and punctuality which are requisite to ensure exactitude, and, therefore, a certain amount of supervision should be exercised. I can call to mind instances in which a Secretary has within a few hours of a meeting entered the minutes of the previous lodge, and in some cases, having lost the rough draft, has relied on his memory. No such records can be trustworthy. The annual change of Secretary produces much inconvenience, and tends to liability to error for want of experience, the best remedy for which is the appointment of a skilled Past Master who will undertake the duty for a series of years.

I trust that I have not wearied you by this recapitulation of much which you have so recently heard from Bro. Hughan, one more apt and experienced, though, in fact, a younger Mason than myself, and with the more general remarks which, as to some extent connected with the subject, I have embraced the opportunity to make. He agreed with me as to the desirability of putting it into a more permanent as well as more detailed form, with a view to preservation among our archives, and I have had the benefit of his careful perusal of what I have laid before you, as a security against error, with the exception of one or two clauses recently added, his examination (as he tells me) resulting in finding me (to quote his exact words) "correct as usual."

#### MASONIC CHARITIES OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday evening, the 28th ult., a special service on behalf of the Masonic Charities of West Lancashire was held in St. James's Church, Preston. There was a large congregation, and amongst those present were the following brethren: Bros. Councillors Galloway, J. Harding, R. C. Robinson, W. Thompson, J. Clegg, and T. Nevett; Dr. Christison, Capt. Whitehead, Messrs. H. W. Johnston, E. Barber, W. Wilson, H. Ormandy, T. Horsley, W. Brewis, J. G. C. Dawson, R. Robinson, J. Sumner, R. Pritt, J. Scott, J. Hayhurst, F. G. Hunt, C. Hargreaves, J. de Pennington, J. J. Hankin, Hodgkinson, Bee, M'Quale, T. Snape, C. Fryer, W. H. Deighton, Monk, W. T. Bilsbrough, W. Bailey, R. Jones, P.M., R. Jones, A. Newbound, T. Roe, P. R. Roe, John Harrison, C. J. Yates, W. Catterall, J. Elton, W. W. Elton, Livesey, W. Huntington, E. Schofield, W. J. Seed, J. Cockshott, E. D. Hindle, T. Fletcher, G. Worthington, Kerfoot, Starkie, J. Croasdale, J. McConnell, Foster, W. H. King (Blackburn), W. Harrison, T. Eastham (Warrington), and J. Whiteside. The sermon was preached by Bro. T. B. Spencer, W.M. Peace and Unity, and the following brethren assisted in the service:—Rev. J. P. Sheppard, Chaplain Royal Preston; Rev. A. B. Beavan, J.W. Peace and Unity; and Rev. J. D. Harrison (Barton), Peace and Unity.

The preacher took for his text Galatians vi., 9: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." He said they had met together that night for the purpose of helping by their contributions two great charitable institutions which had done much good in connection with the Order of Freemasons, a number of the brethren of which were present. Last year it was his privilege to hold a special service and plead for another great charitable society, namely, that of the Oddfellows, and to ask for the alms of the congregation, whether belonging to that Order or not, to help as far as possible in supporting the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans. He was sure they were right in gathering together in God's house as a body, and in asking His people for contributions on their behalf. They must remember how liberally their Order had given to various churches and cathedrals. First he might mention the gift to St. Alban's Cathedral, in connection with which it was said that the first Lodge of Freemasons was founded in 287 A.D. Then there was Truro Cathedral, the foundation stone of which was laid by the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Then there were noble gifts to Chester Cathedral, and to the Stratford-on-Avon Church. Besides these he might state that the foundation stone of Emmanuel Church, Preston, at which he (the preacher) formerly laboured, was laid by the late Sir Thomas Fermor Hesketh, as Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic rites. But besides these their Order was always ready to help in any other charitable work, of which he might name the laying of the foundation stone of Charing Cross Hospital, the Caledonian Asylum, and the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster. In addition to these, although unconnected with any charitable institution, he might mention the laying of the foundation stone of the Town Hall last Guild with Masonic honours; and if, during the coming Guild, the great event should be the laying of the foundation stone of the Free Library and Museum which were to be erected as a memorial of the late Mr. Harris, he was sure it would be a source of pride and pleasure to all Masonic brethren if it were laid by the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England. Now that was not the time nor place to enter into any defence of Freemasonry, nor was this required, for it spoke for itself by the noble acts of charity it had performed. Suffice it to say, that it was an Order founded on the principles of piety and virtue. It was true that it was a secret society, and so was Oddfellowship to a certain extent, and the vows of fidelity were required in order to keep the privileges of Freemasons, which were great and valuable to worthy men, and, they trusted, to worthy men alone. As Freemasons, they were bound to be loyal to the Throne and Constitution of this land; and, if such were not the case, it would

be incredible that the Heir to the Throne, as well as other members of the Royal Family, such as the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, would take the great interest in, and hold the high offices of, the Order they did. The Princess of Wales also took a very deep interest in the body, for the Earl of Lathom, the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, had announced at Chorley a short time ago that she had told him it was her sincere wish and desire that her two sons might become Masons as soon as they were of age. But besides requiring that her members should take the Bible as their guide through life, that they should practise prudence, temperance, and justice, there was an especial virtue which was inculcated, and that was the virtue which might justly be denominated the distinguishing feature of a Freemason's heart—Charity. Some one, however, might ask—Why should we be asked to contribute to Masonic Charities intended for members of that Order and not for us who are non-Masons? In reply, he would say that the same question might have been asked last year by those who did not belong to the Society of Oddfellows; and it might be asked when any special collection was made on behalf of the Infirmary or Foreign Missions. What they were told by the Bible was that they should do all the good they could to all men. He had not heard any one complain at contributing to the Infirmary on the ground that its benefits were not intended for him, but rather for the working classes; nor had he known any one who refused to give something to that particular charity because he would not receive any benefit from it. But with reference to the collection that evening, he would put it on broader grounds. First of all, let them bear in mind what noble gifts the body of Freemasons had bestowed upon the Church of England, and they would certainly come to the conclusion that these entitled them to expect help from Church-people for their Charities. He would also have them remember the handsome amounts that had been given in aid of the objects that did not benefit Masons in particular, but the generality of people. He alluded to such gifts as £1000 for the Patriotic Fund in 1855; £1000 for the Indian Famine Fund in 1858; £1000 for the Lancashire Famine Fund in 1860, which deep distress many of them probably remembered; and £4000 as a thank-offering for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India in 1877, which was spent in building two lifeboats to be placed at dangerous spots. Surely when they bore these things in mind they would think that their Order had claim for some consideration at the hands of a congregation consisting of many who did not belong to it. He pleaded that night for the West Lancashire Masonic Education Fund and the Hamer Fund for Distressed Masons, the former of which assisted the orphans of Freemasons, and the other those members of the Order who, through unforeseen circumstances over which they had no control, had been plunged into deep distress. Now, when they remembered that in West Lancashire there were many brethren, some of whom might be their friends, he was sure that they would be glad to assist the widows and orphans of the bread winner who had been removed by the hand of death. The societies for which he asked their alms would afford that relief, and thus they, though non-Masons, would really be helping to assist relatives and friends. Besides these local Charities they must remember that a large number of provinces had their special Institutions of a similar character, in addition to which there were the great central Masonic Institutions in London with large schools and almshouses, in support of which—as stated the other day by the Prince of Wales at the Mansion House—the body of Freemasons contributed £40,000 a year. In these schools were some children from Preston. When they remembered the good that had been done by their Order he thought the words of St. Paul, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," could be applied to its members. In speaking of the text the rev. gentleman said that doing well included all good deeds, and especially acts of charity. This well doing had to be shown towards all men, and if they practised it they imitated God and His Son Jesus Christ. They were also exhorted to persevere in well doing; and they, as Freemasons, although they had done much, must feel assured that fresh opportunities for giving would continually arise. There was great encouragement for them to continue their good deeds, for perseverance scarcely ever failed of success; and for continuance in well doing there was a certain reward. In conclusion, he earnestly pleaded for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Fund and the Hamer Fund for Distressed Masons.

The collection was then made, and it realised £25 13s. 8d.—*Preston Guardian.*

#### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 141.

The annual dinner of this lodge of instruction took place at the lodge house, 2, Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor of the lodge, in the chair, supported on his left by Bro. Percival, and appointed for his supporters Bros. Hunt, P.M., S.W.; and Gardner, J.W. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. PERCIVAL, taking the gavel, proposed "The Health of the W.M. Presiding" in eulogistic terms, and trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare him to be amongst them.

The toast was heartily received by all present. Bro. COTTEBRUNE, in response, thanked the brethren for the hearty acknowledgment the toast had received amongst them; and, in the course of his well-selected remarks, alluded to the various ups and downs the lodge had experienced in his time, it having been driven about in all directions, but lately the lodge had found a safe anchorage he thought he might say. He could not help observing that the mother lodge had rendered them but little support in numbers, but those who had made it convenient to attend had ably supported them; however, that night they had some eight or nine members of the mother lodge. Amongst them were four P.M.'s, his esteemed friend Bro. W. Carter, twenty-two years Treasurer of the lodge, also Bros. Stuart, Mallett, and Dairy. Amongst the lay members were Bros. Chobham, Dibble, Holland, and Macmillan, and he must express his gratification at meeting so goodly a muster of Lodge 141. He had been their Preceptor for a great number of years, but was afraid he would have to give it up. (Cries of "No, no.") It was not from a desire to do so he could assure them, but he had an old friend which he had from time to time tried to shake off, but without avail;

he was able to pacify him for awhile, but, after laying latent for a time, would again make himself felt, which would make him very cross, and prevent him from enjoying himself as was his wont. He thanked them for their kindly feeling towards him, and while he could he would render them all the assistance in his power, which remarks were received with approbation by the brethren.

The next toast was that of "The Members of the Mother Lodge," which was well received.

Bro. CARTER responded, his name having been coupled with the toast.

Toasts were also proposed by the W.M. to "W.M.'s, Secretaries, Wardens, Deacons, and other Officers belonging to Lodges," the same being replied to by the various members.

The W.M. next asked the brethren to acknowledge the toast of "The Host and Hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Cole." They had for eight or nine years made them very comfortable, and always catered for their creature comforts in a way that gave them the highest satisfaction. Bro. Cole was always with them to render assistance and attention, and Mrs. Cole, he believed, always superintended the culinary arrangements for their more substantial enjoyments—a post her great abilities so well fitted her for. He trusted they would be long spared to enjoy the tribute the Faith Lodge of Instruction were always prepared to show them. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. COLE, in reply, said it gave him great satisfaction to be told by their Preceptor in such flattering terms how well he pleased them. He must say he had always endeavoured to do so, and to find his efforts crowned with success gave himself and Mrs. Cole universal pleasure, and while they had the honour of having the lodge held there, every effort would be made to make them happy; and, in conclusion, begged, on behalf of his wife and self, to thank them for the cordial way in which the toast had been received.

Songs, sentiments, and seasonal greetings were dispersed between at suitable intervals, and many of the brethren personally thanked Bro. Cottebrune for his great assistance in working them up. It is only fair to say that a more enjoyable evening could scarcely be spent.

#### PROVINCE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The following circular has been issued by the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Charity Stewards:—

"37, Bennett's Hill, Birmingham,  
December 4th, 1880.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—  
"By desire of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, I enclose you a copy of resolutions unanimously passed at a meeting of the Association of Charity Stewards, held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on the 1st day of November last.

"The object of these resolutions may be thus briefly stated. To consolidate the Benevolent and Annuity Fund, and a fund now being raised into one common fund, to be called the 'Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund,' and to amalgamate the two Committees known respectively as the 'Association of Charity Stewards' and the 'Benevolent and Annuities Fund Committee' into one general representative Committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and promote Masonic benevolence in this province, not only in connection with the general Masonic Charities, but also for the investigation and relief of all such local claims and applications as may from time to time be referred to it by the several lodges in the province.

"Let it be distinctly understood that the proposed fund will not in any way interfere with the three great Central Charities, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Institution for the Aged, nor is it contemplated that the brethren will in any relax their efforts in support of those Charities. The proposed fund will be merely supplementary to them, occupying, in fact, ground which they do not cover.

"For many years past the Benevolent and Annuity Fund of this province has supplemented the action of the R.M.B. Institution by assisting certain of our aged Warwickshire brethren or their widows. This has been done by granting them weekly sums of money. In some cases the assistance required has only been temporary; in others it has been rendered because the recipient had not reached the necessary age (55) for an annuity to be granted from the R.M.B. Institution, or it may have been given to support a candidate until an annuity could be secured. It is proposed in the same way to help those boys and girls who may not be successful in getting admitted to the schools. It should be remembered that it is only between the ages of eight and eleven that children are eligible for admission to those Institutions. The severity of the contest for election is also constantly increasing, and although by combined action on the part of the governors and subscribers throughout this province, we have met with a fair amount of success, so many are the children who are applicants for admission to the schools; that some often have to wait over two, three, or more elections before the province can take up their cases. Occasionally a case comes before us with strong claims for our sympathy and support, but ineligible for admission to the school by reason of having exceeded the specified age. Moreover there are cases too often occurring where a family of several children is left more or less destitute, most of them too young for admission to the schools even had the province sufficient voting power to secure their election. In such cases as these where help is urgently required it is proposed to afford it by either wholly or partially boarding, clothing, and educating them under proper supervision.

"It is also proposed to assist those of our Warwickshire children who may be in need of assistance when they leave school, that assistance to be of such a nature as the circumstances of the child may require and the state of the fund permit.

"These are some of the most prominent reasons why it is considered that the formation of such a fund as the one suggested should be commenced, and it is earnestly hoped that every brother in the province, either by donation or annual subscription, or both, will accord it his hearty support.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
"THOMAS HOWKINS, P.P.G.S.W.,  
"Hon. Sec. to the Committee."

A meeting of the association of Charity Stewards of this province was held at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Monday, November 1st, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Leigh in the chair, "To consider the desirability of establishing a fund for the assistance of necessitous pupils after leaving the Boys' and Girls' Schools."

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—  
1. "That while agreeing with the objects contemplated by Lord Rosslyn's proposition to establish a Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, this meeting deems it inexpedient that a separate organisation should be formed to carry out the objects specified, and adheres to the resolution passed at a meeting of the P.G. Lodge held at Warwick, January 17th, 1880," as follows:

"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this province would be reluctant to see a fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue, and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the Managing Committees of those Schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by scholarships, or otherwise, upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at their disposal."

2. "That it is desirable to establish a Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Assistance Fund for the Province of Warwickshire having the following objects: (a) the boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially, the children of deceased brethren, and the children of brethren who from misfortune are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children; (b) assisting the advancement of any such children on leaving school; (c) the granting of annuities to aged or decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons."

3. "That the formation of a fund for the relief of necessitous Warwickshire pupils on their leaving the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools having been resolved upon, all communications with reference to such pupils shall be made direct to the respective Committees of those schools."

### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Rev. Father Agnew, of Dalbeattie, delivered a lecture on the 6th inst., under the auspices of the Carlisle Catholic Young Men's Society, in St. Cuthbert School, Union-road, in this city, on "The Church and Secret Societies." The Rev. Father Waterton occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

Father AGNEW said that Leo XIII. had scarcely ascended the Papal throne before he considered it his duty to draw the attention not only of the Catholic world, but of the world in general, to what he believed was the canker of the heart—the secret societies. They could not get over this great fact that there was something wrong with the affairs of most kingdoms at present. All over the world there was an uneasy feeling that governments were not secure, and that the power of the mob was growing very strong indeed. They had seen in Germany and France and many other parts of the world that there was a power growing up in the mobocracy which threatened the overthrow of all authority. He wished to speak on the influence of secret societies, and to show, even apart from a Catholic point of view, that there was something wrong in the existence of these societies. There were those who knew the position of the mobs and of the uneducated part of the nations, and who seem, as it were, ready for the watchword to open the sluice-gates to deluge Europe with what Europe had never witnessed before. They only required to study the pages of history to read those bloody records, to know what could be done by revolution; and those who accomplished that revolution proclaimed that it was only their first effort; and the outcome of the licence and liberty which broke the bonds of society, as they had seen within the last few years, had been the great idea of socialism. Some time ago, we were all treated with the spectacle of a nation legislating for the suppression of this socialism. Bismarck did his best to drive the Church, which, at all events, had power over its children, out of Germany, and was surprised to find that socialism should take its place. The Catholic Church was the enemy which the secret societies had to fight and oppose. The very soul of these societies lay in these words—liberty, fraternity, and equality—and the first attempt of those who painted them on their banner was the French Revolution, the "liberty" meaning liberty to cut each other's throats, rob and pillage, murder and ravage; the "fraternity" to fraternise in crime and bloodshed; and the "equality" to reduce everything to nothing. A million and a half, it was estimated, of men, women, and children perished in that revolution. That was the result. Secret societies had a connection with those who made these words their watchword. He contended that the Society of Freemasons was a dangerous and revolutionary society, without charging many Freemasons in England with favouring its ultimate designs, they not having been initiated into the "higher" grades. He adduced evidence of his contention from the mouths of Freemasons themselves, who said among other things that the Roman Catholic Church must be stifled in the mire by Freemasonry; but that creed which had come down to them through 1800 years of attack and contradiction would come out of the battle with Freemasonry and all other secret societies triumphant.

During the evening songs were sung by Mrs. McMullen, Middle Govers, Messrs. J. W. Brown, Hugh McBride, and Robert Lattimer, which afforded much enjoyment. Miss Bell played the musical accompaniments. Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.—*Carlisle Journal*.

### BURGLARY AT THE MASONIC HALL, NEWPORT.

On Friday evening, the 10th inst., a most wanton and destructive robbery took place at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Monmouthshire, when property to the value of between £400 and £500 was stolen and an immense amount of damage done to regalia. The thieves must have entered the building by picking the lock of the front door, and their work of destruction must have occupied some time. It appears to have been the custom of the brethren of the Newport lodges to leave their cases in the ante-rooms of the lodge between the various meetings, and this information must have been in some way communicated to the evil-disposed persons who accomplished the wanton act. The

officers' silver jewels and the cord off collars was stolen from the Silurian Lodge, 471; the Isca Lodge, 683; and the Albert Edward Lodge, 1429. The japanned cases belonging to the officers were forced open and jewels taken from the cases; the gold lace torn off the aprons, collars, and gauntlets, rendering them totally unfit for any further use. Presentation P.M.'s jewels were stolen from Bros. J. Middleton, C. H. Oliver, C. H. Oliver, jun., C. Rowe, H. Richards, and W. West; besides several P.Z.'s jewels, about thirty Royal Arch jewels, and other valuables.

The Newport brethren certainly deserve the very greatest sympathy at the present time, as such a wholesale clearance will, we fear, prove a very heavy blow to Masonry in what has hitherto been one of the most prosperous provinces, as many of the brethren have lost all the Masonic clothing they possessed, and the silver tassels were torn off the Master Masons' aprons. May this act as a warning to the brethren throughout the country to be careful where they deposit their Masonic clothing and jewels ere they suffer like their unfortunate brethren at Newport, in Monmouthshire.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

On Monday the 13th inst., a new lodge of Freemasons, the William of Wykeham, No. 1883, was constituted by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., and Provincial Grand Officers. A numerous and influential gathering of brethren from many lodges in the province, and other parts of England, met at the Masonic Hall, and the ceremony of consecration was ably performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. The W.M. Bro. G. R. Everett, P.M. of No. 76, was duly installed and appointed his officers for the ensuing year. Bros. E. D. Godwin, P.M. 76, S.W.; W. Gamon, J.W.; W. W. Jacob, Treas.; J. Burdett, Sec.; J. Lumsden, J.D.; G. Sealey, J.D.; H. Pottle, I.G.; T. Bailey, S.S.; E. Macklin, J.S.; Marks, D.C.; C. Sims, Tyler.

A banquet followed at the George Hotel, and was well attended. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and a very successful day was brought to a close in reasonable time.

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#### Craft Masonry.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. T. Hamer, W.M.; C. Taylor, S.W.; Freeman, P.M. (J.W., *pro tem.*); N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Past Masters Stevens, Seax, Stanway; and the following visitors: Bros. Venables, 1432; J. Block, 1423; Shearing, 223; H. Hollis, 1057; Postans, 167; T. Poore, P.M. 720; J. Hollington, W.M. 933; G. A. Low, W.M. 1670; J. Glanier, P.M. 167; and others. There was also a tolerably numerous attendance of members.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Matthews was questioned as to his proficiency in the science. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and he was most ably raised to the Degree of M.A., the W.M. most ably acquitting himself in the performance of this important ceremony. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M. and Sec., afterwards gave the traditional history of the Degree and an explanation of the working tools. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when some business connected with the general arrangements of the installation meeting were discussed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren and visitors then adjourned for refreshment, and, at the conclusion of the repast, the W. Master said he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking what was always the first toast amongst Freemasons and, indeed, in all assemblies of Englishmen, as it was "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," who had sat for many years on the throne of these realms, and whose name was dear to all Englishmen. In giving her health, he coupled with it "The Craft," which was cordially responded to. The W. Master then in a manner which commended itself to all, gave in one toast "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In asking the brethren to join him in drinking this toast he said that it was a most comprehensive one, and it did not require many words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. It was at all times the desire of the Grand Officers to have the confidence of the brethren, and although they were looked upon with a jealous eye, he believed that their position as the *elite* of the Craft had always been maintained. The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said the brethren would be aware what was his object in rising to address them, as it was to propose "The Health of the W. Master." He had at the last lodge gone fully into the merits of the W. Master, but the manner in which he had gone through the Third Degree that evening must have been a gratifying surprise to them, as it was the first opportunity he had of going through it. He had been called to the chair earlier than he expected, and it would be a lesson to those who expected to follow him to be prepared and ready at any time to go on with their work. They had now a brother who was well known to them, and he was the first who had come to the chair who had been initiated in the Great City Lodge, and he asked them all to cordially drink his health with the usual "fire." The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said that when he was appointed to the chair it was his earnest endeavour not to reflect any disgrace upon the lodge by that appointment, but he did not expect to come up to the standard of those he had the honour of following. He might say, however, that he felt delighted in occupying that exalted position, and during his year of office he would do his utmost to go through the duties in as perfect a manner as he was able, and he hoped that his working in the lodge would please them all. He would not detain them further except to express to Bro. Blackie his gratitude for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and to

the brethren for the very complimentary manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. J. Stevens gave a recitation, "Masonic Vows," which was well delivered, and it was rewarded with deserved applause. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and remarked that the Great City Lodge was always proud to receive them. Having enumerated them he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Middleton, formerly a member of the lodge, who returned thanks, as did several of the other visitors. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," of whom they had a good array present, which was a proof that they had not worked only for the purpose of filling the chair, but, after they had passed it, attending there to perform any duties that might be required of them. He had no desire by any observation of his to make any one of them jealous, but he must say that Bro. Blackie had at all times stood by him, and devoted a great deal of his time to him, and for which he was very grateful. Bro. Blackie said the Past Masters wished to return their warmest thanks for drinking their healths, and this was a toast that was always well received in the lodge, for which they could not be too grateful. The other Past Masters severally returned thanks. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was then given, which they responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close. We ought not to omit noticing that several songs were sung in the course of the evening, and a recitation by Bro. Moggison, written by Edgar Poe, was greatly admired, and equally was one by Bro. T. Poore from the Ingoldsby Legends, "The Jackdaw of Rheims."

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—The December meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when a large number of distinguished visitors honoured the lodge with their presence. Amongst them we noticed the following eminent brethren: Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W.G. Master, Middx.; Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Reg.; R. F. Gould, Senior G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. G.M. Surrey; Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.; Major Gen. Barnett Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; Gerard Ford, P.M. 271, G. Reg. Sussex; E. Letchworth, P.M., Past G. Reg. Middx.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.S.; Heather Bigg, P.G.S.; George Lambert, Past G. W. Herts, P.M. 198; and A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Henry James Johnson, W.M., assisted by his I.P.M., Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer of England; Jno. Williams, S.W.; J. Neilson, J.W.; E. Thurkle, Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; John H. Brick, S.D.; W. Carrington, J.D.; W. Williams, D. of C.; R. G. Shute, I.G.; D. Ferguson, Stewd.; J. T. Woodstock, P.M. 749, Tyler; E. Austin, Thos. Richards, sen., James B. Colwill, Henry Johnson, L. Cornelissou, J. T. Matthews, J. J. Johnson, and others. The visitors present, in addition to those already named, were Bro. John Mason, P.M. 309, &c. Past G.D. Middx.; G. Davis, W.M. 16; James Blyth, W.M. 173; J. Sinclair, W.M. 695; S. Carrington, W.M. 1314; C. W. Side, W.M. 1507; S. Jones, W.M. 1624; John Docker, W.M. 1687; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; S. A. Phillips, P.M. 173; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; H.M. Levy, P.M. 188; F. C. Johnson, P.M. 1000; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; J. F. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441; T. Coulthard, P.M. 1624; J. C. Flatteley, P.M. 1624; F. Foxley, J.W. 173; H. W. Davie, Sec. 73; J. Bond, J.D. 1314; T. P. Shipp, 2; J. G. Ferdinand, 13; N. Bousfield, 53; J. B. Walker, 127; S. Ward, 186; J. Daniels, 706; J. S. Merchant, 902; Palowkar, 1257; D. Keyse, 1314; W. G. Reynolds, 1441; W. C. Smith, 1563; F. G. Bird, 1567; Henry Scott, 1624; and F. A. Kelly, 1524, (*Freemason*). The minutes of the meeting in October having been read and confirmed, Bros. Brett, Hine, and Richards were raised to the Degree of Master Mason. Ballot was then taken for Bro. Seagrove as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was accordingly elected a member of the lodge. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, the result being that Bro. John Williams was unanimously chosen to fill that office. Bro. E. Thurkle, the popular and much esteemed Treasurer, was it is perhaps needless to say also unanimously re-elected. The Auditors appointed were Bros. A. Wolter James B. Colwill, and Capt. Helden. Before closing the lodge it was proposed and carried with perfect unanimity that a Past Master's jewel of the value of £10 10s. be presented to Bro. Johnson, the retiring Master, at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, presided over by the W.M., who had on his immediate right Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; and R. F. Gould, Senior Grand Deacon; on the left of the W.M. sat Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treas.; J. J. Cantle, and E. Thurkle. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received. To the toast of "The Grand Officers" was attached the name of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who ably replied on their behalf. Bro. Col. Creaton, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," was confident it would be well received, as they could not bestow too much honour on a brother who had performed his duties so well. Bro. Johnson, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded the toast. When he took the chair twelve months ago it was his earnest wish to perform the duties with credit, both to himself and the lodge, and he hoped he had not failed in his endeavour. He had never passed a happier year than that during his term of office. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, in proposing which the W.M. said that the lodge was honoured that evening with a large array of visitors, the list including many names of great eminence in the Craft. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. R. F. Gould, Senior Grand Deacon of England. Bro. Gould, in reply, said that, on behalf of the visitors, he would express their sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed by the Worshipful Master and received by the brethren. It was an extreme pleasure to reply on behalf of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and officers of so many lodges. They had had an excellent opportunity of enjoying the admirable working in the lodge and their hearty hospitality at the table. It had been a source of much pleasure personally to himself to be a visitor of the lodge that evening for two reasons—



the first, having the name it did, and also as a guest of Bro. Col. Creaton. Amongst the Grand Officers there was only one that was elected and appointed by Grand Lodge, and that was Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer. The W.M. then rose, and said that it was with feelings of pleasure and love that he proposed the next toast, that of "The Secretary." They were much indebted to Bro. Cantle for the services he had rendered to the lodge of which he was founder. He had got the Colonel to honour the lodge with his name, a privilege they much appreciated. He had devoted a great portion of his time and energy for the welfare of the lodge, and the brethren had determined in some way to acknowledge his services. The acknowledgment took the shape of the testimonial which he was now about to present. Before doing so he would like to add that the hearty manner in which the testimonial had been supported by the whole of the members was sufficient proof of the feelings of the brethren towards their Secretary. Bro. Johnson then in a few neat and appropriate words presented the testimonial to Bro. Cantle. It consisted of a very handsome gilt and light blue enamelled clock and vases to match, of beautiful workmanship, the clock representing the front of a Temple with Ionic columns on either side, with delicately hand-painted panels introduced. The following inscription is engraved on its base, surmounted by the Creaton crest: "Presented to Bro. J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1257 and 1441, by the officers and members of the 'Creaton Lodge,' 1791, with a gold ring, as a slight token of their esteem and appreciation of his services as a founder and Secretary of the lodge. December 9th, 1880." The ring is of plain gold weighing an ounce, with a Masonic emblem on the outside, and the inscription as above engraved on the inside. The value of the whole is £50. Bro. Cantle, in the course of his reply, referred to the large number of visitors present, several of whom he was not perhaps known to, but, as Bro. Gould had observed, they would know him better in the future. With him, this would be a red letter day in his existence. He had done his best for the lodge, but the support he had always received from Col. Creaton assisted materially. During the career of the lodge they had had their ups and downs, but that only tended to brighten them. He had found every brother so interested in the welfare of the lodge that it left him but little to do. He was indeed thankful for the testimonial presented to him. If anything was wanted to keep his attention attached to the lodge the clock would perform that duty as occupying a prominent position at his home, as it should do; it would always remind him of the kindness of the brethren, and when abroad the ring would perform a similar office. He would conclude by wishing his hearers might enjoy the festivities of the season and a prosperous new year. The next toast was "The I.P.M., Bro. Colonel Creaton," proposed by Bro. Johnson, who said that he always considered it a great honour to have had the Grand Treasurer as his predecessor—one who had worked hard for the benefit of the Craft, more especially for the Charities. No one worked harder or was more esteemed by the brethren of this lodge and the Craft universal. Bro. Col. Creaton in brief terms heartily thanked the brethren for their kindly reception of the toast, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to see so goodly a gathering present, and promised that so long as he had health and strength he would be present at every meeting. The W.M. then proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Treasurer," to which Bro. E. Thurkle replied. Several other toasts were given and duly acknowledged. During the evening an excellent selection of vocal music was given by Miss Grace Godolphin, Bros. J. H. Cantle, Arthur Thomas, J. Knight Smith, James Kiff, and W. G. Reynolds, special praise being due to the lady for the charming manner in which she sang, more particularly the ballad "No, Sir," which was heartily encored.

**WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Nicholson Brown, W.M.; H. J. Syer, S.W.; Thomas Hosgood, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M.; Treas. G. B. Davies, P.M.; Sec. R. A. Smith, S.D.; George H. Masters, J.D.; William Akers, I.G.; John Lackland, Tyler; Hodgkinson, P.M.; Hutton, P.M.; Cleall, Martin, Tailly, Butcher, and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, also those of the lodge of emergency on the 22nd inst., which was called to take into consideration the violent assault on the W.M. by Bro. Thomas E. Hassall at the regular meeting on the 10th of November, and to instal Bro. Thomas Hutton, P.M., as Treasurer, to raise Bro. Cole, and to receive the report of the committee appointed at the lodge of emergency on the 22nd inst. After the lodge heard the committee's report, they unanimously agreed with their decision, that Bro. Thomas E. Hassall be excluded from the Union Waterloo Lodge, and his name be erased from the lodge books.

**GIBRALTAR.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. W. F. Cottrell, W.M.; G. F. Cook, S.W.; Haskett Smith, J.W.; Middleton, Sec.; King, Org.; Johnson, I.P.M.; Roberts, Syms, Dumaresq, H. Scholt, Dr. Koth, Croizer, H. W. Carden, Moore-Keys, Howard, Walker, and Peterkin. Also visiting brethren Bros. Bacon, P.M. 153; Cunningham, P.M. 153; Franceri, P.M. 325; Chiverton, W.M. 115; Lyons, Terry, Button, and Allen. The lodge was punctually opened at half-past eight, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. Richard S. Ireland was duly initiated in a faultless manner by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and it soon became evident that the general desire of the lodge was for the W.M. to continue in office another year. This great honour he at first declined, but the lodge however was called off for a few minutes to see what could be done, and on returning to labour the W.M. announced that as the request was so general he would not oppose the wishes of the members and would consent to stand. The ballot was then taken, which proved unanimous in favour of the W.M., who thanked the brethren for the very great honour they had conferred upon him, and promised to do his utmost for the lodge during his second year of office. Bro. Johnson, I.P.M., complimented the lodge on having secured the services of the W.M. for another year, and said he should consider it his bounden duty to attend all meetings and support the chair. A very handsome silver square and compass was then passed round

the lodge, which had that evening been presented to the lodge by the retiring Secretary, Bro. A. H. Middleton. Bro. Johnson, I.P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks to Bro. Middleton for his great kindness be recorded in the minutes. Carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in the usual Masonic form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the rest of the evening was spent in harmonious and temperate enjoyment.

**PRESTON.—Royal Preston Lodge (No. 333).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Castle Hotel. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. W. H. Johnstone, P.M. 113, P.P.G.J.D. West Lancashire; T. Nevitt, P.M. 113, P.P.G.S.; Greaves, P.M. 113, P.P.G.O.; A. Beattie, P.M. 343; R. Bee, P.M. 314; Rev. T. B. Spencer, W.M. 314; J. Thompson, W.M. elect 343; H. Catterall, W.M. elect 986, Croston; Livesay, 113; Badger, 343; Brown, 343; Hodgkins, 343; and Smedley, 113, as visitors. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m., after which Bro. J. B. Wolstenholme, S.W., was presented by Bro. W. Wilson, the retiring W.M., and Bro. Bilsbrough, I.P.M., to Bro. D. Wilson, P.M., the Installing Master, who in a highly impressive and efficient manner installed Bro. Wolstenholme as W.M. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Wilson, I.P.M.; Rev. J. P. Shepperd, Chap.; D. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; W. Harrison, S.W.; J. Wilding, J.W.; J. Kendall, Sec.; H. P. Burton, P.M., D.C.; T. Eastham, S.D.; S. D. M. Sykes, J.D.; R. Jones, P.M., I.G. and S.S.; W. T. Bilsbrough, P.M., J.S.; and W. Brunt, Tyler. Bro. Bilsbrough, in a neat speech, presented Bro. W. Wilson with a P.M.'s jewel in the name of the lodge, as a token of esteem for his services during the past year. After the ceremony, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet served in Mrs. Rich's best style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and warmly received by the brethren.

**GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).**—This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Friday evening, the 10th inst. Bro. Bramwell, the W.M. for the closing year, having opened the lodge, Bro. S. Slack, P.M. St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, installed Bro. H. T. Gardiner, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were a considerable number of visiting brethren present, including W. Bro. Tew, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West York; Denton, P.M. Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds; Clark, P.M., St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract; Delaney, P.M. St. George's Lodge, Doncaster; Rands, W.M. St. George's, Doncaster, and others. In acknowledging the salutation accorded him upon his entrance into the lodge, Bro. Tew delivered an address in which he alluded to the satisfaction with which he paid another visit to the Aire and Calder Lodge. He referred to the recent opening of the Pontefract New General Dispensary, a link to which the Masons of West Yorkshire have extended their charity. His speech was listened to with evident pleasure by the brethren present. The following officers were invested for the coming year: Bros. R. S. Best, S.W.; E. Gooderidge, J.W.; H. Wilson, Secretary; R. Wright, P.M., Treasurer; G. E. East, P.M., Master of Ceremonies; E. C. B. Tudor, S.D.; W. Brook, J.D.; W. Everatt, I.G.; and H. Handley, Tyler. Bro. Ward, P.M., was unanimously elected Charity Member.

At the banquet, served by Bro. Brown, of the Sidney Hotel, the W.M. elect presided, being supported by Bros. W. Bro. Tew, J.P.; P.M.'s Denton, Clark, Bramwell, East, Ward, Wright, Peacock, Spink, and others. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were warmly received. "The Health of Bro. Tew," who was so warmly respected throughout the district where he was known as a landowner and magistrate, was also received; the W.M. dwelling at some length on the valuable services he had rendered to Masonry generally, and the province in particular. In their own lodge he had ever taken a warm interest, and they were grateful to him for the sympathy and kindness he had ever manifested towards the lodge at Goole. Bro. Tew (the toast having been fully honoured) replied, speaking at the outset of the important position Goole occupied, for, though on the verge of the Province of West Yorkshire, it must increase as a port and become more and more populous and prosperous. He referred to the very able manner in which Bro. Slack, P.M., had installed the W.M., and congratulated the Aire and Calder Lodge on having added to their number in so satisfactory a manner during the past year. He believed there was a very prosperous future before the lodge, and there was very little doubt that the attendance of that day augured well for the early initiation of a movement for securing more commodious lodge room. In conclusion he gave "The W.M. elect," and wished him every success and satisfaction in the year of office on which he was re-entering. Excellent speeches were also made by Past Masters Bros. Bramwell, Clark, East, Spink, and Slack, and the evening did not close until several of the brethren had added to the enjoyment of the proceedings by singing several songs. With "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was coupled the name of Bro. Denton, who, it was stated, was present at the formation of the lodge in 1839.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Tuesday the 7th inst. This being election night there was a full attendance, amongst the members being Bros. T. Bird, W.M.; T. C. Robinson, as S.W.; H. Peacock, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, I.P.M.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M.; R. W. Robinson, Sec.; T. Mason, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the list of those members qualified for the chair was read, and several withdrawing from the contest, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. T. C. Robinson, who returned thanks for the honour done him. Bro. R. Robinson, Past Master, then signified his wish to be released from the duties of Treasurer, and the ballot going round, the choice of the brethren upon Bro. Lewthwaite, Past Master. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Robinson for his services during the six years he had acted as Treasurer. Bro. Jos. Hewson was re-elected Tyler by a show of hands. It was arranged to hold the installation festival on Tuesday,

January 4th, at five p.m. Bro. Lamonby, P.M., on the proclamation being put, said he rose to perform a melancholy yet fervid duty. A noble pillar had been rent in twain in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. Need he say he referred to the death of their R.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Whitwell was a Mason who, during the number of years he had acted as Lord Bective's Deputy, had gained the affection of all with whom he came in contact. Some of those brethren present, himself (Bro. Lamonby) amongst them, were perhaps connected by closer ties with Bro. Whitwell; but he was confident he spoke the sentiments of all the members of the Skiddaw Lodge when he said that an incalculable loss to Masonry in the province had happened through the death of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and it had occurred to him that they ought to mark in indelible record their appreciation of his memory. He, therefore, moved: "That the members of Skiddaw Lodge have heard of the death of their beloved Deputy Provincial Grand Master with the profoundest grief; but, while mourning so irreparable a loss to Masonry, we rejoice, in the firm but humble confidence that our distinguished and lamented brother has been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe to the Grand Lodge above, and we hereby place it on record that, during our transitory existence on this earthly sphere, the honoured name of Bro. John Whitwell will remain green in our memories." Bro. Capt. Sewell, P.M., in seconding the motion, bore testimony to the great loss the province had sustained, and added that no one would feel it more than Lord Bective, whose right hand Bro. Whitwell was. Whoever succeeded him would find a bright example placed before him. The motion, it is needless to say, was carried nem. dis. Grand Lodge certificates having been presented to Bros. Smith and Sinclair, the lodge was closed in form.

**THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 9th inst., when Bro. W. Colman, W.M., occupied the chair, and many distinguished visiting brethren were present, including Bros. G. Marwood, J.P., P.D.P.G.M., P.M. 543; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.J.W., P.M. 1611; R. W. Hollon, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Treas.; C. Palliser, P.G.S. of W., W.M. 1337; W. Paley, P.S. G.W. W. Yorks; J. Hunton, P.P.G.J.D. Durham; M. Knowles, P.P.G.J.D. Durham; J. Richardson, P.P.G.P. W. Yorks, P.M. 1001; F. Smith, W.M. 837; P. Donaldson, P.M. 837; T. R. Mountain, P.M. 837; H. C. Pickersgill, J.W. 837; C. Waistell, P.M. 1337; R. Pallister, S.W. 1337; R. Sootheran, J.W. 1337; F. Long, 1406; Whitmore York, 1611; Rev. E. C. Camidge, P.M., P.P. G.C. W. and N. and E. Yorks; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., P.P.G.C. W. Yorks; G. Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; W. Hall, C. G. L. Kipling, H. Masterman, G. B. Hall, J. Walton, H. Smith, J. Johnson, R. Atkinson, Z. Wright, H. Longford, L. J. Thompson, and others. Telegrams, regretting inability to be present, were received from Bros. T. B. Whythead, 1611, 236, 1338, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and W. H. Gainforth, W.M. 236.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Hall, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented for installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was most impressively performed by W. Bro. G. Marwood. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was congratulated and saluted in ancient form. He then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, addressing to each a few appropriate words: Bros. W. Colman, I.P.M.; C. Greensides, S.W.; H. Smith, J.W.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; J. Walton, Sec.; Rev. C. E. Camidge, M.A., Chaplain; Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.A.S., Preceptor; J. Johnson, S.D.; Z. Wright, J.D.; C. G. L. Kipling, Supt. of Works; H. Longford, D.C.; E. Richardson, Org.; R. Long, I.G.; J. Johnson and L. J. Thompson, Stewards; G. Ayre, P.M., Almoner; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to W. Bro. Hall's, where a *recherché* banquet was spread, the elegance and completeness of the arrangements, as well as the *cuisine* of the viands, and the character of the wines, more than sustaining the ancient reputation of the Fleece Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. W. Bro. R. W. Hollon responded on behalf of "Grand Lodge," W. Bro. C. E. Camidge, M.A., for "Provincial Grand Lodge," after which W. Bro. Marwood proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing the great personal pleasure it had afforded him to place in the chair of K.S. one whom he had for many years known and respected, who was a founder of the lodge, and with whose family he had been acquainted for three generations. He anticipated for him a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Hall, W.M., suitably responded, and, in proposing "The Health of W. Bro. Marwood," referred to the many kind services he had rendered to the lodge from its formation, and expressed the high and affectionate esteem in which he was held by the brethren—a remark which drew forth a most enthusiastic response, and which he, in very feeling terms, acknowledged. Bro. G. B. Hall, of Oswaldkirk, then in his most effective style opportunely sang "The Fine Old English Gentleman," the whole company testifying to the appropriateness of the words by the hearty spontaneity with which they weighted and swelled the chorus. Bro. Knowles, J.P., of Stockton-on-Tees, in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," remarked that there were no body of men so loyal to their chief as were the members of the Craft, nor whose mutual intercourse tended more to the maintenance of the principles of law and order. Such gatherings as these were not only enjoyable but beneficial, especially when they brought brethren for a season away from the fierce democratic spirit of our large manufacturing towns to the quiet and soothing influences of a more retired and contemplative existence, from which they returned better fitted for the battle of life, and its many conflicting cares. Bro. Colman in response congratulated the W.M. on his excellent selection of officers, and promised him his best support during his term of office. Bro. Donaldson, of Ripon, in proposing "The Officers of the Falcon Lodge," it had been a peculiar pleasure to him that day to meet Bro. Marwood, whose name had been a "household word" which him from his boyhood, and whose character commanded their individual admiration and reverence. He had also a strong personal attachment to the Falcon Lodge; it was one of the first lodges he visited, and his fraternisation with

the brethren always proved a source of enjoyment. The Rev. Bro. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.A.S., in replying, spoke of the *esprit de corps* which animated the brethren who had been selected for official duties, and humorously referred to some of the distinguishing qualities of "falcons" as encouraging the assurance that the interests of the Craft were safe with them. The Rev. E. C. Camidge, M.A., in well chosen terms proposed "The Visitors," and after referring to the many advantages of Masonry, noticed specially its hospitality and its tendency to promote friendly feeling, smoothing away differences, and affording opportunity for better acquaintance with each other, over the social board. Dr. Paley, of Ripon, responded, expressed the interest he felt in the welfare of the Falcoln Lodge, congratulated Bro. Hall on his elevation to the chair, and recognised him as "the right man in the right place." Bro. C. Waistell, of Northallerton, added a few words to the same effect, and then the toast list was brought to a close. The case of Poor and Distressed Masons was remembered by a liberal contribution to the Almoner's Fund, and one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings of the lodge terminated.

#### WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).

—Last week Bro. Captain R. W. Evans, the S.W. of the lodge during the past twelve months, was installed as the W.M. for the coming year, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. W. Hickman, the D.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, in the presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren, the representatives of other lodges including Bros. J. Cole, W.M., and C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130; T. B. Payne, P.M. 350; W. Furber, P.M. and Treasurer; and Henry Lashmore, S.D. 304; Parkinson, W.M. 1112; Irvine Harle, W.M. 1780; and Martin, Loyal Lodge, Barnstaple. At the conclusion of the installation the new W.M. invested the officers as follows: Bros. R. R. L. Rosoman, I.P.M.; W. Chapman, S.W.; J. Methuen, J.W.; G. Tilling, P.M., Treasurer; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Ekless, J.D.; W. Waters, D.C.; Brown, I.G.; and John White and R. Bell, Stewards. The cordial thanks of the lodge were tendered to the I.P.M. for the efficient manner in which he has carried out the duties of the office during his two years' occupation of it.

At the subsequent banquet, served by Bro. Dartnell, at the Woolston Hall, kindly lent by Bro. Methuen, the usual Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged, the most "Hearty good wishes" being tendered to W. Bro. Evans on his elevation to the chair. In returning thanks the W.M. said that though he had been in the Craft over thirty years, the circumstance of his being absent from England so much prevented his accepting office till recently. "The Health of the D.P.G.M.," with thanks for the services rendered by him in open lodge, was drunk, and among other speakers during the evening were Bros. the Rev. Foster Rodger and J. Forbes Steven, of Scotch lodges, and W. Bro. J. Saunders, of the Cape of Good Hope Lodge. The acknowledgments of the brethren were also awarded to the J.W. for his repetition of the kindness of previous years in granting the use of his capacious room for the banquet, and hopes were expressed of the erection of a Masonic hall for the lodge during the present year.

#### HULL.—De La Pole Lodge (No. 1605).

—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 68, Charlotte-street. Present: Bros. J. R. Nicholas, W.M.; C. H. Wright, S.W.; W. Gillett, J.W.; J. R. Ansdell, I.P.M.; H. Preston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer, and Chaplain; R. Boggott, P.M., P.P.S.B., Hon. Secretary, and Lecture Master; P. C. Whitfield, Asst. Sec.; G. O. Howarth, S.D.; G. W. Smith, J.D.; C. W. Cheesman, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. B. Mather, D.C.; J. Shield, I.G.; Henry Drewry, Stew.; J. Seward, W. F. Chairman, R. Gillet, R. W. Cooper, J. Robinson, H. Hertz, H. Koser, G. O. Landale, R. Petch, and others. Visitors: R.W. Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England, and Deputy Prov. G. Master; Bros. Stanton, W.M. 250; E. Balchin, I.P.M. 250; and J. White, 250.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed; afterwards a successful ballot was taken for two gentlemen as candidates for Freemasonry, Mr. G. L. Whiteing was regularly initiated; Bro. W. A. Bennett was passed, and Bro. C. W. Cheesman, P.M., P.P.G.O., on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. J. R. Ansdell, I.P.M., with a Past Master's gold jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge. Bro. Ansdell thanked the brethren from his heart for their handsome gift, assured the members it would be for ever prized by him, and would be an incentive for him to do more if possible in the future. The D.P.G.M. then brought the festival of the Boys' School before the lodge, and hoped the members would do their utmost to make it a success. Bro. H. Preston, P.M., volunteered to attend as Steward, when subsequently Bro. R. Boggott, P.M., the lodge Charity Steward made an earnest appeal on behalf of Bro. Preston's list, when upwards of twenty guineas were subscribed. Several candidates were then proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, and the lodge closed in due form, and with solemn prayer.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—The brethren of this lodge were summoned to an "emergency" on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th inst., with the special object of "assisting" at the initiation of the celebrated public entertainers, Messrs. Henry and Walter Wardroper, who had been previously elected unanimously at another meeting. There was a numerous attendance of the Craft, the fame and popularity of the two distinguished candidates being well known in Liverpool. Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M., opened the lodge promptly at half-past three o'clock, and amongst those who gave him support were Bros. J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Richard Brown, P.G. Treasurer, P.M.; John E. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; John Atkinson, S.W.; William Savage, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer (P.M. 1356); J. M. Boyd, Sec.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. Pye, S.D.; H. P. Squire, J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, H. Round, O. W. Sanderson, R. Eyres, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; C. Campion, W. Hildyard, E. Graham, C. Buchanan, J. Ashley, P. Buck, J. Keet, S. Mattison, R. Williams, and others. The visitors included Bros. Capt Gibbs, 607; Messenger, 249; and others. The ceremony of initiation was admirably performed by Bro. W. Sandbrook, W.M., who received valuable assistance in

the impressive ritual from the J.W. (Bro. Savage) and the S.W. (Bro. Atkinson). At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall for refreshment, where "The Health of the Newly Initiated" was most happily proposed by the W.M., and most appropriately responded to by the Bros. Wardroper. A pleasant feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a requisition to the W.M., signed by numerous brethren, asking him to convey the sincere congratulations of the lodge to Bro. Savage, J.W., on his providential escape from great personal danger on the previous Monday, while acting in the discharge of his duties as deposition clerk to one of the city magistrates, both of whom were in peril from an angry and turbulent crowd in one of the lowest parts of the city. The W.M. conveyed the congratulations of the lodge to Bro. Savage, who was afterwards warmly shaken by the hand, with a true fraternal grasp, by every member present. Bro. Savage feelingly acknowledged the warm greetings of so many brethren. Choice songs and recitations were given during the evening by the Brothers Wardroper, Bros. Brammall and R. Williams; and a brilliant piano solo by Bro. Burgess, Organist, added greatly to the enjoyment of those who were present.

#### MANCHESTER.—Zion Lodge (No. 1798).

—For some few years past the members of our Craft who belong to the Hebrew persuasion resident in this city have felt the wants of a lodge in which they could assemble to conduct the ceremonies and enjoy their social evenings in accordance with their particular fashion, and early in last year a few energetic of their number met together, and with the assistance of an experienced brother, not of their faith, framed a special appeal to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. On his evincing an earnest desire to aid them in furthering their views, an influential meeting of Jewish brethren was convened, at which that veteran Bro. Elias Nathan, P.M. 204, was selected as the W.M. designate; Bro. the Rev. H. Davis Marks as first S.W., and Bro. Levi A. Cohen as first J.W., with other brethren to fill the subordinate offices. The necessary petition was prepared and presented to the R.W.P.G.M., and by him so strongly recommended to headquarters, that a warrant was at once granted. The lodge was consecrated in May, 1879, by Bro. George Mellor, V.W.P.G.M., and the W.M. designate was duly installed. During the last eighteen months the kind, genial presence of Bro. Nathan, combined with the irrepresible energy of Bro. Marks, aided by another worthy veteran, Bro. Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, and P.P.G.P., who has ably discharged the onerous duties of Treasurer, indefatigable Secretary, Bro. S. Mamelok, and Bro. D. A. Davis, P.M. 625, (who, during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cohen from England, assumed the W.M.'s chair), have raised the lodge to the highest standard of efficiency and to considerable numerical strength. The first installation meeting was held on Monday, Dec. 6th, at the Hulme Town Hall, and it is not likely to be obliterated from the memory of the members of the lodge, from the pleasing fact that the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, graced the proceedings by his presence. The following were also present: Bros. Elias Nathan, W.M.; Rev. H. Davis Marks, S.W.; Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, Treas., P.P.G.P.; S. Mamelok, Sec.; W. Arensberg, S.D.; S. J. Widdell, I.G.; James Sly, Tyler; Stanislaus Hurtig, M. Palonski, E. Casper, George Board, J. D. Biggie, W. Bianco, E. Steinart, James Cole, M. Steinart, J. Harris, H. Rothband. Visitors: Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.W.P.G.M.; George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M.; Ellis Jones, P.G. Treas.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; Dunban Murray, W.M. 1218; M. Hyams, 1633; H. L. Recca, I.P.M. 815; W. R. Sowler, W.M. 815; J. C. Sequeira, Abraham Jacobson, Henry Crosby, W.M. 1588; J. Stevenson, S.W. 1218; A. Levison, Frank Vetter, 815; M. Donegar, 1083; Seeley Jacobson, 392; Morris Sikes, 206; Robert Edward Johnson, P.M. 1052; James Hall, P.P.G.T., P.M. 210; W. Cole, Sec. 1588; John Hall, P.M. 1354; William Charleson, 1354; Maurice Hart 1502; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. At this juncture the R.W.P.G.M., attended by the V.W.P.G.M. and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the lodge room, and were duly saluted. The lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. the Rev. H. D. Marks, W.M. elect, presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Elias Nathan, who, after the usual preliminaries, and with due rite and ceremony, installed Bro. Marks into the chair of K.S., after which, on the re-admission of the M.M.'s, he was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, and duly saluted. The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows: Bros. A. M. Hart, S.W.; J. Mamelok, J.W.; and Julius Arensberg, P.P.G. Purst., Treas. The investiture of this much-respected and well-beloved brother was received with loud applause, and Bro. Arensberg received the personal congratulations of the R.W.P.G.M.; Stanislaus Hurtig, Secretary; D. A. Davis, D. C.; George Board, S.D.; M. Hyams, J.D.; J. C. Sequeira, I.G.; M. Steinart, S.S.; Josias Biggie, J.S.; and James Sly, Tyler. At this stage the R.W.P.G.M. rose, and, after excusing himself for leaving so early, expressed the great satisfaction he felt at the progress of the lodge since its consecration, at which he much regretted his inability to have been present. The M.W.P.G.M. gracefully alluded to that Masonic bond of brotherhood which united Jews and Gentiles alike, and concluded by congratulating the lodge upon having such an able I.P.M. as Bro. Nathan, and a W.M. as Bro. Marks, and augured a successful future for the lodge. The M.W.P.G.M.'s remarks were received with the liveliest satisfaction by all present, and applauded to the echo. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Maurice Hart, and to the brethren by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. On the conclusion of the ceremony, with a prayer from the Chaplain, the newly-installed W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. D. Marks, commenced his duties most charitably by proposing a sum of five guineas be given from the lodge funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was seconded and carried. The W.M. also proposed that Bro. Elias Nathan, I.P.M., in consideration of the highly valuable services he has rendered to the Zion Lodge, be asked to accept honorary membership. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Nathan returned thanks for this mark of the brethren's approval. A proposition, given notice of on the circular, to the effect that the sum of four shillings per annum from each member's subscription be devoted to charitable purposes, was com-

mented upon by the proposer, Bro. A. Jacobson, and after some discussion, seconded and carried. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.35. The brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John by a banquet, at the conclusion of which the toast list was proceeded with. The usual loyal toasts having been most loyally honoured, and the subject dwelt upon by the eloquent W.M., that of "The M.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie," "The V.W.D.P.G.M., George Mellor," and "The Provincial Officers, Past and Present," were next expatiated upon by the W.M. in glowing terms, in the course of which he remarked that he could not allow such an opportunity to slip of expressing the satisfaction he felt, and all the brethren of the Zion Lodge, he was sure, also felt at having in their midst such distinguished visitors as the R.W.P.G.M. and the V.W.D.P.G.M. He felt sure the brethren would never forget the occasion, which would be a red letter one in the annals of their lodge, and although, unfortunately, their R.W.P.G.M. had been obliged to leave them so early, yet the presence of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. George Mellor, was a cause for congratulation, more especially as he had consecrated their lodge twelve months since. There was assuredly a meed of gratitude due to Bro. Mellor, who might feel that they were his children, and consequently would have more than a passing interest in their welfare. Bro. Marks concluded his remarks by calling on the brethren to drink Bro. Mellor's and the Provincial Officers' healths in a bumper. The invitation was enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M., in reply, asked the W.M. and brethren to accept his warmest thanks for proposing and responding to the toast, and said it was always a pleasing duty to do anything which tended to promote the welfare of any lodge, but especially to have been present that day at the installation meeting, and to note the advancement the lodge had made since he had the pleasure of consecrating it. Bro. Mellor, at the conclusion of his reply, rose again to propose "Prosperity to the Zion Lodge," which he did in felicitous terms. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and Bro. Arensberg responded to it. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Elias Nathan, I.P.M., dwelt at length upon the ability and tact Bro. Marks had shown while serving the office of S.W. during the past year, and Bro. Nathan humorously alluded to the W.M.'s zeal and eagerness, in wishing, so to speak, to perform the duties of every officer in the lodge, which Bro. Nathan assured the brethren their W.M. was well capable of doing, and working the lodge himself in the absence of his officers. Bro. Nathan facetiously compared Bro. Marks, when first he joined the Zion Lodge, to an untractable colt whom it was next to impossible to train or run with, but who by dint of a little patting and coaxing from his trainer (in the person of Bro. Nathan), became, after awhile, more docile, and disposed to run quietly in harness. Bro. Nathan concluded his remarks by saying it was scarcely possible to speak too highly of their W.M.'s qualities, and felt sure the Zion Lodge would never have a more able W.M. to preside over it. The toast was drunk with much warmth, and, in reply, Bro. Marks stated that he should not attempt to emulate the facetiousness of Bro. Nathan, who had somewhat surprised him in being so jocose that evening, after suffering, as he had lately been and still was, from indisposition. Bro. Marks assured the brethren he would give them no cause for complaint during his presidency, and made an earnest appeal to his officers to be punctual in their attendance and keep proper time, reminding them that six o'clock did not mean a quarter-past, and that if there was no work to do there would be no song or supper. Bro. Marks also reminded his officers that, in the event of their requiring admonition, although he was a minister of peace, and, therefore, not empowered or expected to use strong language, yet he could get others to use it for him. The W.M. further stated that he had striven for the position he now occupied, and had won it, and although many would think, as he had thought, that it was a very fine thing to be a W.M., he could assure them that the pleasure of that station was not, at any rate at present equal to the anticipation of it, but although the weight of responsibility was great, his shoulders were broad, and he thought himself strong enough to bear the burden, and trusted at the expiration of his year of office he should have given them satisfaction. The W.M. rose to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Elias Nathan," in doing which he said that the remark had oftentimes been made to him, "Oh, I wish I had your eloquence!" but it seemed to him that evening that he should require more eloquence than he was master of to do justice to this toast, as Bro. Nathan had been a father of the lodge, and to the brethren, who were all inexperienced, but who through the guidance and teaching of their respected I.P.M. had been moulded into a proper shape. Bro. Marks, in a lengthy and telling speech, eulogised the painstaking efforts which Bro. Nathan had made for the welfare of the Zion Lodge ever since its formation, how he had persistently clung to them through all the ups and downs which a new lodge has to go through, and how, in fact, the brethren owed a deep and lasting debt of gratitude to one who had worked so zealously and diligently to accomplish a difficult task. Bro. Marks finished by stating they had shown in a small way how far they appreciated such services, and as a further mark of their approval and esteem, he begged Bro. Nathan's acceptance of a clock and ornaments, which he, in the name of the members of the lodge, and with the greatest pleasure, wished to present him with. A burst of applause followed the conclusion of Bro. Marks' speech, and on the cover being removed, a very handsome ormolu clock, with ornaments to match, was disclosed to view, and were much admired. Bro. Nathan, in a voice full of emotion, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their handsome present. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, not the least important being that of "The Charities," which was exhaustively responded to and dilated upon by that able advocate, Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

#### INSTRUCTION.

##### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 13th inst., at Bro. Stevenson's, The Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston. Bro. H. Seymour-Clarke, Secretary, presided as W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; Goddard, S.W.; Robson, J.W.; also McDonald, Macgregor, Windsor, Loring, Gabriel, and others. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. Macgregor was questioned and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was



rehearsed by the W.M. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed in the Second Degree, Bro. T. E. Goddard, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday, the 20th inst., (8 p.m.) when the third ceremony will be worked. An early and good attendance is requested. Members are reminded that the "Fifteen Sections" will be worked in this lodge on the fourth Monday in January next, by one of the most able exponents of Masonic ritual.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, on Monday, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Lardner, Pennefather, Van Raalte, Laurence, King, Greenwood, Clark, Milton, McKay, Keeble, E. A. Smith, Brickdale, J. Smith, Robbins, Pidgeon, Cohen, H. Forss, T. Butt, Pettit, Rose, McButt, W. Kelly, Goodenough. The lodge was opened in due form at seven p.m., minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors report received, the lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Malthouse was expected to preside at the table, but unforeseen circumstances prevented him being present, in his absence Bro. Lardner was called to the chair. The brethren having partaken of a sumptuous repast the usual Masonic toasts were given. Bro. H. Lardner then rose and said, brethren the most pleasing duty of the evening now devolves upon me, and should I live another quarter of a century, and during that time preside over many such meetings I do not think I shall ever be called upon to perform a more pleasing task. You are all aware that during a period of four years Bro. Pennefather has with unflagging zeal come regularly to impart to us that Masonic instruction all energetic brethren are so desirous to obtain, and as a mark of their esteem for his general kindness and affability to all, I have much pleasure in presenting to him this beautiful gold watch, which I trust he will long live to wear. Bro. Pennefather briefly and feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said he should continue to attend the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, as long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him health and strength. The vocal abilities of Bros. Rose, King, McButt, Smith, and Pennefather were brought into requisition; Bro. Greenwood accompanied on the pianoforte, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a well deserved compliment to Bro. T. Butt, for the good things he had supplied and the nice way in which they had been served. Bro. Butt in a feeling manner acknowledged the thanks accorded him, and said it would be the last time he would have the pleasure of catering for them.

**HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. Present: Bros. J. R. Dare, W.M.; J. H. Wane, S.W.; H. Page, J.W.; W. Webb, Sec.; W. J. Thody, S.D.; J. S. Webb, I.G.; J. L. Mather, Preceptor; W. M. Baker, and H. J. Shillito. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shillito acting as candidate. Bro. Shillito answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Shillito acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Mather, seconded by Bro. Page, "That Bro. Wane be elected W.M. for the ensuing week," which was carried unanimously. The Committee appointed to prepare the by-laws, presented the same, and it was proposed by Bro. Shillito, seconded by Bro. Thody, "That they be entered on the minutes," which was carried. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

### Royal Arch.

**ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the chair of M.E.Z. was assumed by Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, who in a careful and correct manner installed the Principals, Ex. Comps. H. A. Lovett, as M.E.Z.; F. Dunn, as H.; and H. Lovegrove, (J. 1549) as J. The other officers invested were, Ex. Comp. J. Nunn, I.P.Z.; Scribe E.; Comp. F. Thueston, S.N.; Ex. Comp. H. Webb, P.Z.; Treas.; Comp. Salter, P.S.; Comp. Cox, 1st. Asst. Soj.; Comp. Walker, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Potter, Janitor. A P.Z. jewel was unanimously voted to Ex. Comp. J. Nunn, the retiring M.E.Z., and a vote of thanks was awarded to the Installing Officer.

At the close of the proceedings the companions dined together, a small but pleasant party. The usual Royal Arch toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by the efforts of Comps. Webb, Cox, Dodson, Salter, and Lovegrove. The only visitor was Comp. Yonge, of the Macdonald Chapter.

**LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Chapter (No. 673).**—The members of this popular and prosperous chapter held their annual festival meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a very large and influential gathering of companions. Amongst those present at the opening were Comps. H. Burrows, Z.; T. Roberts, P.Z.; W. T. May, P.Z.; J. T. Callow, P.Z.; T. Clark, P.Z.; J. Hocken, P.Z.; Treasurer; D. Jackson, H.; W. Brackenbury, J.; R. Foote, S.E.; H. H. Smith, S.N.; G. Musker, P.S.; and M. Williamson, Janitor. There were altogether about forty present, and amongst the visitors were Comps. J. L. Houghton, H. 594; J. Pendleton, P.S. 823; R. Brown, P.Z. 1356; T. F. Hill, P.S. 220; A. D. Hesketh, P.S. 1356; J. O. Rea, 1356; E. Humphries, S.E. 220; R. Young, P.Z. 86; W. Williams, P.Z. 580; J. Hayes, Z. 594; and J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094. The appointments of Principals and officers were as follows: Comps. D. Jackson, M.E.Z.; W. Brackenbury, H.; G. Musker, J.; C. Marsh, S.E.; J. Hocken, P.Z.; Treasurer; G. Godfrey, S.N.; L. Herman, P.Z.; and Comp. M. Williamson, Janitor. The companions subsequently banqueted under the presidency of the Z. and his two Principals.

**BLACKPOOL.—Clifton Chapter (No. 703).**—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Clifton Arms Hotel. Comps. E. Gregson, M.E.Z.; Jno. Wray, H.; E. G. Stead, J.; J. W. Baker, P.Z.; Capt. Whitehead, P.Z. 113; and Robt. Butterworth, P.Z., opened the chapter. The companions were then admitted. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Orr, Hesketh Lodge, 950, and being unanimously in his favour, he was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Baker, P.Z. The Second and Third Principals gave the lectures of their respective chairs. Rarely is a ceremony so well conducted as it was on this occasion—all the officers being most correct and effective. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with by Comp. Baker, P.Z., when Comps. J. Wray was installed M.E.Z.; E. G. Stead, H.; and H. Gardner, J., in a very able manner. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from all who were present. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. T. Sunderland, Treas.; A. Moore, S.E.; J. B. Fisher, S.N.; John Whitaker, P.S.; H. M. Ormsby, 1st A.S.; J. Hopwood, 2nd A.S.; J. Worth, Org.; and A. Wade, Janitor. Eight names of candidates for exaltation were proposed and handed in, and this ending the business of the chapter, it was then duly closed.

The companions afterwards dined together at the hotel. The catering was of the best character, and reflected great credit on the capabilities and kindness of the manager of the hotel. The usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. Capt. Whitehead, who made special mention of the admirable manner in which Comp. Baker had performed the ceremonies, and stated that he had seen many installations, but none to excel the work of that day. The companions separated in love and harmony at 9.45, a most enjoyable evening having been spent.

**BUXTON.—Phoenix of St. Ann Chapter (No. 1235).**—This chapter met at the Masonic Rooms in the Local Board Offices on Thursday, the 9th inst., at four o'clock, and it was opened by Comp. Dr. Sykes, Z.; J. H. Lawson, H. and P.; Le Gros, J.; there were also present Comps. R. R. Duke, P.Z., Treas.; W. Boughen, S.E.; Josiah Taylor, P.Z.; and others. Visitor: Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 317, 1387, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. East Lancashire.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Smedley, W.M. Yarborough Lodge, No. 633, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Sykes, the Historical and Symbolic Lectures were delivered by Comp. Sillitoe, and the Mystical by the M.E.Z. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the following companions were elected as Principals and officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. J. H. Lawson, Z.; P. Le Gros, H.; W. Boughen, J.; Smedley, S.E.; W. Bramwell, S.N.; W. C. Moore, P.S.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., Treas.; and W. Pyle, Janitor. Several matters of a financial nature were discussed and arranged, and the chapter was solemnly closed at six p.m., after which the companions adjourned to the St. Ann's Hotel for refreshment. The well earned and widely known reputation of the resources of that establishment precludes the necessity for further comment upon the evening's enjoyment, which was "Ab initio ad finem more majorem."

**YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).**—A regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when the following companions were elected to office for the ensuing year: Comps. J. S. Cumberland, Z.; T. B. Whythead, (Z.), H.; C. G. Padel, J.; J. Kay, S.E.; J. T. Seller, S.N.; G. Simpson, Treas.; M. Millington, P.S.; and P. Pearson, Jan. The installation meeting will be held in February.

### Knights Templar.

**PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Naval Preceptory (No. 2).**—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the M.H., High-street, on the 5th inst., at which Comps. E. S. Main, R. Dampier, Child, and R. W. Mitchell were elected, and the E.P., Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, installed the only companion present, R. W. Mitchell, as a Knight Templar. The E.P. elect, Sir Knight George Felton Lancaster, was duly installed by Sir Knight Bradley, P.E.P., and proclaimed Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights H. Reed, C.; H. M. Green, M.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, Chap.; J. R. Hayman, Treas.; F. Newman, Sub. M.; A. G. Platt Wilks, C.G.; Count Des-Geney's, S.B.; E. Street, S.B.; Cornelius G. Adames, P.; and R. W. Mitchell, P. After votes of thanks had been passed to Sir Knight R. L. Loveland for his services as E.P. during the past year, and to Sir Knight Bradley for his services as Installing Preceptor, the preceptory was closed in due form, and a priory was then held, when the E.P. Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland admitted Sir Knight Mitchell into the Order, and installed Sir Knight Geo. Felton Lancaster, as E.P. for the year ensuing; the E.P. then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights H. Reed, C.G.; H. M. Green, L.G.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, Prelate; A. Platt Wilks, 1st Lieut.; F. Newman, 2nd Lieut.; E. P. Bradley, M.; Count Des Geney's, H.; E. Street, A.; C. G. Adams, C.; R. W. Mitchell, B.; J. E. Le Feuvre, T.; and J. K. Hayman, Chan. and Treasurer. The priory was closed in due form, and the Knights adjourned to the banquet hall, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a pleasant evening spent.

**Haverly's American United Mastodon Minstrels** will return to Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, Boxing Day.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for harmoniously attuning circulation and respiration, disturbance of the balance of which produces a sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clean the furred tongue, and wholesomely stimulate the liver, and act as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.—[Advrt.]

### Ancient and Primitive Rite.

**MYSTIC TEMPLE.**—A special convocation of the S.P.M. 32° assembled at the rooms, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, under warrant from the Gd. Sec. Gen. (acting as the G.M.L. for the province). The following Ill. brethren attended: Bros. James Hill, 33°, Acting G.M.L.; William Stephens, 32°, Gd. Orator; Henry Meyer, 32°, Gd. Treas.; J. H. Southwood, 32°, Gd. Examiner; and W. J. Meek, 32°, Gd. Keeper of Rites. The convocation having been opened in ample form with solemn prayer, declared on the 31° (G.D.R.), and received several Ill. brethren. The appointment of the officers of the Grand Tribunal 31°, was then proclaimed, and the following Ill. brethren invested with the insignia of their rank, viz., Bros. Edward Harrison, 31°, Gd. S.; Bernard Meyer, 31°, Gd. Def. (in absentio); and Henry Stephens, 31°, Gd. A. The convocation was then closed, and the Ill. brethren attended the Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix, held on the same evening.

**ROSE OF SHARON CHAPTER (No. 6).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Chapter House, 77½, Bishopsgate-street Within, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Present: Sir Knights Henry Meyer, 32°, M.W.; James Hill, 33°, P.M.W. and Sec.; John H. Southwood, P.M., P.Z., 32°, (Sub. Grand Com. Senate No. 6), as J.W.; Henry Stephens, P.M., 31°, Orator; Edward Harrison, 31°, Treas.; Richard Marshall, 30°, Capt. of Gd.; Thomas Sims, 30°, Gd. of Tower; and J. H. Peach, 30°, Archivist, also an Ill. brother visitor. The chapter was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. There being no further business, the chapter was duly closed, and the meeting adjourned to the first Tuesday in the new year. The Ill. brethren afterwards partook of refreshments served in the ante-room.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. ELLIOT SQUARE.

It is with great regret we announce the death of Bro. Elliot Square, of Plymouth, by an accident in the streets on Saturday afternoon last. The accident itself was as comparatively simple as the result was direct. Bro. Square was standing near his own house in conversation with a friend when a runaway cab horse, in passing a goods wagon, swerved on to the footpath, and struck him down, the iron-tapped shaft of the cab striking him full in the left eye, penetrating to the brain. Bro. Square was taken to his own residence, when it was at once seen that his injuries were fatal. He lingered on until midday on Sunday, when death put an end to his sufferings. Our deceased brother was one of the best known men in Plymouth, and the news of the cruel blow that had struck him down in the full vigour of mature manhood was received with universal expressions of sorrow. As a professional man, Bro. Square had won a high and well-deserved reputation, and death has cut short what promised to be a long career of increasing usefulness. In the Masonic body locally his death will have an appreciable vacancy. He was initiated in Lodge Fortitude, No. 103, and joined the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, of which he was the W.M. in the years 1878-9. He was a member of the Sincerity Mark Lodge, No. 35, in which he filled the office of I.G. in 1874-5; a member of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory of Knights Templar and Priory of Malta, of which he was E.C.; a member of the Holy Cross Preceptory, and had filled the offices of Prov. and C.C.C. and P.G.V.C. in that Order. He was also a P.M.W.S. of the Huyshe Chapter of Rose Croix, H.R.D.M., and had been for several years, and was at his decease, the energetic Recorder of the chapter. As a man, he was distinguished by straightforwardness, pluck, geniality, and ability. Cultured, as well as genial and clever, he had reached the point in his career when the chief difficulties of professional life had been surmounted and the promise of a happy as well as useful future was before him. Bro. Square was married, and his wife with five children survive him.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

I note Bro. Yarker's reply, but, to say the truth, he seems to me to be getting into a still denser fog, and now I hardly understand his statement. He originally asserted that by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of France, in 1767, &c., now he terms it the "Grand Orient." But he must know that the "Grand Lodge" only took the name of Grand Orient in 1771. And, again, I ask what had the Grand Lodge of France or the Grand Orient to do with Stephen Morin in 1764 or 1767? At that time the High Grades were not recognized by the Symbolic Body, and were only so in 1772. There is evidently a mistake somewhere. Can Bro. Yarker give his authority for this alleged resolution of the French Grand Lodge? Or is it another myth?

#### MASONIC STUDENT.

#### RITE OF MEMPHIS.

As I have seen in Bro. Hogg's edition of How's Manual some statements which Bro. Yarker tells us in the last *Freemason* were written by him, I think it well to ask his authority for several, which seem to me, very "startling" historically. See page 359. 1. What is his authority for the statement that "prior to the year 1721 some of the English Masons of the York Rite, which last century was known as a Templar Rite of Seven Degree," were "addressed" as the higher class of Masons. There is evidence in "long livers" of an Hermetic Grade in London in 1721, but never, so far as I am aware of, at York. There was no such thing as a Templar Rite of Seven Degrees known or practised in York or any where in England in the eighteenth century. In 1721 the Masonry at York was purely Craft, and very little evidence remains of aught but the First Degree, until, (I think), if I remember right, about 1750, when allusion is made to "Master Masons." About 1780 Templarism appears, but as fourth in a system of five Degrees, and it dies out in a few years. Such a York system really never existed, except at York for a short time, and was never propagated. To show how late it was,—I think 1782, but my notes are locked up, and

I am trusting to memory,—a draft of a warrant for a lodge of the "Knights of the Holy Tabernacle of St. John of Jerusalem" is extant yet among the papers of the York Lodge. It is still full of interlineations and corrections, as prepared for being transcribed. But such a fact disposes of the 1721 York theory, which I really wonder Bro. Yarker again propounds. It is altogether unhistorical. 2. I can find no trace of any least connection between the Rite of Memphis and the "Rite Primitif" of Narbonne, the Philalètes, and Martinez Pasqualis, or Paschalis, and his "Elus Cocus." The Rite Primitif of Narbonne seems to have been founded in 1780 by a certain "Chevalier Pen," and to have had a mystical religious tendency, as in its grade,—“The Fathers Rose Croix of the Grand Rosary.” But it existed for a very few years. The Philalètes issued from the lodge "Les Amis Reunis" in 1771, when some very learned and enthusiastic Masons formed part of, and is probably in the main the creation of, "Savalette de Langes." It was a mixture of Martinism and Swedenborgianism, and though it had a "concordat" with the Rite of Narbonne for the "same ends," it had not the same teaching, as far as we know. Cagliostro got mixed up with it later, but though it influenced greatly the Convent of Paris, 1785, it thenceforward disappears. Paschalis, who was a Portuguese, born in 1715, was no doubt a learned Hebrew and metaphysician, &c., seems also mixed up with the "Pierre Philosophale." I may mention that early in the eighteenth century "Les Archives de la Bastille," now publishing, mention frequently these "Chercheurs," who were arrested men and women. Paschalis seems to have based his grade on the Jewish Cabala, but there seems in it nothing akin to the Order of Memphis. All that we really know of the Order of Memphis is based on the evidence of *Marconis*. Is he trustworthy? I express no opinion thereon, though some writers openly contradict his statements, and some even doubt the "Montauban story," and limit the date to 1839. 3. I do not quite comprehend Bro. Yarker's statement in How's Manual. I had understood that about 1861 Marconis gave a charter to Bro. Seymour, which was afterwards vised by Marshal Magnan, and I have seen that alleged patent set out somewhere as dated Paris, 1861. But now Bro. Yarker says that Marconis the younger, at New York, in 1857, inaugurated the Rite personally, with illustrious Bro. David McClellan as Grand Master, and that afterwards, in 1862, Marshal Magnan vised the patent, and Bro. Seymour was appointed Grand Master General. Which of these statements is correct and authoritative? For Bro. Yarker will see there is a great difference between them. I write merely as a "student," and for information and verification.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. H. G. SEYMOUR.

Is this brother, and so often mentioned by Bro. Yarker, the same person about whom so much was said some years back in the Ancient and Accepted Rite in America? Is he legally now, in consequence of certain judiciary proceedings in the Accepted and Ancient Rite, America, any longer a legal member of the Rite?

M. S.

May I ask, too, how the Cerneau Council, to which Bro. Yarker alludes in How's Manual, was formed? Is it not altogether an unauthorized body? The old Cerneau Council surely amalgamated with others to make one Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction. How can a few members of a body reinstate a "defunct body?" I do not say that it might not be done under certain circumstances, but in this case is it not altogether a personal question?

M. S.

HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM, may be fairly termed the father of Masonic Symbolism. No one writer has endeavoured more than he did to give an elevating, and classical, and philosophical tendency to all our Masonic researches and disquisitions. His is a name which ought always to be held in reverential regard by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. He was born at Barnard Castle, Durham, in 1732, and died in 1814. He was a solicitor by profession, but an antiquary and archaeologist by taste—and conviction. He wrote that well-known work "The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham," and several other works, being a zealous member of the Antiquarian Society. His "Spirit of Masonry," well-known work, was first published in 1775, with the especial sanction of Grand Lodge, and second edition was issued in 1795. Dr. Oliver edited one of the many later editions. Hutchinson had his own peculiar theories, which a later and sounder criticism and a truer exegesis have compelled Masonic students to discard. His etymology and his symbolism are both somewhat strained, though there will be always a large school in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry which will adhere to the Christian sympathies and sentiments of Hutchinson. But though we cannot fully agree with all his views, we can admire truly the general groundwork of his admirable work, which will remain a lasting monument, both to his learning and ingenuity, a fitting epitaph, so to say, on the long career of a man and a Mason, whose head and heart went in unison, whose life was blameless, and whose memory is still fondly regarded by Freemasons, wherever the English language is spoken, and as long as Freemasonry itself endures.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

The controversy known to Chinese scholars as the "term question" still continues. The dispute is as to the proper word to be employed in rendering the word God into the language of the Celestial Empire. A person using the pseudonym "Inquirer" has recently charged Professor James Legge with unfaithfulness as a translator because in his versions from the Chinese in "The Sacred Books of the East" he uses the word God as an equivalent for Shang-ti. The dispute has been whether that phrase, which has a more personal significance, or Tien, which is equivalent to heaven, should be used as the name of the Deity. Professor Legge has vindicated his position in a letter addressed to Professor Max Müller.

Messrs. Whittaker and Co. will publish immediately in their Handy Volume Series "A Dictionary of English Proverbs and Proverbial Phrases." The collection will embrace upwards of 1800 of the most frequently used proverbs in the language.

Reviews.

ILLUSTRATED NEWS. Christmas Number.

The Christmas number of the *Illustrated London News* comes before us in amicable and animated conflict with its great rival. Its engravings are all interesting and effective—such as "The Daughter of the House," "In Wonderland," "First Steps," "The Careless Nurse," "The Vicar's Daughter," "Catarina," and the coloured illustrations of "A Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball." Mrs. J. H. Riddell, Miss Betham Edwards, Mr. Francillon, and Miss Katharine Macquoid contribute the "prose selections," while the "poetic offerings" are from the pens of Mr. Clement Scott, Mr. G. R. Sims, Mr. Byron Webber, and Mr. Ashley Terry. The Christmas number is a very attractive contribution to our Christmas literature.

THE POMPADOUR ALBUM. James MacMichael, 42, South Audley-street, Grosvenor-square, W.

Mr. MacMichael, who is well-known for his Christmas cards, and numerous requisites of tabular and stationery æstheticism, comes before us with his "New Album of Beauty," which he suggests is a "fitting Christmas present" for many members of "Society" at the present day. And, certainly, it is a very pleasant and elegant Christmas "etrenne." Some of us object to the sale of photographs of "fair faces," but we may bear in mind that we are only doing what our ancestors did, though in a different manner and degree. They had their "Book of Beauty," we have our "Album of Beauty," and where is the real difference? We cannot see it; neither do we discern anything to blame, but much to commend, in the present arrangements. We have now before us an album, and are struck with the pretty faces we see and much admire. We find the Duchess of Westminster and the Marchioness of Ormonde, the Countess of Dudley, and Lady Amelia Ward, the Countess of Clarendon, and Lord Hyde. The three charming daughters of Lady Faversham, the Ladies Hermione, Helen, and Agathe Duncombe, the Duchess of Montrose, Lady Ribblesdale, Lady Forbes, Viscountess Grimston, Hon. Mrs. Erskine, and Lady Gargagh. There is a very striking one of the Countess of Lonsdale, Lady Carrington, Lady Beatrice Herbert, Lady Musgrave, Miss Graham, Miss Pullen, and Miss Amy Pullen. We also are able to keep before us those pleasant "visions" which come before us, every now and then, of Mrs. Langtry, Mrs. Cornwallis West, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Arthur Beave, Mrs. Hungerford, and Mrs. Maxse. To these also may be added the various members of our own Royal Family, commencing with that charming Princess, always so cherished by Freemasons, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and her two daughters. We, therefore, think that Mr. MacMichael is to be thanked, as a benefactor to society, for an idea so artistic in itself, and so full of pleasure to those who like to believe that "a face of beauty is a joy for ever," at least to memory, to sympathy, and to ideality.

THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL, by Bro. JEREMIAH HOW. John Hogg, Paternoster-row.

We are among those old fashioned Masons who cannot, and do not, approve of the "Freemasons' Manual" in its particular idea and outcome. We think that much which appears in it belongs entirely to the region of lodge and chapter. We may be altogether wrong, but such is our opinion, and as we have still "liberty of prophesying" Masonically, we say so openly. But the work has reached a third edition, and comes before us, no doubt, admirably printed, and carefully edited. It is in many respects, too, a very interesting work, and the author has got together a great deal of information, which some may like to have as a "bird's eye view of Masonry, symbolical and High Grade." As we have perused its ample pages (463), of clearly printed matter, we have found, as might be expected, some little errors which deserve noting. 1. We cannot agree with the now very questionable theory of Ramsay and the High Grades. Ramsay is represented as the "Fautor" of High Grade Masonry, with a Jacobite intent. This seems to us a most doubtful fact. There is, as far as we are aware, no proof of it, except commonly received and constantly repeated assertion. If Ramsay did any more than set up his "Rite de Bouillon," (if even he did that), it is as much as he did. There is no trace of Ramsay in Masonry after 1736, and his famous oration was delivered in 1736, not in 1740. It has been said that Dermott obtained from Ramsay his name "Royal Arch," as the translation and equivalent of "Arche Royale." It is just possible, and that fact, probably, explains the great difference between the "working" of the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" in that respect. Dunkerley's working was identical in part, though not fully, with our present working, which was re-arranged in 1813, or thereabouts, when the "ancient working," which, no doubt, in some respects is identical with a foreign Grade, was entirely given up, and Dunkerley's old "working" maintained, and developed, and completed. We, therefore, greatly doubt Ramsay's influences on English Masonry, or even the High Grades. A High Grade of some kind was known in London in 1721, if it be not the "Royal Arch," (though we think clearly not), as it has been suggested, to which the author of "Long Livers" alluded. Neither can we agree to the statement that in Great Britain the use of "Marks" was universal. It was so in Scotland, but not in England or Ireland. The use of "Marks" in English lodges, (in our so far sparse and unsatisfactory history of the past), is comparatively late; certainly not before the end of the eighteenth century, with one exception at Alnwick, which is near Scotland, and where we find it in 1704. The English use is undoubtedly so far as is yet known, practically late eighteenth century. There are many other points to which we might allude, but they perhaps are better fitted for our "Notes and Queries." With these allowable reservations and many more, indeed, we have read with interest the third edition of the "Freemasons' Manual" by Bro. How as published by Bro. Hogg.

WARD AND LOCK'S UNIVERSAL INSTRUCTOR. 6d. monthly. Ward and Lock, Salisbury-square, London.

The first two numbers of this work are now before the public, and we scarcely know which to admire most, the enterprise of the publishers in preparing such an exhaustive programme of instruction at such a small cost, or the way in which the various writers have succeeded in carrying out that programme so far. No branch of study appears to be

overlooked, and the student, whether desirous of acquiring general knowledge or devoting himself to special subjects, will find all his wants in these crowded pages.

THE BRITISH AND COLONIAL PRINTER AND STATIONER. 5, Ludgate Circus Buildings, London.

The winter number of this publication has just been sent us, and we know of no other production which show so well the advances that have been made in the Typographical Art during the past few years. The "display" is perfectly unique, and will be of great use to those printers who desire to advance with the times, and present their work as a thing of beauty as well as utility. The contents, too, seem worthy of the letterpress. Notes upon trade concerning this country and the colonies, and other matters interesting to printers and stationers, are also dealt with.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

A notice of the life-work of the late Sir Benjamin Brodie appears in *Nature*, signed "H.E.R.," presumably from the pen of Professor Roscoe.

The Paris Salon is being seriously reformed at last, and in addition to the decision not to admit more than 2500 pictures, it has been further determined to abolish the privileges of certain artists whose works were exempt from examination, and entitled to a place on the walls, whatever their merits. Artists may now send any number of pictures; while works of industrial art—including porcelain, goldsmiths' productions, bronze-work, &c.—will also be admitted to the Exhibition. The plan of a triennial Salon has been abandoned in favour of a decennial Exhibition, the first of which will take place in 1884.

We are pleased to note that Bro. R. A. Douglas Lithgow, LL.D., F.R.S.L., &c., is engaged in editing an edition of the poetical works of John Critchley Prince. Prince belongs to the class of artizan poets, but the perfect melody of his verse and its intellectual quality show no sign of "class," although he has contributed as much as most men to the literature of labour. The biography which Bro. Lithgow will add to this edition will give for the first time in detail particulars of Prince's life, which will unfold in all its simplicity the history of a man whose career was a continual struggle against the direst poverty and temptation, and whose failures are full of pathetic interest. The work is to be published, by subscription, by Abel Heywood and Son, Manchester.

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—

The following are the arrangements for the Friday evening meetings before Easter, 1881:—January 21, Mr. Warren De La Rue, D.C.L., F.R.S., Sec. R.I., "The Phenomena of the Electric Discharge with 14,000 Chloride of Silver Cells;" January 28, Dr. Andrew Wilson, F.R.S.E., "The Origin of Colonial Organisms;" February 4, Dr. Arthur Schuster, F.R.S., "The Teachings of Modern Spectroscopy;" February 11, Mr. Robert S. Ball, LL.D., F.R.S., "The Distances of the Stars;" February 18, Sir John Lubbock, M.P., D.C.L., F.R.S., M.R.I., "Fruits and Seeds;" February 25, Dr. J. S. Burdon-Sanderson, LL.D., F.R.S., "Excitability in Plants and Animals;" March 4, Sir William Thomson, LL.D., F.R.S., "Elasticity viewed as Possibly a Mode of Motion;" March 11, uncertain; March 18, W. H. Stone, M.D., "Musical Pitch and its Determination;" March 25, Mr. Alexander Buchan, M.A., F.R.S.E., Sec. Met. Soc. Scot., "The Weather and Health of London;" April 1, uncertain; April 8, Professor Tyndall, D.C.L., F.R.S., M.R.I. The Friday arrangements depend in great measure on the free kindness of eminent men, whose time is subject to the sudden claims of public or professional duty. They are therefore liable to change. The discourse for each Friday will be announced in *The Times* of the Tuesday previous. The doors will be open at 8 o'clock; the discourse will begin at 9 o'clock. Professors Tyndall and Dewar will lecture after Easter.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—

Mr. Burton's tenure of office in the National Gallery has again been signalled by the acquisition of a famous and beautiful picture, one of those which every student would covet for the English collection. It is the large Leonardo da Vinci known as "La Vierge aux Rochers," which was lent by the late possessor, the Earl of Suffolk, to the Royal Academicians in 1870, when it was No. 6, and hung in gallery No. 1, at Burlington-house. It is well known that there are two versions of the design—that which is now in the National Gallery, waiting to take a place on a wall in one of the public rooms, and that other which is in the Long Gallery of the Louvre, and belonged to Francis I. Desnoyers engraved and Bodmer lithographed the latter version, and Desnoyer's print is a masterpiece. It has been much disputed which is the superior picture. There is a preponderance of opinion in favour of the former, a judgment in which, having carefully examined both, we are able to concur. To take the highest element of the painting, the faces are better in the work from Charlton Park, and the drawing throughout is better. Dr. Waagen, however, was probably right in recognising the hand of a pupil in much of the background, and the picture has gained nothing from a flood of brown varnish, which might, we suppose, be safely removed. Lomazzo, who, within 70 years of Leonardo's death, saw the painting in the Capella della Concezione in the Church of St. Francesco at Milan, described it as the work of Da Vinci, and by the name of the "Concezione." In 1796 Mr. Gavin Hamilton bought it out of the chapel for thirty ducats, and some time afterwards sold it to the Earl of Suffolk for a much larger sum. We believe the nation has paid £9000—a price which is decidedly below the value of this important work. It was at the British Institution in 1851, and again in 1856. In Mr. Holford's collection is a head of the Virgin painted in brown, and so closely resembling that in this picture as to justify the idea that it is the study for the principal portion. The head was No. 144 of the Manchester Art Treasures. "La Vierge aux Rochers" is supposed to have been executed in 1483. Two angels at the side are represented in the Melzi Collection at Milan. There are several copies in public museums—e.g., at Nantes. There are drawings in the gallery at Turin and at Windsor Castle which evidently refer to this picture, and exhibit some variations in the design. Nagler, "Kunstler-Lexicon," xx. 329, says that other drawings of this order, executed in black chalk on blue paper, are at Chatsworth.—*Athenæum.*

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Grand Conclave Meeting will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at Half-past Five o'clock precisely, to be followed by the usual Banquet at Seven. Brethren who wish to attend the Banquet will kindly communicate at once with the Grand Recorder. Every Conclave has had due notice through its Recorder. Bro. W. R. WOODMAN, M.D., Grand Recorder, will be glad to receive names of Sir Knights willing to act as Stewards at the Annual Festival, to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Queen-street, W.C.

### TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of a very large and influential body of readers.

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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### To Correspondents.

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

Walker Lodge, No. 1342, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
Primitive Pilgrim Chapter Rose Croix, No. 5, Holyhead.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brighton and Sussex Daily Post," "The Complete French Course" (Part II.), "The Hull and Lincolnshire Times," "Hull Packet," "South Wales Daily Times," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Croydon Guardian," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Masonic Advocate," "Walter Pelham's Journal," "The National Reformer," "Der Long Islander," "Society," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Hebrew Leader," "Die Bauhütte."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1880.

THE number of the *Freemason* in the Christmas week will be issued to subscribers and the trade on Thursday, the 23rd, instead of Friday, the 24th. It will contain its normal issue, and, as a supplement, the contents of the Christmas *Freemason*. Among other interesting matter which it will contain, will be the "yearly summary"; a special review by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN on "The Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book"; a review of the Poet Laureate's new volume of poems; and a paper on Christmas festivities, past, present, and future. Orders should be at once sent to Bro. W. LAKE, 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

BRO. HAVERS' lucid and important letter, in our last impression, suggests many most serious considerations. We shall all regret to note his touching reference to his own suffering health, which keeps him away from that Grand Lodge to which he has rendered such signal services. We shall hope that he may regain health and strength in the New Year, and once more appear among us, to help, to counsel, and to guide. We might say a good deal more on the subjects Bro. HAVERS alludes to so forcibly, but deem it more prudent to forbear doing so. We will only add that after his letter in our columns some official explanation becomes absolutely necessary.

WE publish elsewhere some important communications relative to a so-called Grand Cerneau Council in New York. We do not ourselves profess to understand, on the common law of Masonry, how what is clearly clandestine can be made a legal body, or can claim acknowledgment or adhesion.

WE call attention to a statement elsewhere with reference to a burglary at the Masonic Hall, Newport, by which the lodges have lost, it is said, £1000 in lodge property.

THE present position of English Lodge "numeration," we think, deserves consideration at headquarters. During 1880 thirty-three lodges have been added to the long list of English lodges, and the Calendar for 1880-81 leaves us at No. 1886, which number will probably be increased to 1900 by the end of the year, or soon after. Twenty-one chapters have been founded in 1880, and their numbers now reaches 1717. Not that the numbers represent the true state of the case, because a large number are "dormant," or "lapsed," or "wanting," and, therefore, we think the time for "re-numbering" has come, and as Bro. GOULD is on the Board of General Purposes, he can give efficient help in the work.

AT the recent meeting of the Creton Lodge a testimonial was presented to Bro. CANTLE, the active Secretary, and one of its leading founders, as a proof of the regard, and affection, and acknowledgements of his brethren for many good services. The testimonial consisted of a handsome gilt enamelled clock and vases to match, together with a solid gold Masonic ring, and was presented to Bro. CANTLE after some appropriate remarks by Bro. JOHNSON, W.M.

A LETTER from our well known Bro. HERVEY SMITH, of W. Yorkshire, appears elsewhere in our impression of to-day. He has a good claim to be heard in all that relates to our great Charities, and not the least the Boys' School. His remarks were penned before the account of last Saturday's meeting appeared, so, perhaps, they may be modified in some degree by what then took place. The *Freemason* has never advocated the "building operations," of a "new school," to be at once begun. We have undoubtedly expressed our opinion favourably to the extension of the School, by forming a preparatory or junior school, as with the Girls', in a house to be obtained near Woodgreen. Those who were present on Saturday and heard two of the candidates read, seemed to be of one accord as to the need, use, and meaning of a preparatory or junior school.

THE brethren of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, have also recently presented to Bro. W. MURLIS and to his wife certain valuable tokens of their affection and respect. Bro. MURLIS is well-known as one of the most zealous workers in the Craft, and he well deserves such a token of recognition and regard.

A WORTHY testator, in a will recently mentioned in the *Times*, has left to the three Metropolitan Charities a small legacy. We are glad to note the fact, as we cannot help feeling and thinking that such would be a graceful evidence of Masonic interest on the part of many of our richer brethren. We do not urge large legacies, or unconscionable bequests, to the prejudice of "kith and kin," for that, in our opinion, is never right as a moral act, and large legacies are often inconvenient to such Charities as ours. But such a friendly remembrance of our Charities as we notice to day is alike to be commended and encouraged amongst us.

WE understand that a Committee has been for some time at work revising the Book of Constitutions, and that before long we may hear of some of the results of their labours.

ANOTHER dreadful colliery explosion in Wales, by which many lives have been lost, appeals to the "well-to-do" and the compassionate. The LORD MAYOR has opened a Fund of Relief at the Mansion House. The number of widows is 65 at the very least, and children left destitute 206.

WE beg to call attention to our Christmas *Freemason*, which appeared last Friday, and which will, we think, commend itself to our many readers and the Craft at large, both by its artistic appearance and its literary merits. We feel bound to say this much, though for the rest we leave the matter in the hands of our Masonic public.

WE also have been requested to repeat the announcement that, owing to an influx of matter, for which we thank our many kind correspondents, and which demonstrates a fact of which we have always felt satisfied in our own mind—the latent power and talent of our Order—the January number of the "Masonic Magazine" will be composed solely of Masonic and seasonable tales.

AS Freemasons, we shall have been touched with the account of the recent commemoration of the anniversary of the death of the late PRINCE CONSORT and of PRINCESS ALICE, in the mausoleum at Frogmore. Our GRAND MASTER and the PRINCESS OF WALES were present, and all the QUEEN'S surviving children, except the IMPERIAL PRINCESS OF GERMANY. The record of the ceremony is very interesting.

### THE NEW CERNEAU COUNCIL IN AMERICA.

WE have received from America an interesting statement of facts relative to a body calling itself the Cerneau Council, extracts from which we have thought well to print for the information of many, if not all, of our readers, and on which we have drawn up the following statement of "facts":—

From the early portion of this century to the year 1866, there were three claimants of authority over the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States, with varying fortunes. These may be classified as follows: (1), the Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction, with its Grand East at Charleston, South Carolina, claiming date of 31st May, 1801; (2), that for the Northern jurisdiction, known as the "Gourgas" Council, claiming date 5th August, 1813; and, (3), that of the Cerneau Organization, with jurisdiction over the whole United States, and claiming the date of 28th December, 1807; both of the latter named bodies having their Grand East in the city of New York.

From circumstances which it is not necessary to the purpose, however, to repeat, a schism, or division, occurred in August, 1860, in the Supreme Council of the Northern jurisdiction, resulting in two councils claiming the same name, thus making four distinct organizations.

At the last mentioned period, Ill. Albert Pike commanded the Supreme Council for the Southern jurisdiction; Ill. William H. Van Rennsallar commanded one of the Supreme Councils of the Northern jurisdiction; Ill. Edward A. Raymond commanding the others; while the Cerneau Supreme Council was commanded by Ill. Edmund B. Hays, and of which, on the 24th June, 1860, Bro. Henry G. Seymour became the Grand Master of Ceremonies. Amid the contentions for supremacy in the Northern section of the Union, on the 7th February, 1863, a combination, or union, was heartily effected among the Supreme Councils commanded by Edward A. Raymond and Edmund B. Hays, the body taking the name of the "Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for the United States of America," with Ill. Bro. E. B. Hays for Grand Commander, and Edward A. Raymond as Deputy Grand Commander, Bro. H. G. Seymour being 1st Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Whereupon there became again three Supreme Councils in the United States. The newly-combined Supreme Council progressed successfully and actively, having its Grand East at New York city, but it too frequently indulged, like its opponent, in conferring the Thirty-third Degree, until its Grand Commander refused to confer further that grade except under most exceptional circumstances. Bro. H. G. Seymour was also at the head of the "Memphis Rite," to which he admitted, without fee, members of the Scottish Rite at first. All sessions of the United Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite were fully participated in by Bro. Seymour, and all duties, up to and including the session of October 19th, 20th, 21st, of 1864. On the last day of this session, to wit, October 21st, a regular election of officers took place, when Ill. E. B. Hays was elected Grand Commander, but H. G. Seymour was superseded by C. T. McClenahan as Grand Master of Ceremonies, from which time Bro. Seymour ceased his attendance on the Supreme Council.

It is needless to advert to the session of Supreme Council 11th September, 1865, further than to say that certain allegations were made against Bro. Seymour, and referred to a "Commission," consisting of Bros. H. C. Banks, John Turner, and Hopkins Thomson.

At the same session a motion was made to change the name of the body to that of the "Supreme Council for the



Northern Jurisdiction for the United States of America," and in the session of October 21st, 1865, this alteration was unanimously adopted. It will be remembered, that on the 7th February, 1863, the original Cerneau Council, under Bro. Hays, had combined with the "Supreme Council," under Bro. Raymond.

On the 13th December, 1865, Bro. E. Hays sent in his resignation, and Simon W. Robinson, of Lexington, was elected Grand Commander in his place. On this day the Commission reported as to the allegations against Bro. H. J. Seymour, and the result was that, by an unanimous vote, the name of Bro. Seymour was taken off the roll of members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

The Rite progressed until 1867, Bro. Robinson commanding the United Council, and Bro. Van Rennsallar the other Supreme Council, until May 17th, 1867, when G. S. Lewis became Grand Commander, *pro tem*. For on the same day the sceptres of all the former conflicting bodies were laid on the altar, and Bro. Josiah H. Drummond became Grand Commander, of one United Grand Council composed of three previous Councils, namely, that of the Van Rennsallar's Council, that of Cerneau Hays, that of the Raymond United Council. Thus all the former organizations were regularly buried in oblivion under the Grand Union, having but *one* organization in the Northern jurisdiction and another in the Southern.

Bro. H. G. Seymour in the meantime had reduced the Memphis Rite from ninety-six to thirty-three Degrees, and changed its name to "Supreme Council of the Ancient and Primitive Rite." The plan was also adopted of affirming the continued existence of the "Cerneau Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, United States," with H. J. Seymour at its head, and entering candidates for the Thirty-second Degree at £2 a head. Each brother who brought in twenty members to the Thirty-second Degree was to receive the Thirty-third. There are now over forty members of the Thirty-third Degree in New York under this new formation in consequence.

Some months ago, Bro. W. H. Peckham became Grand Commander, and Bro. Seymour reassumed that of Master of Ceremonies. In order to strengthen their position they have published a pamphlet, prefixing to the document a copy of an old charter dated 25th February, 1798, of the Royal Order of Scotland, or H.R.D.M. Kilwinning, as a proof of "ineffable Masonry." The Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction has never deigned to take notice of the Seymour-Peckham Council, believing that its pretensions to be a Council are unfounded, clandestine, and un-Masonic.

The following correspondence is also submitted:—

"New York, March 27th, 1880.

"M. P. Albert Pike, 33°, Grand Commander.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"I beg to call your attention to the fact that certain persons in this city, claiming, as I am informed, to be members of the late Cerneau Council, whose chief is, (or was), H. G. Seymour, are pretending to confer Degrees of our Rite, up to and including the Thirty-second, for a nominal fee, thereby misleading many worthy misinformed brethren \* \* \*

"We pay no attention to their doings here, as they do not, and cannot, affect us; but I beg to suggest that it might be well to make the fact known to the bodies of your obedience in such manner as you may deem best.

"R. M. C. GRAHAM, 33°."

The following extract from a reply of Bro. Albert Pike, dated Washington, March 31st, 1880, seems to us perfectly decisive on the subject:—

"We do not recognize as a legitimate body that spoken of in the foregoing letter, known as the "Cerneau Council" in New York, nor is it recognized as such by any legitimate power of our Rite in the world, nor will it ever be recognized by us.

"You will utterly refuse to recognize as lawfully in possession of any of our Degrees persons claiming to have received them by authority of that pretended Supreme Council, as you will utterly refuse to admit that they can have any claim upon you as Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

"ALBERT PIKE,  
"Grand Commander."

We are also favoured with a circular signed T. Douglas Harrington, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. and A. Rite in the "Dominion of Canada," dated November 6th, 1880.

In it he says that "whereas the only legitimate Supreme Councils of this Rite for the United States of America are those of the Northern jurisdiction, whose see is at Boston, and whose Sovereign Grand Commander is Ill. Bro. H. L. Palmer, 33°, and the Southern jurisdiction, whose Sovereign Grand Commander is Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, 33°," he further goes on to declare that the "said body, calling itself after a Supreme Council now long since defunct, for many years out of existence, is clandestine," and that "no one made by it," or "any member of it," can be recognised by any legitimate member of the A. and A. Scottish Rite.

Two thousand pounds has been voted by the Assembly for the purchase of pictures to start a national gallery in Adelaide, and some pictures in the Melbourne Exhibition have been bought.

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.]

PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since the notice of motion by Bro. Raynham Stewart for the proposal to enlarge the Boys' School appeared in your paper, I have read with increased uneasiness that you appear to treat it as a matter of course, because the applicants are so numerous and the vacancies so few, of course the School must be enlarged. Now, Sir, I and many of my oldest Masonic coadjutors remember how hard we worked to find money to pay for this School from 1863 to 1875, and what hard labour it was and how we rejoiced when our excellent Secretary announced a balance of £2000 for investment. Happily we have now replaced, and a little over, the sum of £13,000 we had when we commenced building in 1863, and I do not think it would be wise in us ever to part with it for any purpose whatever—nay, further, I believe it is our duty to raise it to at least £40,000 or £50,000 as a permanent investment, and any building operations should be delayed until special funds are provided by the Craft. I believe it to be the duty of the House Committee to ensure the permanence of the present Institution, and not to launch out into new projects, unless the Craft comes forward to provide the funds. As to candidates, if you clear the list in April, 1881, by October, 1882, it will be as large as ever.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387,  
Vice-Patron.

BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As you will notice, I was present at the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School, and suggested, and carried, an enlargement of the powers of the Committee, as proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. I did so for the following reasons, as my remarks testified.

1. Because I felt certain large building operations would be distasteful, both to the provincial and Metropolitan subscribers.

2. Because, while feeling myself the absolute need of increase, yet it is a matter on which there are two sides, and necessarily two opinions, and nothing should be done hastily, or by any sort of prearranged conclusion, but calmly, leisurely, carefully, and dispassionately.

3. It is well that the real object of this proposal should, while it is closely scanned, be as carefully thought over by the subscribers, as it may be the turning point of the utility and progress of the School for some time to come.

4. Many of our boys come up now very young, just able to read, and it is quite clear that if we are to make our education thorough and real we must have a preparatory School.

5. The question of expense may be left, as in times past, to the Craft, it being clearly understood the *present funded property is not to be touched*.

6. Therefore, it is that, as I know, the House Committee is most anxious, and yet, at the same time, cautious, in the matter. I think Bro. Roebuck will confirm me. An alternative has been suggested, to prevent a large outlay and "building operations" at present, to have a house near Wood Green, as an experiment for two or three years to take in fifty boys.

In that time we can carefully arrange and fully consider as to site and other matters, but it is most important, both in the interests of the School and of many poor petitioners for its undeniable benefits, to try and meet such sad and serious needs as are forced on our notice.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,  
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have but just now seen your publication of the 4th inst., and noticed the letter of Bro. "B. B." I suppose him to be a Master Mason, and I note his modesty in asking for a clear statement of the *history, ceremonies, and degrees* of the A. and A. Rite, before he offers himself as a candidate. Did he have these particulars of the Craft before he offered himself there?

If he really does aspire to High Grades he must approach with a Masonic spirit, and I may tell him the A. and A. Rite are perfectly satisfied of the solidity of their position, and have no need to seek candidates, for not all that now apply are found eligible.

I am, yours fraternally,  
CHAS. FENDELOW, 33°,  
I.G. W.C.D., A. and A. Rite.

THE STATUS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should not have ventured to obtrude myself on your forbearance again, had I not been anxious, despite "Bayard's" facetious finally," not to have my humble position in this animated controversy, misconstrued or misconceived. "Bayard," in amusing "chaff," tells you he cannot profess to understand my argument; as regards his I am in a complete "London fog." At one time I did think I had mastered what he was "driving at," now I give up the attempt in despair. I fancied that the "idea" running through his word, or at any rate "Lex Scripta's," with whom "Bayard" has struck up such an agreeable "concordat," was this, that though Provincial Grand Masters presided "de jure" in Grand Lodge in order of precedence, it was not clearly expressed by the Book of Constitutions. Had this been really the point at issue I could have agreed that the law respecting their right of presidency might be made more distinct, though I think, taking the *Book of Constitutions* as a whole, and not merely as a part, the intention and usage of Grand Lodge are clear enough. But still there is no harm in clearness of expression, and if any "weak brethren" doubt, let their doubts be made to disappear.

"Lex Scripta" knows, if "Bayard" does not, that it is

a legal axiom, that what is done "ex communi consensu" within legal memory, and according to custom, must be presumably if not of "Statute" yet of "Common law." The "Common law" of Masonry, as I know it, since 1844, has been that in the absence of certain high officials, Provincial Grand Officers presided, by right of precedence, over all other invested Grand Lodge Officers. Bro. John Fawcett, the late distinguished ruler of the Province of Durham, our oldest Provincial Grand Master, would say, I feel sure, if asked, that when he has presided over Grand Lodge, he presided by virtue of an unimpeached and unimpeachable right, not by "sufferance," or even contrary to law, as "Bayard" and his friends suggest. When then, I hear such a reversal of ancient customs propounded with an authoritative dogmatism worthy of our ancient Bro. "Confucius" himself, I am like the "sleeper awakened;" I rub my eyes, I ask where I am or into what company I have got, and I write to the *Freemason*, an sign dmyself NOT INFALLIBLE.

P.S. I beg respectfully to ask "Bayard" once more, what have Scottish and Irish Provincial Grand Masters to do with the question? They are not asked to give up what has been their unchallenged right within the memory of nearly two Masonic generations.—N.I.

THE MARK DEGREE—A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Grand Mark Lodge of England will shortly complete the first quarter of a century of its existence. Its remarkable, signal, and, perhaps, unprecedented success must almost astonish its original founders. With a muster roll of nearly fifteen thousand members, a list of well nigh three hundred lodges, and recognised by all the governing bodies of the Degree throughout the world, the importance of the Grand Mark Lodge of England can be no longer ignored. In June, 1881, the lease of the present offices of the Grand Secretary terminates, and, I believe, it is proposed to remove elsewhere the head-quarters of the Order. Would it not be possible to take advantage of this change to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a building in which the half-yearly communications of Grand Lodge could be held in a hall adapted to such meetings, containing at the same time proper office accommodation and rooms for a library and museum, after the manner of the Supreme Grand Council at 33, Golden-square?

I feel assured that the brethren of the Mark Degree would contribute liberally in aid of such a scheme, the elaboration of which I leave to others. Nothing could add more to the prestige of the Degree than the possession of a building of the kind I indicate, and I need not point out to the metropolitan brethren how much the inherent beauty of our ceremonies would be enhanced if the Degree was worked in London in a suitable hall, with appropriate furniture and decorations.

The current expenses could be much lessened by the rents paid by subordinate lodges, and other recognised Masonic bodies would, I believe, gladly avail themselves of the accommodation afforded by the hall of the Mark Masters. The Orders of the Temple and Malta, for instance, are without an abiding place in which their meetings can be held, and might render us material assistance. These Degrees, along with the Mark, would be greatly benefited by the acquisition of such a building as I have indicated; and I need hardly mention what an interesting collection might be formed in illustration of the history of these Orders and their prototypes, as well as that of the Mark Degree itself. It would be premature even to contemplate building for ourselves, but I venture to think some such accommodation could be found as would enable us to follow on a somewhat larger scale the excellent example set us by the rulers of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Fraternally yours,  
P.G.M.M.M.

THE GRAND LODGES OF SCOTLAND AND QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* of the 13th November, Bro. James H. Neilson refers to my letter published on the 6th November in reference to the settlement of the differences between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, and expresses regret that I had not waited "until the matter had been finally approved of by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec." While I have no desire to enter into a newspaper controversy with Bro. Neilson on the subject, I must ask your permission to "set myself right" in reference to it. Knowing that you were much interested in the matter, and having read your articles in the *Freemason* about it, I merely sent you, as an item of news, a statement which was going the rounds of the Canadian newspapers. The copy of the proclamation of the Grand Master of Quebec which I sent you was clipped from a Montreal paper published several days before the date of my letter to you. The terms of the settlement were publicly known in Canada, and were freely talked of by members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There surely could be no harm whatever, unless indeed in Bro. Neilson's imagination, in informing you of what was a matter of notoriety in the Masonic world on this side of the Atlantic.

Yours fraternally,  
T. NISBET ROBERTSON.

HOW'S "FREEMASON'S MANUAL."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a letter from Bro. Yarker in your last week's number he asserts that a paragraph in the article on the A. and P. Rite in the new edition of Bro. How's "Freemason's Manual" (just published by me) had been suppressed at the instance of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. I shall be glad if you will allow me to state, emphatically, that such a suggestion is entirely without foundation. The paragraph in question, which even Bro. Yarker characterises as having been a "little eulogistic," was excised by me upon my own judgment solely—no one else having seen the MS.—and, indeed, the A. and A. Supreme Council, or anyone connected with that body, would be quite unaware that there was even to be an article on the A. and P. Rite in the new edition of How's "Freemason's Manual" until a copy of the work was seen. It would have been better, and the more usual course, had Bro. Yarker written to me before putting in circulation a statement of which his explanation now is, that it originated in a remark he heard made in a railway carriage.

I think I may fairly call upon Bro. Yarker to disclose the name of the brother who started such a reckless accusation, because, if he knew anything at all he must have known that his remark was untrue.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HOGG.

13, Paternoster-row, London,  
December 13th.

#### ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noted the correspondence on this subject, and referred to my copy of the "Abstract of Laws for the Society of Royal Arch Masons," and find the date on the title page to be "A.L. VDCCLXXXII.," whilst at the end, preceding a table of the Grand Officers, is "given from our Grand and Royal Chapter this 19th day of June, A.L. 5782, A.D. 1778. By order, FRITH } Scribes." MIMMS }

Throughout this "abstract" the body is called indiscriminately "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch," "The Grand and Royal Chapter of Jerusalem," and "The Grand Royal Arch Masons."

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of P.G. Lodge at Derby it should be Bro. John Smith, J.P., P.P.G.J.W., not Bro. G. T. Wright, who defrayed the cost of decorating the Masonic Hall. By correcting this in your next you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

G. T. WRIGHT.

Swand-terrace, Derby,  
December 13th.

#### THE UNMASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is now upwards of two months since Bro. Voigt publicly stated in your columns, that before issuing the writ in his action he had the express permission of his Provincial Masonic authorities, and he added his readiness to prove this whenever called upon. Under date 3rd November, I challenged him in your columns to prove the truth of that statement, which I then showed was not borne out by R. E. Bro. Dr. Bell, D.P.G. for N. and E. Yorkshire. But Bro. Voigt has not accepted my challenge, and although on November 10th, you awaited his "explanation," he has not thought it necessary to substantiate his accuracy of statement, which, to say the least, has been publicly questioned for six weeks.

After the trial the plaintiff publicly asserts that he had the "express permission" of his provincial authorities for the bringing of his action, and though evidence to the contrary is brought forward, and he is publicly called upon to prove the truth of his most astounding assertion, his refusal to do so remains unnoticed by our Masonic authorities.

At various stages of the proceedings I have asked for redress of my grievances, both from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire and from Grand Lodge, but I regret to say that I have not yet succeeded in obtaining a hearing.

The defence to this action devolved upon me solely as a *Freemason*, yet I have been left to sustain its whole cost, which has now reached the enormous sum of £169 4s. 11d, totally unaided by the Craft, notwithstanding my earnest appeal, except by three clerical brethren whose kind donations I beg permission to gratefully acknowledge.

Rev. G. B. Armes, Prov. G. Chap. for this province, 5s.  
Rev. W. Barton, Past do. do. 21s.  
Bro. O. H. Pearson, P.M., &c. do. 10s.

I still entertain the hope that I shall ultimately succeed in persuading Grand Lodge to institute an enquiry into my complaints, being fully persuaded that truth must in the end prevail. At any rate I do not mean at present to give it up as a hopeless task, and I am glad to see by your issue of yesterday that my own lodge (Royal Cumberland, No. 41, Bath) considers that my case is one which "ought to be dealt with by Grand Lodge."

In the mean time, may I ask that you and other brethren who have already expressed, or who may feel any sympathy for me in this matter, will kindly send me their contributions to my "Defence Fund" with as little delay as possible, for these heavy costs have been a great drain upon my slender resources.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M., &c.

Kendal, 13th December, 1880.

#### THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTERSHIP OF JAMAICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you are aware, the office of District Grand Master of East Jamaica became vacant in May last, by the lamented death of Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton. Three brethren have been put forward as candidates for the office, and the result is that a fierce party spirit has been evoked. The brethren named for the office are Bro. J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Altamont de Cordova, Present Deputy District Grand Master, and Bro. Dr. Thomas Allen, Past Master of the Jamaica Lodge, No. 1771.

Bro. Whitbourne declined the office for the reason that his social position and means are not such as would do much good to the Craft. He is simply a watchmaker, moving in a humble sphere of life, not always in good health, though a zealous and well instructed Mason.

Bro. de Cordova is a provision merchant, well acquainted with all ritual observances, active and zealous in his Masonic duties, and courteous and affable to all men.

Bro. Allen stands professionally and socially very much above the other candidates, but has only recently been elevated to the chair of K.S. by being nominated as first Master in the charter granted to the Jamaica Lodge. Bro. Allen moves in the highest circles here, and is the medical superintendent and director of the lunatic asylum. He is, however, accused of "exclusiveness."

On the question being submitted to the lodges as to whom they would prefer as District Grand Master, the Hamilton

Lodge, of Spanish Town, named Bro. Whitbourne, whose refusal of the office was, however, well known. The Royal, the Friendly, the Phoenix, and the Westmorland Lodges sent up as their nominee Bro. de Cordova, whilst the Sussex and Jamaica nominated Dr. Allen.

Now, although Bro. de Cordova has obtained a majority of the lodges in his favour, nevertheless an intense feeling of antagonism to his nomination exists with a large and respectable body of the brethren, and this antagonism is embittered by the fact that Bro. Cordova adheres to the faith of his ancestors—he is an Israelite. We live, it is true, in the nineteenth century, and we call our Institution the most cosmopolitan and liberal in the world, nevertheless religious bigotry had not yet died out, and so the nomination of Bro. de Cordova has evoked what was not supposed to exist—a bitter religious prejudice. I have heard of other reasons advanced against his position, but as they have been openly stated I decline to mention them.

You may imagine how profound is the disgust felt by the minority when they contemplate severance from the Grand Lodge of England if Bro. de Cordova should obtain the Patent of District Grand Master, and I have heard that a strong protest from the Sussex and Jamaica Lodges will reach the Grand Secretary by this mail.

That the appointment of any one as District Grand Master will assuredly produce a lamentable schism amongst English Masons in this colony I entertain no doubt about, so would ask you under the circumstances to represent these facts to the authorities that the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica may be allowed to lie in abeyance for some years, until a feeling more in consonance with Masonic principles shall prevail in this colony.

Moderate men would have accepted Bro. Whitbourne, but he is accounted so weak as to be under the immediate influence of the De Cordova party.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

H. J. B.

Kingston, Jamaica, 24th November, 1880.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

##### OPENING OF A ROSE CROIX CHAPTER AT KING'S LYNN.

During the course of last summer some brethren residing at King's Lynn determined to take steps for establishing a Rose Croix chapter in that town, the necessary preliminary being a petition for a warrant, signed by three Rose Croix Masons resident in the neighbourhood. Two signatures were at once obtained, namely, those of Bro. W. A. Tyssen Amherst, M.P., 18°, and of Bro. Hamon le Strange, 31°, but there might have been some difficulty about a third had it not occurred to these two brethren to make application to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Patron of the Order, to append his name to the petition as a resident in the vicinity. H.R.H., with that readiness which he has always manifested to further the good of the Craft over which he presides, at once acceded to the request and signed the petition, and at the same time further manifested the interest which he took in the proposed chapter by graciously allowing it to be named after him, the Albert Edward Chapter.

The petition, which we believe to be the first in the annals of the A. and A. Rite that has obtained the honour of a Royal signature, was duly forwarded to the Supreme Council, and a warrant was issued by them authorising the establishment of a Rose Croix chapter under the above title at King's Lynn.

Thursday, the 9th December, was the day appointed for the opening, and on the previous day three members of the Supreme Grand Council, viz., the Lieut. Grand Commander, Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, the Grand Chancellor, Bro. J. Pulteney Montagu, and the Grand Secretary General, Bro. H. D. Sandeman, together with the Inspector General of the East Central District, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Burney, 33°, came down to Lynn, and spent several hours in personally unpacking and arranging the furniture of the chapter in the Masonic Hall, which had been placed at their disposal by the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107. The furniture, had been ordered by Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, to whom the best thanks of the chapter are due for the trouble which he took in the matter.

At two o'clock punctually a chapter was opened by the Supreme Council under the presidency of the four illustrious brethren above named, assisted by Bros. Amherst and Le Strange, and the following visiting brethren, who had been invited to attend, viz., Bro. G. B. Pearce, of the Victoria Chapter, Ipswich, and Bros. G. W. G. Barnard, H. Blake, and Thos. Isley, residents in Norwich, but members of the Invicta Chapter, London. The following brethren, whose names had been previously submitted to and approved by the Supreme Council, were then duly perfected and received the Rose Croix Degree, the ceremony being impressively performed by Ill. Bro. Sandeman. We append the names in alphabetical order, nineteen in all, a goodly list of candidates for carrying on the new chapter: Bros. R. H. Aldhem, Joseph Bell, Captain D. Urban Blyth, Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart, Courtenay Boyle, Geo. Carrick, Sir Wm. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart, M.P., George B. Ffolkes, J. S. B. Glasier, Harry Green, S. G. Holland, Dr. John Lowe, C. W. Morriss, G. W. Page, Wm. Patrick, W. J. Pole, William Seppings, the Rev. J. B. Slight, and G. S. Woodwark. In addition to the above the three following brethren, who were unavoidably prevented from being present, were approved by the Supreme Council as original members of the chapter, viz., the Right W. Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, and Bro. Viscount Canterbury, who were both abroad, and Bro. Francis Knollys, C.B., who is absent in attendance on H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The candidates having been perfected, the ceremony of consecrating the new chapter was proceeded with. The brethren assembled in the hall and formed an Arch of Steel under which the Supreme Council 33° entered in order, and after passing three times round it the illustrious Lieut. Grand Commander, Capt. N. G. Philips, assumed his seat. The Grand Chaplain then offered prayer, and the Inspector General of the District, Col. Burney, having stated the object of the meeting, proceeded to read the warrant of the "Albert Edward" Chapter. The Lieut. Grand Commander then gave declaration of the constitution, and performed in a most solemn and impressive manner the ceremonies of consecration peculiar to the Degree of Rose Croix. This part of the proceedings was brought to a close by a

proclamation from the Grand Marshall that the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 87, had been duly consecrated.

The next and concluding ceremony was the installation of the first M.W.S. of the new chapter, Bro. Hamon le Strange, 31°, which was carried out with all due dignity by Ill. Bro. Sandeman. The M.W.S., having been placed in the chair and proclaimed, appointed and invested the following brethren as officers of the chapter: Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., H. Prelate; William Patrick, 1st Gen.; Sir William Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., 2nd Gen.; G. S. Woodwark, G. Marshall; W. J. Pole, Raphael; C. W. Morris, Herald; Capt. D'Urban Blyth, Capt., of the Guard; J. S. B. Glasier, Recorder; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., Dir. of Cer.; Rev. J. B. Slight, Org.; and Wolsey, Equerry. Bro. G. W. Page was, on the proposition of the M.W.S., unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer, and invested accordingly.

The M.W.S. then read a letter from Bro. Francis Knollys stating that the Prince of Wales, having had submitted to him the list of members, had been graciously pleased to signify his intention of becoming an honorary member of the chapter, which act of condescension on the part of H.R.H. was received with applause by the assembled brethren. The three illustrious members of the Supreme Council and the Inspector of the District, who had attended and performed the ceremonies of the day, were unanimously invited to become honorary members, and a vote of thanks to them was passed as an acknowledgment of their services to the chapter.

A committee having been appointed to draw up bye-laws for the chapter, and a collection of alms having been made, the first meeting of the Albert Edward Chapter was closed in due and solemn form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Marshall, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.W.S., who was supported on the right and left by the members of the Supreme Council, thus bringing to a pleasant close the proceedings of a day which will long be memorable in the Masonic annals of the good old town of Lynn. The new chapter then started on its way under the direct patronage of the Prince of Wales, with H.R.H. and four other members of the 33° as honorary members, and a roll of twenty-four ordinary members, and it has every prospect of a lengthened career of Masonic harmony and good fellowship.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

**THE RECENT MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE IN LIVERPOOL.**—On Friday evening, the 10th inst., the final meeting of the Committee which had the management of the Grand Masonic Re-union Conversazione, Concert, and Ball, which recently took place in Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. Dr. Bailey, P.M. 786, presided, and there was a numerous attendance. The most gratifying announcement was made that the net profit amounted to £150 3s. 4d., which will be devoted to the fund for decorating the Masonic Hall. Votes of thanks were given to the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. R. Brown and A. C. Wylie, to Bros. J. Houlding, Beesley, and others, who had rendered good service in the refreshment department; Bro. N. A. Tobias, for his work in the fine art section; and to Bro. Chaplin, House Steward, for his general help in the scheme.

Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, had the honour of entertaining H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, at his shooting quarters, Riddlesworth Hall, Thetford, Norfolk, during last week.

Bro. James Pain, P.M. 1339, the well-known pyrotechnist, was entertained with Mrs. Pain at a dinner held at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday week, the 5th inst., in commemoration of their silver wedding. During the evening they were presented with a magnificent silver centre-piece, with cut-glass dishes containing fruit and flowers.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., P.G.J.W., has most graciously consented to become an honorary member of St. George's Lodge, No. 370, Chertsey, Surrey, and at a special meeting thereof, held on Saturday, the 11th inst., the brethren elected H.R.H. an honorary member thereof.

By the recent death of the Most Ex. Comp. the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., Past Grand J., the H.R. Arch Masons of the Province of Devon were deprived of a Prov. Grand Superintendent. That office is usually held in each province by the Prov. Grand Master of the province. Comp. Viscount Ebrington has, therefore, been re-elected as the new Provincial Grand Superintendent of Devon. His lordship is a member of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, but hitherto has not taken office in that chapter. At the meeting of Sincerity Chapter in October, the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., vicar of Bucknell, now H. 189, was unanimously elected the Z. of that chapter for the ensuing year, and would have been installed into that office in the coming January. In order, however, to enable the chapter to qualify Lord Ebrington for the superintendence, Ex-Comp. Lemon has resigned the office of Z. for this year. Another election will take place this month. Lord Ebrington will be installed in January, and shortly after will enter upon the duties of the Prov. G. Superintendent. Ex-Comp. Lemon will remain for the ensuing year, and Ex-Comp. A. Latimer, J.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the annual festival of the Blagdon Lodge, No. 369, was held at the lodge room, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth. There was a large attendance of members, this lodge having greatly increased of late years. Bro. John Swann, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Jos. J. Nelson, D.C., P.M., P.P.G.P.; the retiring W.M. being Bro. A. R. Cuthrie. After the installation ceremony, the investiture of subordinate officers took place for the ensuing twelve months; after which the members partook of dinner, provided by Bro. Alexander.

A sale of useful and fancy articles on behalf of the Building Fund of the Gipsy-road new Baptist Chapel, Lower Norwood, took place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the present week. The sale opened each day at 2.30 On the first day, there was some vocal and instrumental music, on the second the Royal Holdfast Handbell Ringers rang their peals, and on Thursday the choir of Stockwell Orphanage sang several selections.

The Sir George Cathcart Lodge, No. 617 (S.C.), meets at the Masonic Hall, New Cathcart, on the first Wednesday in every month.

Bro. Lord Methuen, R.W.G.M. Wilts, has been succeeded by Lord Thurlow as Lord in Waiting to the Queen.

The Duke of Cambridge has intimated to the District Inspector of Auxiliary Forces that the new dress regulations extend only to officers of the regular army.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland was awarded the second prize for oxen, and one of the principle prizes for sheep, at the twenty-first Leeds Christmas Cattle Show, on Tuesday.

SMITHFIELD SHOW.—The total number of visitors to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show on Friday week was 14,704. The number of visitors during the five days was 120,272.

Bro. John Corke, C.C., entertained the members and a few friends of the Dalston Malvern Cricket Club at a dinner at Guildhall Tavern on Friday, the 10th inst.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., will preside at the anniversary festival of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society's Schools at Willis's Rooms on February the 23rd, 1881. H.R.H. will be supported by the Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs, Bros. Fowler, M.P., and Waterlow.

Bro. T. M. Janes was entertained at a social dinner at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, in celebration of the anniversary of his birthday. About twenty gentlemen were present, including Bros. Sims and Saillard, the evening being passed in the most enjoyable manner with the usual loyal and complimentary toasts and some excellent singing.

The members of the York Lodge, No. 236, will celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

We regret to record the death of Lady Elliot, the wife of Sir George Elliot, Bart., R.W.G.M. of South Wales, East Division, which sad event took place on Tuesday last at Durham.

We are asked to state that a lodge of instruction meets at the Unicorn Hotel, North-street, Brighton, every Monday evening at 8.30 during the winter months, and the Monday preceding the first Tuesday during the summer.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—The Prince of Wales has sent from Sandringham thirty pheasants for the use of the patients of this hospital, of which His Royal Highness is the President.

Bro. S. C. Dibdin, W.M., will preside at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees to be held at 2, Red Lion-square, London, W.C., this (Saturday) afternoon, at three o'clock.

Bro. Mark Rooke will be installed Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock, and the ceremony performed by Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., Past Grand Registrar Yorks, N. and E. Ridings.

The eighteenth annual issue of the *City Diary*, published at the *City Press* Office, 154, Aldersgate-street, London, has just made its appearance. In it will be found, as before, a great deal of information respecting official life in the City—municipal, clerical, parochial, charitable, educational, &c., together with the customary matter of an almanack. The diary proper has plenty of good smooth paper for daily notices, and it is interleaved with blotting.

THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY AND THE SOUTH DURHAM HUNT.—The Marquess of Londonderry, in proposing a local toast at the Masonic festival at West Hartlepool on Saturday evening, said he desired to refer to a matter having nothing to do with Freemasonry, as he might not have an opportunity of seeing so many friends of the district together. It was with reference to the sport of fox-hunting and a rumour which he understood had been rife in that neighbourhood. The rumour was that on several occasions when the hounds had ran through Wynyard Park they had been whipped off. He could only say he never gave such an order in his life—(hear, hear)—and never thought of giving such an order whatever. It was true at the beginning of the season, during the time the crops were on the ground, the hounds came over the Wynyard preserves, for nearly half an hour, and there was not a man near them. It had doubtless occurred through inadvertence, and a correspondence had taken place with Sir Wm. Eden, than whom no one could have written more courteously, and the matter dropped. He had felt deeply grieved at the rumour. Although he did not indulge in the sport, he had done the best he could for it. (Hear, hear.) He thought those he addressed, and particularly those of the South Durham Hunt, knew him too well to think he should have given such an order. (Loud applause.)

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Winter has brought again its mournful tale of suffering and destitution, and only those who know what it is to have the cupboard bare, the grate empty, and the rooms scantily furnished, can realize the bitterness and sorrow of those in such a position. On Wednesday a gathering of such individuals—children barely clad—sembled for the first time this winter outside the London Cottage Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, to enjoy, to their hearts' content, a rich Irish stew dinner. There were between 300 and 400 children and aged poor, many not having touched meat for several weeks, and others rarely enjoying what we should term a meal at all. Though pitiable the sight, still it was a grand one to witness suffering humanity rejoicing in this feast. Our readers will recollect that this Mission has carried on this noble work for the last two winters, and are able to show a return of many thousands fed. These dinners will be given weekly, as long as the funds will permit, and we feel sure that the rich, who are the recipients of many blessings through a kind Providence, will show to the fullest extent their sympathy by largely contributing to the funds, and not allow so good a charity to flag for the want of money, but will send their free will offerings to Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.  
For the Week ending Friday, December 24, 1880.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18.  
Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.  
Lodge 1, Grand Masters', F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.  
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Rgmt. M.H., S. Air-st., W. Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.  
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S.  
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, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, 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, DECEMBER 21.  
Board of Gen. Purposes, F.M.H., at 4.  
Lodge 30, United Mariners, F.M.H.  
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., Ldn. B.  
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 102, Cadogan, F.M.H.  
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N. Chap.  
" 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
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 Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.  
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.  
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.  
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Annual Assembly of the Gen. Grand Con. Red Cross, F.M. Tav., at 5.30.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav. at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.  
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting. hill, S.  
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.  
Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.  
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.  
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.  
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.  
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 25, 1880.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.  
Lodge 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool (Installation).  
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.  
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1223, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So. N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.  
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.  
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Encampment Wm. de la More, Ass. R., Bootle.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.  
DONNE.—On the 12th inst., at 2, Lower Chamberlayne-place, Southampton, the wife of Mr. J. H. Donne, of a daughter.

GRIFFIN.—On the 14th inst., at Holmleigh, Lansdowne-road, Tottenham, Middlesex, the wife of Arthur Griffin, of a son.

MARRIAGES.  
CHEESEMAN—JAMES.—On the 10th inst., at St. Mark's, Primrose-hill, by the Rev. Galloway, Thomas Cheeseman, of Brixton, to Eva Lucy James, of Chalcot-crescent, N.W.

SHABOE—POOLE.—On the 8th inst., the Rev. D. Shaboe, M.A., to Emma, eldest surviving daughter of the Rev. S. G. Poole, Chaplain to the Honourable Corporation of the Trinity House, London.

DEATHS.  
ELLIOT.—On the 14th inst., at Houghton Hall, Durham, the wife of Sir George Elliot, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of South Wales, East. Div. aged 71.  
SQUARE.—At Plymouth, on the 11th inst., Bro. Elliot Square.



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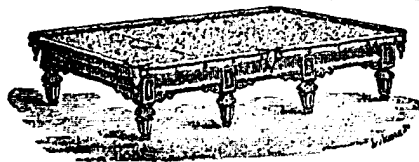
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