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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. In consequence of the alteration of the hour of meeting from six to seven, which was agreed to at the August, and confirmed at the November meeting, very few companions were present. Comp. S. Rawson presided as Z.; Comp. J. A. Rucker, as H.; and Comp. James Glaisher, as J. The other companions present were Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; James Lewis Thomas, as S.N.; R. R. Davis, as P.S.; R. F. Gould, as 1st A.S.; Frank Richardson, as 2nd A.S.; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Scott, J. M. Case, Thomas Fenn, Ohren, D.C.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Standard Bearer; Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, H. G. Buss, Joseph C. Parkinson, E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Z. 778; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; E. Kidman, H. 742; Neville Green, Z. 1524; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; James Shilcock, M.E.Z. 403; W. H. Perryman, Z. 1348; Charles Frederick Hogard, J. 10, H. 142; H. Sadler, Z. 169; E. West, H. 13; J. D. Collier, J. 749; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the last quarterly convocation, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Col. Creaton, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Col. Creaton the following petitions were granted:—

1st. From Comps. Charles Heywood, as Z.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, as H.; Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester, to be called the Humphrey Chetham Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

2nd. From Comps. John Segond, as Z.; Hamilton Stilon, as H.; the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta, to be called the Resurrection Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Loxdale Warren, as Z.; John Bodenham, as H.; Thomas Wood, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford, to be called the Royal Chartley Chapter of Fortitude, and to meet at the North-Western Hotel, Stafford.

4th. From Comps. John Higson Johnston, as Z.; Frederick King Stevenson, as H.; Charles Philip Titherley, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Fernor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, Liverpool, to be called the Fernor Hesketh Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1056.

The annual banquet of this lodge of instruction took place on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. W. W. Snelling, the honorary Secretary of the lodge, being in the chair as President; Bro. Creak in the S.W.'s chair; and Bro. Larchin the J.W.'s chair; about forty members of the lodge and visitors being present. This being the first Masonic banquet that had taken place in the new banqueting hall of the Portugal Hotel, Bro. Yates, the proprietor, placed a repast on the table which was much enjoyed by the brethren attending the banquet. A menu card, containing various appropriate Shakespearian quotations and floral designs, was prepared as a souvenir of the banquet.

After the usual loyal toasts had been given, and "The Health of the President," "Visitors," and "Officers of the Lodge" had been drunk,

Bro. SNELLING, who is also the honorary Secretary of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, in proposing "Success to the Association," stated that he had received subscriptions exceeding 1000 guineas, which he had paid over to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions; and he made an earnest appeal to the brethren to continue their subscriptions to the Association until they had made themselves Life Governors of all the Charities.

The Tyler's toast then concluded the proceedings. Bros. Ward, Kidder, Hobden, Richardson, Storr, and others gave great pleasure to the brethren by their excellent songs and recitations.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

On Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the annual meeting of the members of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee was held at their head-quarters, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a gathering of nearly 100 brethren. The balance sheet of the Treasurer (Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. S23) showed that during the year ending the 31st December last the sum of £430 had been secured as the rents of the twenty-three lodges meeting in the building; £105 from the twelve chapters; £46 3s. as miscellaneous rents from preceptories, &c.; £41 from lodges of instruction; £18 5s. from evening services; £6 10s. for committee meetings; £126 from the rent for rooms for refreshments; and £25 from the Masonic Club. After paying all expenses, there remained a balance in the bank of £169 4s. 6d. It was announced, amid cheers, that the whole of the expenditure in connection with the decoration of the grand banqueting room (£823 7s. 5d.) had been met, and a cordial wish was expressed that the decoration of the lodge and chapter rooms should be proceeded with at the earliest possible moment.

The balance sheet, which was taken as read, was passed *nem. con.* Bro. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Registrar, was elected Chairman of the Hall Committee; Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., Vice-Chairman; Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. S23, was unanimously re-elected Treas.; and Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., Sec. Bro. Richard Brown, P.G. Treasurer, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was elected a Trustee of the Masonic Hall in room of the late Bro. Hugh Edwards.

The following brethren were subsequently elected representatives on the House Committee: Bros. T. Clark, J. Hayes, J. W. Ballard, H. Firth, Dr. J. K. Smith, T. Salter, J. W. Burgess, J. C. Robinson, R. Martin, J. Houlding, A. Cotter, J. Winsor, G. Broadbridge, D. Jackson, H. Ashmore, R. P. France, A. Woolrich, J. Hocken, J. Bell, J. B. Mackenzie, and Walker.

Cordial votes of thanks were given to the retiring Chairman (Bro. Councillor Lunt), the Treasurer, Secretary, Re-union Committee (to which Bro. Brown responded), to the Decoration Committee (acknowledged by Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., Chairman), and to the Auditors (Bros. May, Tobias, and Stanbury). The rather lengthened proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

UNITED MASONIC BALL.

The Third Annual Joint Masonic Ball of the Finsbury Park and Crusaders Lodges, Nos. 1288 and 1677, was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday last, and was one of the most brilliant and most successful of entertainments, and one with which the "veriest grumbler" must have been both satisfied and pleased. Twenty-four Stewards were appointed from the members of the two lodges, who had disposed of tickets to their personal friends only, the consequence being the company, though numerous (220), was most select. Dancing commenced about half-past nine to the strains of Bro. Henry Tinney's excellent band, and was kept up with great spirit until shortly after twelve, when the company adjourned to a sumptuous supper, very creditably served under the personal supervision of the courteous manager, Bro. E. Dawkins.

The supper table was presided over by the W.M.'s of the two lodges, Bros. A. Mullord and J. W. Simmonds. In proposing the first toast Bro. MULLORD stated, much to the amusement of the company, that this being a special occasion, he would impart to them one of the secrets of the Order, which was that the first toast proposed at all Masonic meetings was "The name of Her Majesty the Queen, coupled with that of the Craft."

The toast having been loyally received, was followed by "Success to the United Masonic Ball," proposed in able terms by Bro. J. W. SIMMONDS, and responded to by the company with the utmost enthusiasm.

"The Ladies" found an excellent champion in Bro. Past Master PRICE, who, in proposing their health, appositely remarked that as "Good wine needed no bush," a good toast needed no recommendation.

The toast, which was received with the heartiest cheering, again and again renewed, was briefly acknowledged by Bro. WILKES.

The toast of "The President" was then given by Bro. CUMMINGS, and duly acknowledged by Bro. MULLORD.

The company then returned to the ball room, where dancing was resumed, and continued with the utmost vigour until about four o'clock a.m., when all departed highly delighted with the music and the entire proceedings. The whole arrangements were carried out in an exceptional manner, for which the brethren are indebted to Bro. Frank S. Rothschild, Hon. Sec.; Bro. T. Goode, Treas.; and other worthy brethren. The M.C.'s duties were efficiently performed by Bros. J. W. Simmonds, R. V. Davies, W. Cook, Baker, and R. D. Cummings.

Among the company present we noticed Bro. and Mrs. Goode, Mrs. Hill, Bro. and Mrs. Price, Mr. Arthur Price, Miss Price, Miss Turner, of Yeovil, Miss Warr, Miss A. Warr, Mrs. Corrie, Mr. A. Tuff and Miss J. Perkins, Mr. Styles, Mr. Dowding, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Walter Warr, Mr. Townley, Bro. F. Goode, Bro. W. Goode, Mr. Croucher, Miss L. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson, Bro. Halliwell, Miss Huggins, Mr. Way, Bro. H. Huggins, Miss Vause, Bro. Jagles, Miss Jagles, Bro. L. Solomon, Miss F. Solomon, Mrs. C. Solomon, Bro. Charles Hollis, Mrs. Pigot, Miss Pigot, Mr. Hodges, Miss Windsor, Mrs. Raven, Bro. and Mrs. Wolters, Bro. Julius Quitman, Miss Quitman, Bro. and Mrs. Carl Quitman, Mr. E. Quitman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Buggage, Miss A. Edwards, Bro. and Mrs. J. Speller, Mr. R. Bishop, Mr. W. Le Grand, Miss Le Grand, Mr. Feston, Mr. and Mrs. Cadell, Mr. Max Eveler, Mrs. Mullord, Bro. Mullord, the Misses Mullord, Mr. Alex. Mullord, jun., Mr. Peace, Bro. A. J. Good, Bro. Cummings, Mrs. Cummings, Bro. Halliday, Mrs. Halliday, Mr. Horne, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. O'Reilly, Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Davies, Capt. Vanscolini, Mrs. and Miss Vanscolini, Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts, Mr. and Miss Hervey, Mr. McKellar, Mr. and Mrs. Randall, Bro. J. Woodman, Mr. P. Woodman, Miss Woodman, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Mackie, Dr. Moore, Bro. and Mrs. Milward, Bro. R. Baker, Bro. W. Cook, Bro. Fysh, the Misses Rosenthal, Bro. and Mrs. B. Jackson, Mrs. Meadows, Mr. Geo. Jackson, Miss Patrick, Bro. Roberts, Bro. J. Oldis, Mrs. J. Oldis, Mr. and Mrs. James Oldis, Bro. George Kirkby, Mrs. and Miss Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirkby, Bro. R. Fisher and friends, Bro. James Swinyard, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. Jones, Bro. George Rees, Bro. Pester, Mrs. Jones, of Finchley, Mr. H. Jones, jun., Bro. and Mrs. A. Ferrar, Miss Masterman, Bro. F. Dickinson, Mr. Elves, the Misses Elves, Mr. A. Speller, Bro. Edwin Woodman, Mrs. Woodman, Bro. and Mrs. F. S. Rothschild, Bro. J. F. Rothschild, Mrs. J. A. Kelly, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

MASONIC CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH.

A concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on the 26th January, in the Guildhall, Plymouth. The fund was founded in 1879 for the education, clothing, and advancement in life of the children of distressed or deceased Freemasons, and the concert thus appealed to the sympathies of a wider circle even than the Masonic. A large number of tickets was sold, but owing to the weather the attendance, as might have been expected, was not large. The arrangements were ably carried out by Bros. Curteis, Twose, Webber, Lakeman, Directors of Ceremonies, and by Bros. F. B. Westlake, Treasurer, and J. B. Gover, Secretary. The orchestra was very tastefully decorated with shrubs by Mr. Cox, head-gardener to Mr. Derry. The programme, the arrangement and performance of which deserved the recognition of a large audience, was opened by a spirited organ march by Salamé, given in his best style, by W. Bro. J. Hele, Mus.Bac., P.M., P.P. G.O. Cornwall, to whom great praise is due for his services in the musical arrangement, and in training the Masonic choir. A ballad, "The Diver," served to show the powers of W. Bro. J. Lovell, Penzance. A madrigal "Down in a Flowery Vale," an old and charming composition next given by the Masonic choir, was loudly applauded, and the choir were no less successful in the other selections by them, especially the humorous "Franklyn's Dogge," and the grand "March of the Masons," in which they were assisted by the organ and band. Miss Mear's first song, a sequel to "Once again," was, indeed, obliged to be given once again, notwithstanding a rule to the contrary. The violin solos by Bro. Michael Rice, of Torquay, whose powers are already well known in the west, were masterly performances. The duet, "The Brothers," by Bros. H. J. Barter and J. Rendle, was vociferously applauded as it deserved. A song, with organ obligato by Mr. Hele, entitled "St. Ronan's Eve" (Lacy), dedicated to Miss Coyte Turner, was so charmingly given by that lady that it had to be repeated. Out of a long programme it is difficult to particularise, but the performances of the band, under W. Bro. Burding, P.M., must be noticed, as well as the cornet solo by Bro. Fly, and the songs by N. B. Bullen, P.M., Truro, whom the audience would like to have heard again. Bro. Rendle's song of "The Smuggler" was given in his usual robust and effective style, and the duets by Miss Mear and Miss Turner were not the least successful portions of a wholly successful programme. Bro. Hele presided at the organ and accompanied.—*Western Morning News*.

MASONIC SERVICE AT MANCHESTER.

On the afternoon of the 23rd ult. a large number of the Masonic Fraternity attended St. Clement's Church, Longsight, it having been granted for the occasion by the rector, the Rev. W. Fraser, at the special request of his Warden, Bro. John Edward Iliff, I.P.M. 1458. About 200 Masons were present, 161 of whom signed the attendance book.

Prior to the procession leaving the schools, where a Craft lodge was duly opened under the warrant of the Lodge of Truth, 1458, by the W.M., Bro. James Taylor, a dispensation, granted by the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, was read, empowering the brethren to appear in Craft clothing, after which they adjourned to the church.

The service was intoned by the Rev. Bro. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G.C. East Lancashire and Northumberland. The Rev. Bro. Brier read the first lesson, and the

Rev. Bro. Buswell the second. The Provincial Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire, the Rev. Bro. H. Cottam, M.A., preached an excellent sermon, suitable for a mixed congregation, composed as it was of many sections of religious faith. One noticeable feature was the presence of a Jewish rabbi, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Marks, and many members of the Hebrew Masonic Lodge, 1798, of which Bro. Dr. Marks is the chief officer.

The choir was augmented by members of the Fraternity of rare vocal ability, and the singing certainly was excellent. The Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. James Varley, P.M. 350, ably presided at the organ. The choir was under the direction of Bro. W. Dumville, P.M. 1011.

The offertory amounted to £20 os. 3^d., and was in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic, Educational, and Benevolent Institution.

The following are the names of the principal officers who were present, and of the officers of the Lodge of Truth, under whose warrant this service took place: Bros. Geo. Mellor, P.G.D. and D.P.G.M. E.L.; the Rev. Cottam, P.G. Chap. E.L.; the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chap. E.L. and Northumberland; George A. Packwood, P.M. 852, P.G.A.D. of C. E.L.; James Varley, P.M. 350, P.G.O. E.L.; Robert Caldwell, P.M. 1011, P.P.G. Swordbearer; Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147, P.G. Treasurer. The officers of Truth Lodge present were Bros. James Taylor, W.M.; John Edward Biff, I.P.M.; T. H. Hall, S.V.; A. Hebdon, J.W.; R. Caldwell, P.M., Secretary; J. A. Vincent, J.D.; Wm. Cox, P.M. and Organist; Henry Dawson, P.M., Tyler; and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*).

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS' LIFE-BOAT ALBERT EDWARD, CLACTON-ON-SEA.

COXSWAIN'S NARRATIVE.

At six o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, January 10th, signals of distress were seen from the Middle Lightship. On account of the lowness of the tide the Albert Edward could not be launched until 8 a.m.; then with the assistance of six horses the boat was drawn some distance into the water before she could be got afloat, the wind at East, blowing hard. On leaving the pier, saw a vessel into the S.E. by S. distant about five miles. The flood tide was just made up, but the boat under the single reefed sail beat toward her. About noon we reached the wreck, which proved to be a schooner sunk in seven fathoms, with the lower mast heads out of water. Seeing no one on the mast we made for the Gun-fleet. On nearing the sand we observed a body floating, hooked it with the grapnel, but found it so decomposed could do nothing with it. We crossed the sand at the West Buoy and stood towards the Heaps. Spoke a steamer steering E.N.E., who waved for us to go to the westward. Seeing nothing on the Heaps or Barrows we steered for the Middle Lightship, who reported three sailing vessels and a steamer on the Maplin Sands. On reaching the first, laying about W. by N. from the lightship, proved to be a brigantine with a name we took for Porcia in the foretop. She was abandoned. Seeing a signal from the Maplin Lightship, we steered in a S.W. direction and soon sighted a ship dismasted. On nearing her saw a group standing on one of the deckhouses waving a flag. We made for the port lee bow, which was clear of the raffle. With a good throw of the loaded cane the crew seized it and hauled our cable on board. The sea was then making a clean breach over her. With some difficulty the crew, eight in number, were transferred from the ship to the lifeboat. She proved to be the brigantine Hasselo, of Haguesund, Capt. Tillussun, from Riga to London, with cargo of oats. The crew had been on the deckhouse since noon of the Tuesday, having tasted nothing for thirty-three hours. We distributed all the whisky and biscuits we had in the boat, for which they were very grateful. On leaving about 2 p.m. we sighted another vessel with mainmast gone, bearing west about four miles. On nearing her she proved to be the Martha, of Newport, abandoned. We supposed the crew had walked ashore on to Foulness, Ireland. We then stood towards a steamer which was on the ridge about two miles above the elbow buoy, she being so near the shore that the crew could walk out, and showing no signals, and the tide then leaving the sand prevented us from approaching her. We then tacked to the southward and got in the Channel, making the best of our way for Clacton. When about three miles below the Middle Lightship, saw signals going up from the Mouse Lightship. The cold being so intense and the crew of the brigantine so near exhausted, we felt sure they would not live the night if we went to the Mouse. We had great difficulty in keeping life in them by constantly rubbing their limbs, they being afraid they would not hold out until we reached the land. We arrived at Clacton about 4 a.m. on Thursday, and handed the crew to Mr. Bates, chief officer of Coast Guard, who took them at once to the Osborne Hotel, where all their wants were soon attended to. In addition to these services the Albert Edward made a noble effort to save a portion of the crew of the ill-fated Indian Chief, but was unfortunately unsuccessful. The boat was out on that occasion twenty-four hours. For all these services the National Lifeboat Institution has made very liberal payments to the crews of lifeboats, and in reference to the services of the boats of the Institution generally, we may mention that during the recent storms they have saved the following shipwrecked crews: French Ketch Mawae de Ciel, 4; Dutch Steamer Enerst, 7; Spanish Brigantine Rosseta, 8; Ship Indian Chief, of Liverpool, 12; Barque Hertha, of Christiansund, rendered assistance; Brigantine Hasselo, of Haguesund, 8; Schooner Minnie Coles, of Southampton, saved vessel and crew; Brig Visitor, of Whitby, 6; S.S. Trafalgar, of London, 23; Barque North Wales, of London, 21; Schooner Rosa Josephs, 5; Smack Fishguard Lass, of Abersoch, 3; Schooner Miss Beck, of Carnarvon, 5; Fishing Boats Magdalen and Star of Peace, 12; Two Fishing Boats of Berwick on Tweed, saved boats and 9; Fishing Coble Lively, of Redcar, 2; several Fishing Coblles, rendered assistance; Sloop Ruby, of Goole, assisted to save vessel and 2; Norwegian Schooner, 3; Brig Matilda, of Gothenburg, rendered assistance; and Brig Cyda, of Swensdall, 9. Total 143 lives, besides four vessels.

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

ESOTERIC HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

All who have taken interest in the Ancient and Accepted Masonic Rite will be aware of the immense services rendered to that body by one of its chiefs, General Albert Pike, of Washington, District of Columbia. I have had the good fortune to receive copies of the Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council, as issued, and have many times essayed to write a notice of a part, but never managed to compile aught satisfactory; for the contents are so varied, curious, and suggestive, that a single article would be useless. At length I have decided to deal with any separate contributions—brief and suitable for the Craft generally—from the pen of Bro. Albert Pike, and for the first attempt have selected one with the above heading. The author begins, "There is little of intrinsic value in published Masonic history, consisting, as it does, in the main, of monotonous details of occurrences that cease to be of interest to anyone the day after their happenings, and of wranglings and controversies about trifles."

Surely, if this account be true, we must all feel that the less we have of "Masonic History" the better, and true it is of much that has passed muster until the last few years. Taking the statement as in the main of a retrospective character, it cannot be denied that the intrinsic value of most Masonic works is very little indeed. Happily, however, the facts of Masonic history have been sought after lately, and there are now published works which cannot be described in the terms herein referred to, for they are accurate and trustworthy accounts of the Craft.

Then I read, "But there is an inner history of Masonry as yet unwritten, and as to which the written records do not help us. Masonry has no traditions, for what it calls such, and its legends, are all of modern manufacture." * * * Granted. There is an inner history, and to secure its realisation and publication Bro. Pike has done much himself in his several works, but its appreciation and understanding does not depend so much on printed matter as in careful Masonic study, and to the Craft generally, I fear this question will remain as much a mystery as to the profane. As a matter of fact, the symbolic in Freemasonry is more truly hidden than even what we term its secrets, and the revelation thereof, save to the truly initiated, is certain not to be accomplished. To the enlightened Mason there is not an old word or custom, not a "sign" or a "tool" that fails to contribute hints as to the old inner life of the Society, and the true method of interpreting its rituals and ceremonies. "The symbolism of Masonry is its life. * * * Degrees are mere vehicles of its doctrine." Truly so, but whilst agreeing with this definition, so terse and suggestive, I fail to comprehend how my brother can state there are no old Masonic traditions when so many copies still exist of the Masonic charges from the fifteenth century, and these apparently being but transcripts of still earlier documents. May we not fairly claim for the "St. Alban's," "Edwin," and "York" traditions and antiquity sufficient to constitute them worthy of consideration and respect? I touch not on how far they are historically correct, but as old traditions they have been accepted by Operative and Speculative Freemasons alike, for very many centuries. As to Degrees, I have long maintained their modern institution, for to be a Degree, as I understand the term, there must be something esoteric, to be revealed only to those elected, and kept from all others. Brother Pike says Ancient Craft Masonry consisted of but "the two Degrees of Apprentice and Fellow Craft; and so its own Constitutions undoubtedly prove. The Master's Degree was added afterwards." I ask for information. What "Constitutions" prove this? Where is to be found this evidence of antiquity of the first two Degrees? It is clear that no proof whatever has yet been submitted of any Masonic Degrees being worked before the last century, understanding the term to mean separate, distinct, and secret ceremonies known only or communicated to a privileged few, to the exclusion, for a time at least, of others who nevertheless were still members of the Fraternity. This is my claim, made on behalf of several earnest and devoted students, such as Bro. Robert Freke Gould, who has done a noble part historically for the Society in the publication of his "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants," &c. With Bro. Pike's warm recommendation of Grand Secretary Lyon's History of the "Lodge of Edinburgh," &c., I thoroughly concur, but I cannot accept the following: "It proves to us that the old charges and constitutions were originally Scottish." I quite believe that "what is now known as Freemasonry succeeded the associations of Operative Masons."

I am not aware of any old document which even claims a Scottish origin for these "Old Charges." Before me are copies of all the known Masonic MSS. relating to this subject, and so far from their tending in the direction stated, they decidedly lean towards an English origin! All the versions of the general Masonic charges or Operative Constitutions contain the St. Alban, Edwin, and York legends (*vide* the Melrose, Acheson Haven, Aberdeen and Kilwinning—Edinburgh MSS.), and in some of them are curious references to the King of England.

The "Melrose MS. No. 2," a transcript of one of 1580, *circa* provides for the following agreement amongst others: "Be ye true to ye King of England without treason or any other falsehood," and a similar clause occurs in the "Kilwinning-Edinburgh" MS. of 1670, *circa*, "Also that ye should be leidgesmen to the King of England without treason or any other falsehood." The various MSS. of a purely local character, such as the "St. Clair MS." 1600-28, "Shaw's Statutes," 1598, &c., I need not consider, as they contain nothing in confirmation of Bro. Pike's statement; hence I cannot but discard such a view of the origin of the Craft, because not proven.

General Pike's next declaration is, "Two things are clear, that the English Freemasonry of 1717 was not the earliest nor the only pure and true Freemasonry; and that the Freemasonry of our Blue Lodges is a very different thing in many ways from the original English Freemasonry." These concise and, to many, startling assertions I believe to be true, and completely in accordance with what we know of the past and present history of the Society. Indeed, in some respects, we should go farther, and say that the "Blue Lodges" need not be singled out, for all modern Masonry, by whatever denomination it is known, is vastly different from what Freemasonry was in the olden time. Of that there cannot be a doubt, though what little has been retained (of the little that could be), I presume is mainly, if not exclusively, to be found in the

"Three Degrees" as now worked, though I envy not the man who undertakes to point that little out!

Lodges were working in Scotland, and also in the north of England, when the Craft was, what is called, "revived," in London, 1716-7, and there are many more evidences of the vigour and character generally of the Craft in Scotland as a secret operative Fraternity from 1600 to 1720 than in all the world beside. This fact is certainly curious and suggestive. That lodges of Freemasons were working in England and Scotland long before the last century is quite established. In the north there are records extant of lodge meetings dating from the first decade of the seventeenth century, and many singular details of these assemblies have yet to be duly noted and appreciated.

On Masonic Symbolism, General Pike, as far as I know, is without an equal, and so I am content to accept his beautifully worded principles and explanations of our symbols, unquestioned and with due admiration. How far, however, we should acknowledge that "the presence of these symbols proves that men who were adepts in the Hermetic Philosophy made the ceremonials of the Blue Degrees," is not for me to say in a short article, especially as the same brother states that "to the common Craftsman these meanings were unknown." It is surely a hard and dogmatic assertion to observe that "English Masonry has always been an utter stranger to that which constituted the very soul and essence of Freemasonry, as possessor of ancient symbols, and as created by the adepts who helped to frame, if they did not wholly frame, the Blue Degrees."

Nowhere to-day have we Freemasonry consisting of the Three Degrees but it has emanated from England, or in other words the Grand Lodge of 1717 is the parent, directly or indirectly, of every other Grand Lodge in the world, so far as a knowledge of the Three Degrees is concerned. Bro. Pike remarks that "in 1717 Masons' lodges are for the first time heard of in England." Not at all! Ashmole was initiated in a Masonic Lodge at Warrington, according to his diary, in A.D. 1646, and we know a lodge assembled at Alnwick as early as 1701. There are indications of others likewise.

The various important queries as to the Jacobite tendencies of our early brethren of the Grand Lodge of England I must consider another time. In an article of only some three pages it would be difficult to find the fellow of the one under review, for suggestiveness and value to the Masonic student.

GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.

Herr Pietsch, of Leipzig, has just published a full and annotated edition of his interesting essay as Goethe as a Freemason ("Johann Wolfgang von Goethe als Freimaurer") which he delivered as a festival oration at the Goethe-Centenary, on June 23rd, 1880. Very few persons, even amongst Goethe's biographers, knew that the great poet belonged to the Order; and even the few who were aware of the fact will learn many details that are new to them from Herr Pietsch's diligent researches into Goethe's relations with the Brotherhood and his Masonic activity. It was on the 13th of January, 1780, at the close of his tour in Switzerland with the Duke Karl August, of Weimar, that the poet first applied for reception, and his application was made to the Master of the Lodge Amalia, Baron von Fritsch, Goethe's special adversary at the Court of Weimar. Herr Pietsch prints the letter of application. In it the poet says that he has been moved to apply for admission into the Fraternity in order that by acquiring the title and privileges of a Freemason he may come into closer contact with a number of eminent persons whom he has learnt to esteem. "This social feeling alone," he adds, "has moved me to ask for reception." As an Apprentice, the great poet was most zealous and painstaking in the fulfilment of his duties, and co-operated actively in assisting the needy, as, for instance, at the conflagration at Gross-Brembach. "Masonic echoes," says Herr Pietsch, are to be detected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein. On the 5th of February, 1782, Goethe and his Sovereign, the Duke Karl August, were admitted at the same time to the Degree of Master Mason. Strife afterwards arose, and the Lodge Amalia was suspended from 1783 to 1808. In 1810 Goethe was nominated Master of the lodge; but he declined the honour with so much decision that the offer was not repeated. He frequently officiated, however, as Orator (Redner). On the 23rd of June, 1830, he celebrated his fifty years' jubilee as a Mason. The address delivered to him by the Lodge Amalia on this occasion is printed in its entirety by Herr Pietsch.—*The Globe*.

PRINCE LEOPOLD ON ART FOR THE PEOPLE.

The first meeting of the Kyrle Society has been held in the Town Hall, Kensington. Prince Leopold, the President of the society, was in the chair, and Princess Louise, the Vice-President, was also present.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said that the primary object of their meeting was to consider suggestions for forwarding the objects of the National Health and Kyrle Societies for reducing the mischiefs arising from the present excessive production of smoke in the metropolis, but before calling on the gentlemen to move their resolutions he was anxious to make a few remarks on the work of the society in which he took a deep interest. The germ of the Kyrle Society was in a letter written by Miss Hill, entitled "A Suggestion to those who have Beautiful Things," which contained an irresistible appeal for aid and sympathy in her wish to "diffuse a love of beautiful things among our poorer brethren." It was gratifying to observe from the reports of the society how steadily the sphere of its action had extended. No surer testimony could be given to the fact that the Kyrle Society was supplying a crying need than was afforded by the spectacle of volunteers enrolling themselves year after year in the ranks of the society. One of the first objects of the society was to secure the preservation of open spaces in poor neighbourhoods, for the purpose of laying them out as public gardens. His Royal Highness related the history of the movement in which the society took part, which resulted in the acquirement of Burnham Beeches by the Corporation of London, and in the resolution of the Surrey justices to preserve the site of Horsefonger-lane Gaol. The justices, he said, had decided to keep the ground in their own hands, and had referred to a Committee the question of the best means

of preserving the ground as an open space. They desired at the same time that some benevolent or public body should pay a moderate rental for the site, and the society was now negotiating with them on the subject. Negotiations were also in progress for the acquisition of two burial grounds at the back of the Foundling Hospital; but in this case there were legal hindrances which, it is hoped, may be removed by an Act of Parliament that had been drafted by a friend of the society. Another phase of the society's labours to which they attached special importance was the formation of a voluntary choir of singers, to give oratorios and concerts to the poor. The Committee charged with this branch of the work found some difficulty in obtaining the services of good amateurs—a difficulty which, His Royal Highness trusted, needed only to be made known to be overcome. The last object was the society's decoration by mural paintings, pictures, gifts of flowers, and other means, of workmen's clubs, schools, hospitals, and other buildings. This was the most actively prosecuted part of the society's operations. Many a barren dingy wall had thus been made to look gay and bright; and many a weary eye had rested gratefully on their loving handiwork. It was hoped, as the objects of the society became more widely known, that even more artistic help of a high character would be forthcoming. The number of applications for help in this direction was very great, and it was at present scarcely possible to keep pace with them all. He trusted he had said enough to elicit the sympathies and aid of all those who lived within reach of all that was beautiful and elevating, and to make them willing to extend those privileges to those who did not at present enjoy them.

Resolutions in support of the objects of the society were passed, and the proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Prince Leopold and the Princess Louise.

HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.

In one of the principal cities of Tennessee, some years since, a stranger desired to visit a lodge, and on presenting himself to the Tyler (who, by the way, was a German), obtained a Committee from the lodge to "examine" him. After the Committee and the visitor had been in the ante-room about ten minutes, they again appeared in the Tyler's room, and the Committee entered the lodge, leaving the "visitor" outside the lodge door. The Tyler at once took in the situation, and suggested to the stranger that perhaps he was a little "rusty," to which the stranger replied in a very animated tone, "Sir, I don't understand it. I retired with the Committee and produced my credentials, and they would not allow me to enter the lodge." "Credentials!" says the Tyler, "Vot vas dem?" "Sir," says the stranger, "here they are. Here are my diplomas—one as a Master Mason, and one as a Royal Arch; one as a Knight Templar, and a certificate, duly authenticated, that I am a 3^d Mason;" and becoming considerably more excited, he repeated, with considerable more force than elegance, "I don't understand it!" He then began to pace to and fro, saying he had been outrageously treated, and turning to our German friend, repeated: "I don't understand it!" This last repetition of his inability to understand it was more than the Tyler could stand, and he, becoming likewise excited, said: "Mine friend, dot is yooost exactly vot ish der madder mid you—you dond vnderstandt a ting apout it—and I tink you dond had better sthay aroundt here some more!"—*Masonic Age.*

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CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1873.

The consecration and dedication of the United Service Lodge, No. 1873, took place at Sussex Hall, Kingston, on Monday evening, the 6th December, 1880, the consecration service being ably performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. Altamont DeCordova, D.D.G.M., E.J., assisted by his Grand Wardens, the R.W. Bros. J. L. Ashenheim, and C. W. Tait. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. The following form the administration:—Bros. Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., W.M.; Dep. Commissary J. H. Pearson, P.M.; Captain W. Marvin, A.P.D., S.W.; M. P. Cormac McCormack, M.D., J.W.; F. S. Sanguinetti, S.D.; J. A. Harvey, J.D.; Lieut. A. R. Hampton, 2nd W.I. Regt. I.G.; Captain T. Bell, A.P.D., Treas.; John Lucie Smith, Sec.; Rev. Hugh Croskery, M.D., Chap.; A. H. Jones, Org.; Lieut. W. C. Hastings, R.N., Stewd.; Captain G. F. Coward, D. of C.; and George Magnus, Tyler.

KINGSTON.—Royal Keystone Lodge (No. 240).—At the ordinary meeting of the above lodge, Pro. No. 3, Mark Master Masons, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening, the 20th December, 1880, the Right Wor. Bro. A. DeCordova, P.G.M.W., acting for the Immediate Past Master, who was absent from sickness, installed Bro. E. X. Leon as Master for the ensuing year. The following are the officers of the administration, viz.: W. Bros. E. X. Leon, W.M.; G. J. Sargent, I.P.M.; B. Stines, jun., S.W.; Bros. T. N. Aguilar, J.W.; T. Demetrius, M.O.; J. M. Simpson, S.O.; A. P. Alberga, J.O.; M. C. Hendriks, Treas.; W. R. Ryder, Sec.; F. J. Fryer, Reg. of Mks.; A. Tripe, S.D.; J. F. Ward, J.D.; C. McL. Kerr, Dir. of Cer.; G. Levy, I.G.; J. Hayes, Tyler.

The Academy states that a collection of Gaelic proverbs, by Sheriff Nicholson, Kirkcudbright, will be issued immediately. The collection represents the labour of many years.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulation of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—[Advr.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The one hundred and twenty-second installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., the W.M., Bro. Thomas F. Collings, occupying the chair. There were present Bros. George Britton, S.W. and W.M. elect; James Harper, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Eames, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Ashwell, I.P.M.; James Norman, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; O. C. Sargeant, I.G.; Hy. Povey, Robert W. Coulcher, H. F. Griffin (Master of the Panmakers' Company); Thomas Witing, Joseph Corbett, B. Peart, W. Cook, John Frost, Mark Hubbard, W. J. E. Crane, B. Peart, jun., J. Miller, W. H. Keen, E. Y. Jolliffe, J. J. Slater, and J. Parkinson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Sir John Bennett, P.G. Steward; Wm. Winnett, 50; the Rev. J. Jackson Wray, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex; George Kenning, W.M. 1657, P.G.D. Middlesex; W. J. Dixon, 27; John F. Stone, 1033; P. Muller, 73; J. Davies, 1309; G. P. Britton, P.M. 183; C. Jenkinson, 1657; W. Greaves, and T. M. Norman.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. Edward Stanton Hopper, who had been proposed by Bro. George Britton, and seconded by Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M., was elected and duly initiated. Notices of motion for alteration of bye-laws, by Bros. E. F. Storr, P.M., and J. Harper, J.W., were postponed. Bro. George Britton was then presented and duly installed after which a Past Master's jewel was presented to the out-going W.M., Bro. T. F. Collings. The presentation was made by Bro. G. Britton, in an effective speech. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Thomas F. Collings, I.P.M.; John Harper, S.W.; John J. Slater, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treas.; Thomas R. Eames, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Henry Povey, S.D.; Robert Walpole Coulcher, J.D.; W. Cook, I.G.; Edward F. Storr, P.M., D. of C.; William Neats, W.S.; and J. Parkinson, Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, and subsequently the brethren dined together.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master," &c., having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City," the toast being acknowledged by Bro. Sir John Bennett, P.G. Steward. "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M." was given by Bro. T. Collings, I.P.M., and responded to, the W.M., in turn, giving "The Initiate," Bro. Hopper responding. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was next given, and responded to by Bro. E. F. Storr. That of "The Visitors," proposed in very cordial terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. G. P. Britton, of the Unity Lodge, followed, and then "The Treasurer and Hon. Secretary," which was replied to by Bro. T. A. Eames, P.M., who expressed great regret at the unavoidable absence of his colleague. "The Health of the Officers" and "Prosperity to the Lodge" was then given, and the official list closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening excellent songs were rendered by Bros. H. Povey, J. Harper, G. M. Vane, W. Winnett, Mark Hubbard, and others.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met for the dispatch of business on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Anderson's Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. Morrison, W.M.; Heaphy, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P. G.S. Middlesex, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Fromholz, W.S.; Kendall, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Green, P.M.; and C. Dairy, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Dickinson, Manchester; Little, Leopold; Tozer, Hemming, Peck, 951; and Coop, 1612.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Day was most ably passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual routine of toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very warm terms by Bro. Carter, in the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Morrison, in reply, said that he was pleased to see that, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the Lodge of Faith had mustered in good strength. He was gratified with the position which he held, as it was one that any Mason might well be proud of. The Faith Lodge had a very long history, and had possessed many distinguished Masons, and although he could not hope to equal those brethren in ability, yet he would strive to follow in their footsteps. He was supported by several able Past Masters and an efficient staff of working officers, and with their kind and valuable aid he did not fear for the result. In conclusion, he thanked them very sincerely for the hearty way in which they had drunk his health. "The Visitors" followed, and drew from Bros. Little, Coop, and others appropriate replies. "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. E. Hopwood, who responded in a speech of some length. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was very heartily recognised; and in acknowledging the compliment those worthy brethren—Bros. Carter and Stuart—among other things, expressed their intention of retaining their respective offices, and of discharging their duties to the best of their ability, as long as the brethren thought fit to honour them with their approval. The proceedings finished with the pledge of "The Officers," which toast was briefly replied to by Bros. Heaphy and Walls.

UNIVERSAL LODGE (No. 181).—This lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult., for ordinary business, and the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. As is well known in the Craft, the Universal is a very old lodge, and enjoys a high reputation for its working, as during the past year Bro. Edwin Howard has performed no less than fifty ceremonies, concluding on this evening by installing Bro. J. F. Hoddinott as his successor in the chair, who in due time appointed as his officers Bros. Haselline, as S.W.; Fryer, as J.W.; W. R. Norris, as S.D.; Lowe, as J.D.; and Layton, I.G.

After the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, when the customary Past Master's

jewels were presented to Bro. Howard (on retiring from chair), P.M. Bro. Roberts, and P.M. Bro. the Rev. T. Jones. The pleasures of the evening did not, however, end here, for it appeared the initiates and joining members of the year had been so gratified with the conduct and working of Bro. P.M. Howard, that, aided by the energies and "Hearty good wishes" of Bro. W. R. Norris (now S.D. of the lodge), and Bro. Leonard Laskey (the youngest initiate), they had raised a subscription to present him with a testimonial and extra jewel, on each of which appeared the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Edwin Howard, W.M. of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, for the year 1880, by his initiates and the brethren who joined the lodge during his year of office as a mark of their appreciation of his sterling qualities, both as a man and a Mason." As works of art both the jewel and testimonial deserve the highest praise, the latter beautifully emblazoned on vellum, and containing the signatures of the eighteen brethren who formed the subscribers. In addition to the members of the lodge there were several visitors, among whom may be mentioned Bros. Druet, P.M. 1223; J. W. George, P.M. 1309; G. M. Wall, P.M.; Cain, P.M. Mount Edgcombe; Collings, P.M. Neptune, 22; and Charles Johnson, Southern Cross, 672, Pernambuco, Brazil. After the banquet a most excellent concert of vocal music was given, and the lodge was closed in due form about 10.30 p.m.

FITZROY LODGE (No. 569).—The brethren of this lodge which consists of the officers and members of the Honourable Artillery Company celebrated their annual, installation meeting at the head-quarters on Friday, the 28th ult. A large and distinguished company were present, including Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Grand Master of Middlesex; Alderman David H. Stone, Past Grand Warden of England; Sir Charles Bright, Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Secretary; E. B. Bright, Grand Junior Warden Middx.; George Lambert, Past G.W. Herts.; Dr. Barringer, Past G.W. Herts.; George Motion, Past G.D. Essex; Christopher Rook, Past G.S.B. Herts.; Major Harding, P.G.S. Middx.; and R. P. Spice, P.G.S.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. J. Stohwasser, S.W., W.M. elect; W. G. Brighton, J.W.; Capt. R. Helsham, P.M., Treas.; Capt. J. Eglese, P.M. Sec.; Capt. W. J. Spicer, P.M.; W. H. Honey, P.M., D. of C.; Herbert J. Adams, P.M.; F. Graves, P.M.; R. G. Webster, P.M.; W. Birdseye, S.D.; C. W. J. Baker, J.D.; G. Enleher, I.G.; W. H. Bateman, and H. P. Matthews, Asst. D. of C.; and Goddard, Tyler. S. S. Alexander, W. R. Harrison, J. Williamson, E. Blanks, J. E. Fullager, W. T. Ansell, O. G. Newton, J. Pugh, John Pash, J. Pease, S. Rotto, A. M. Soull, T. E. H. Dadworth, J. A. Hunt, R. Senecal, jun., W. E. Williams, J. S. Simmonds, A. McKenzie, C. G. J. Port, G. Potter, H. Hamilton, G. Harrison, T. Best, W. Pain, jun., C. Rolfe, F. H. Smith, R. Birkett, W. J. Cox, H. J. Norris, H. Rawlins, Thomas Alashill, W. Hammond, A. Durrant, G. Marshall, H. Merceron, W. Carter, J. Quarm, H. Pouch, Er G. Stewart Roberts, and C. Corelli. The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 26th, and the emergency meeting on the 14th of January having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Sydney Walford, son of J. E. Walford, P.M. 177 and 1489, which proving unanimous in his favour, that gentleman having been properly prepared was admitted and impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The joining member Bro. Robert Senecal, jun., was then balloted for and declared unanimously elected. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with. The Installing Master, Bro. Captain Joseph Eglese, P.M., Sec., having taken the chair, Bro. Francis Joseph Stohwasser was presented, and having assented to the responsibilities attached to the office of Worshipful Master, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Eglese in a most able and impressive manner placed Bro. Stohwasser in the chair of K'S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the working tools in the several Degrees were presented, and the newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. Bro. Stohwasser appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. William Greene Brighton, S.W.; Wm. Birdseye, J.W.; Capt. R. Helsham, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Joseph Eglese, P.M., Sec.; C. W. J. Baker, S.D.; G. Fulcher, J.D.; W. H. Honey, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Bateman and H. P. Matthews, Asst. D. of C.; J. Pash, I.G.; and Goddard, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the W.M.'s first pleasing was to present his predecessor with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which Bro. J. C. Sanderson acknowledged in appropriate terms. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting table, the arrangement of which, for so large a number of guests, was very creditable to the ingenuity of D. of C., Bro. W. Honey, and the assistant D. of C.s, Bros. Bateman and Matthews. The handsome uniforms of the officers and brethren gave to the banqueting hall a most imposing effect, which was further enhanced by the regimental flags and other adornments, which were tastefully displayed. Bro. F. J. Stohwasser presided, supported on his right by Bros. Alderman David H. Stone, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Sir Charles Bright. At the conclusion of the dinner, which was most *recherché*, and exceedingly well served under the direction of Bro. F. W. Bolton, Suttler to the H.A.C. Grace was sung by the musical artists present. The first toast proposed was "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the "National Anthem," the solo parts being given by Miss Bertha Moore. The next toast was that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Captain-General and Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company, which was heartily and loyally received. The W.M. next proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.W. of England, who, on rising to respond, was heartily cheered. Bro. Stone said he deemed it a great honour to reply to this toast, including as it did the names of royal princes and the most noble in the land. It was to their great influence, doubtless, that the Craft had been brought to its present position. He had considered himself one of

the Prince of Wales's "first born," as on the occasion of the Grand Master's installation in 1875, while he, Bro. Stone, was Lord Mayor of London. His Royal Highness appointed him Junior Grand Warden. A similar honour had been conferred on the late Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, at the Grand Festival in April last. The I.P.M., Bro. J. C. Sanderson, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," observing that the good qualities that Bro. Stohwasser had exhibited and the able manner in which he had filled his duties as S.W., augured well for his year of office. The W.M. having acknowledged the toast, proposed "The Visitors," remarking that among them were many of distinguished position. He would ask Sir F. Burdett, Bart., and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, to respond. Sir Francis Burdett, in reply, expressed the very great pleasure he had in being present, feeling sure that all the visitors would agree with him that they could not have spent a more pleasant evening. Col. Clerke, in the course of his reply, assured the Worshipful Master that he had been charmed with the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by Eglese, and hoped that the acquaintances that he had made in the lodge that evening would last many years. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Sanderson, I.P.M., who in reply, thanked the Past Masters for their support during his year of office, which had been to him an extremely happy one. The W.M. had kindly permitted him to propose the next toast, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," at the festival of which he was going up as Steward, and hoped his list would be well supported by the brethren. Bro. Terry in the course of an eloquent reply, stated that there were already ninety-nine candidates for the twenty vacancies, and appealed to the brethren to support Bro. Sanderson's list generously, remarking that if each member of the lodge contributed one guinea, it would enable the Committee to admit five or six extra candidates at the next election in May. For the twenty guineas voted to his Institution in the lodge that evening he returned his sincere thanks. Bro. Walford having replied to the toast of "The Initiate," "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was given in hearty terms by the W.M. Bro. Capt. Helsham, P.M. and Treas., replied in facetious terms, concluding by paying some highly complimentary remarks to the father of the lodge, who had held the office of Sec. for upwards of twenty years, much to the advantage of the lodge. Bro. Eglese, P.M., also replied, "The Officers of the Lodge" having been acknowledged by Bro. Brighten, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening an excellent selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Past Grand Organist, by Miss Bertha Moore, R.A.M.; Miss Belval, Bros. Faulkner Leigh and Frederic Penna—several songs being heartily encored. Bro. Ganz presided at the solo pianoforte.

The following completes the list of visitors present: Bros. R. P. Spicer, P.G.S., P.M. 21; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., P.M. 435; E. B. Bright, G.J.W. Middlesex; Dr. Barrington, Past G.W. Herts, P.M. 194; James Terry, Past G.W. Herts, P.M. 228; George Motion, Past G.D. Essex, P.M. 453; Christopher Rook, Past G.S.B. Herts, P.M. 860; F. Leigh, Past G.O. Herts; S. J. Coles, Past G.P. Herts, I.P.M. 1327; R. Jeffs, W.M. 435; E. H. Williams, W.M. 1056; A. Wright, W.M. 1708; W. E. Williams, P.M. 162; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; J. E. Walford, P.M. 177, 1489; R. N. Field, P.M. 902; G. H. Wrigglesworth, P.M. 975; W. Penn, P.M. 1056; C. Hammerton, P.M. 1339; Wm. P. Brown, S.W. 90; James A. Reed, S.D. 1228; John F. Latham, S.D. 1714; E. P. Lewis, J.D. 754; Charles Kempton, J.D. 1287; Dr. H. Helsham, 19; Alfred Norris, 21; J. C. Bird, 91; John H. Blen, 95; E. Lardner, 101; Herbert Santer, 167; E. Maas, 173; R. Lindsey, 179; F. Penna, 211; H. W. Ridley, 298 (I.C.); Wm. Nicholas, 890; L. Parnwell, 1293; H. E. Bridgen, 1327; Percy Crampton, 1572; W. A. Burn, 1670; John P. Hamilton, 1700; and F. A. Kelly, 1524; (*Freemason*).

BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present: Bros. Gordon, S.W.; Boncey, P.M., as J.W.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Maple, as S.D.; Maybury, I.G.; Roberts, Stwd.; Gilbert, Tyler; Sadler, Tarr, Spratling, Wilson, Ward, Parnwell, and Griffiths. Visitors: Bros. Hopwood, P.M., &c.; Brown, S.W. 140; Blake, 507; Paterson, 1597; Spencer, 1597; and Joyce, 1601.

In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Pearce, P.M. and Secretary. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Kentish, J.W.; Shaboe, Chap.; and Phythian, P.M. Bro. Wilson was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. This being the installation meeting Bro. Gordon, S.W., was with all due formalities installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and appointed Bros. Kentish, S.W.; Sanders, J.W.; Shaboe, Chap.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Maybury, S.D.; Maple, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Spratling, M.C.; Tarr, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the usual pleasant banquet provided by Bro. Sadler.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

—A most successful meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, the principal attraction of the evening being the installation of Bro. Frederick Brasted by the father of the lodge, Bro. W. H. Lee, Sec., P.M. 975. The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. Henry Brand, assisted by Bros. Henry G. Buss, Assist. Grand Sec., P.M. (hon. mem.); F. Brasted, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Dignam, J.W.; C. W. Smyth, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; Neville Green, P.M.; C. Lorkin, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; A. Ferrar, I.G.; R. Polak, D.C.; R. George, Steward; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; D. Munro, J. T. Larter, W. Simpson, A. Leoffler, W. Wright, John Brewer, Edwin Woodman, W. J. Watkins, R. Dallas, J. H. Rich, Beasley, Harding, A. R. Olley, F. A. Kelly, and others.

The visitors included Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; John Mason, P.G.D. Middx., Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; John Noble, W.M. 975; N. Finch, W.M. 1365; G. W. Gilham, W.M. 1632; James Garnar, P.M. 975; W. Fieldwick, P.M. 1364; E. Somers, P.M. 1602; J. Glass, S.D. 453; Thomas Clark, J.D. 1178;

H. G. Banks, 179; W. Williams, 902; William Silver, 1056; C. Gieseka, 1227; T. G. Harris, 1278; J. F. Rothschild, 1288; F. Dickinson, 1298; C. Beckett, 1319; E. J. F. Bell, 1319; H. W. Schartan, 1549; A. Eldridge, 1585; and G. W. Larter, 1602.

The minutes of the November meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, which was most satisfactory to the brethren, was read and adopted. Ballot being taken for the initiate, Mr. John Walker Champneys was declared in his favour. The W.M., Bro. the Degree of M.M. Bro. Lee having assumed the chair, proceeded with the installation ceremony. Bro. F. Brasted was then presented to the Installing Master, and having been Brand, then in a masterly manner raised Bro. Simpson to duly obligated, the brethren below the chair retired, and during their absence, Bro. Brasted was installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, for the current year. On the return of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was formally proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, after which he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Dignam, S.W.; C. Lorkin, J.W.; W. H. Brand, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Smyth, S.D.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; A. Ferrar, I.G.; R. Polak, D.C.; R. George, S.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Lee concluded the ceremony which he had so admirably performed by impressively delivering the customary addresses to the Master, officers, and lay brethren. Bro. F. Brasted gave early proof of his efficiency for the office he had been unanimously elected to, by the very able manner in which he initiated Mr. John W. Champneys into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.

After a few matters of minor importance had been brought before the lodge by the Secretary, Bro. Lee, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar room, where an excellent banquet was provided and well served under the superintendence of Bro. Clemow. At the conclusion of dinner grace was sung, and on the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed in loyal terms the first toast, that of "The Queen and the Craft." This having been received in the customary hearty manner, the toast that followed was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. M.W.G.M.," in introducing which the W.M. said that the Craft had every reason to feel proud of having such an illustrious Prince to rule over them. Taking into consideration the vast number of duties H.R.H. performed, it was extremely gratifying to observe the great attention he paid to the Order and the pleasure he always exhibited at being present among them. In proposing the next toast, that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said, that in these distinguished noblemen they had two thorough working Masons, who, assisted as they were by the present efficient Grand Officers, carried out their important duties to the admiration and satisfaction of them all. He much regretted that Bro. Buss was not present to respond to this toast. Bro. Buss had been present in the lodge, but was obliged to leave after the installation, having to attend a chapter meeting in another part of the building. Bro. Brand then proposed the health of "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so said, that it was in his opinion the toast of the evening. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Brasted for many years, and it was with much gratification, and he was sure the same feeling was shared in by the whole of the members, that he saw him elevated to the chair. He, from personal experience, knew that their W.M. had worked hard in the lodge, had never flinched from any of his duties, or had been absent from a single meeting. The W.M., in returning thanks, said that after waiting some years, it was very gratifying to at last reach the distinguished position of W.M. He would try his utmost to carry out his duties faithfully, and with that good fellowship which was so essential to the good working of a lodge. Before resuming his seat Bro. Brasted proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," whom he congratulated upon having so successful a year of office, accompanied though it was with rather heavy working. He (Bro. Brasted) had the privilege and pleasure of presenting Bro. Brand with a very handsome jewel, unanimously voted him by the lodge. The W.M. then, with a few complimentary expressions, placed the jewel upon the breast of Bro. Brand, the act being heartily cheered by the members. In reply, the I.P.M. said, it was a source of the greatest pleasure to him to know that his services had been so satisfactory to the lodge as to be presented with so valuable a jewel. He felt great pride in being the I.P.M. of the lodge of which he was the first initiate, and in which he had served nearly every office. During his reign as W.M. he had been greatly assisted by his officers, to whom he acknowledged his indebtedness. The year 1880 would be in recollection to him a particular happy one, and it was his sincere wish to be spared to see all his junior officers pass the chair. The toast of "The Initiate" followed, Bro. Champneys suitably replying. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Noble, W.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, and Gilham, W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632. Bro. Noble, in the course of his reply, complimented the lodge, which he said was an offshoot of the "Rose of Denmark," upon the ability of its officers, and congratulated Bro. Lee on the very able and excellent manner in which he had installed the W.M. To Bro. Lee, the lodge of which he, Bro. Noble, was Master, the "Rose of Denmark," was greatly indebted for his Masonic knowledge and instruction. Bro. Gilham, in reply, said he had never spent a happier evening. He had very great pleasure in visiting this lodge, as so many of his friends were included in those present. He knew the W.M. had been working hard for the chair, and congratulated him upon reaching it, and hoped he would have a proud and happy year of office. Bro. Brasted in proposing "The Masonic Charities," observed that they had every reason to be proud of those noble Institutions, and the way they were conducted and supported. He took this opportunity of announcing his intention of representing the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which takes place on the 23rd inst. Bro. Neville Green P.M., acted as Steward for the Royal Masonic Girls' School, in April last, which resulted in a total of £75 19s.; while the joint Stewardships of Bro. Brand, W.M., and Bro. Smyth, Treasurer, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, benefited that Institution by the sum of £58 1s. He hoped to receive the same support for the old people. The merits of the Institution would, he felt sure, be fully ex-

plained by Bro. Mason, whom he would call upon to respond. Bro. Mason, in reply, said, while thanking the brethren for the noble way they had supported the Charities in the past, forcibly impressed upon them the urgent necessities of the Institution which he represented, pointing out the desirability of constantly giving what they could afford to the particular Charity most in need at the time. If ever there was a period when the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution needed it most he ventured to think it was the present. There were ninety-nine deserving cases seeking admission at the next election in May, and only twenty vacancies. He was proud to learn that the lodge had sent up £140 last year to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and they were to be congratulated on the fact that the money was from the lodge and members, and not from outside sources. He trusted the W.M. would be supported liberally by the brethren in his laudable undertaking. Bro. John Mason's earnest appeal realised the handsome sum of twenty-five guineas, and the promise of Bro. Garnar, P.M. 975, to act as a Steward. "The Past Masters" was then proposed in complimentary terms by the W.M., and Bro. N. Green, P.M., made a suitable reply. In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. alluded in flattering terms to the services of these brethren, more especially Bro. Lee, P.M. and Secretary, who, having been the first W.M. of the lodge, had been unceasing in his efforts to promote its welfare. Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. and Secretary, responded, and congratulated the W.M. upon his accession to the chair under such favourable auspices, and expressed his great gratification at the position the lodge had attained. Bro. Dignam, S.W., and Bro. Lorkin, J.W., responded for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening, which was enhanced by the musical abilities of Bro. E. J. F. Bell.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

The members of the above lodge held their regular meeting at their new quarters, the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 20th ult. The W.M., Bro. Pennefather, assisted by Bro. T. Butt, W.M. 907, acting S.W., and Bro. MacButt, J.W., opened the lodge, and the minutes of previous regular, and emergency, meetings were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Cooper, Thornton, Brasher, and Harman, which proved unanimous, and the first named three gentlemen being present were regularly admitted into the ancient Order, the ceremony being ably rendered by the W.M. Bro. Brickdale was also passed nearer to the next, the W.M. recalled the newly made members, and a discussion ensued on a subject the brethren had been previously apprised of by summons, and on division was lost. The W.M. then rose and explained the cause of the present meeting at the "Hall," which was owing to their having to beat a hasty retreat from their old meeting house, and concluded his address by proposing that the West Smithfield Lodge for the future do hold its meetings at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. T. Butt, acting S.W., rose to second the proposition, and expressed the pleasure he felt in doing so; he could speak from practical knowledge of the comfortable arrangements made for them at the "Hall," for many years he had attended the meetings of his mother lodge, which was still held there—in fact he was initiated there, and he certainly regarded the West Smithfield Lodge with every affection. It first saw existence at his own house, where it certainly proved successful, and he had done his best to make it so, and hoped while he lived to remain a member of the lodge. He trusted the younger members would work together, and get the lodge to contribute yearly to all the Charities, for in them lay all real Freemasonry. He had himself elected to stand Steward for the Aged Freemasons at the coming festival, and if members could make it convenient to subscribe to his list he would feel very gratified. They could give what they liked, it would be thankfully received; and he now begged to second the proposition of the W.M. The same was ably supported by Bros. Lardner, King, Greenwood, and others; and having been put to the consideration of the lodge, was unanimously carried. The W. Master rose and observed that a very pleasing duty, long deferred, had now involved upon him, which was to place on the breast of his predecessor the well-earned jewel of the lodge. Bro. Howes was so well known and beloved by them all that the lodge did not require him to tell them, so he would, therefore, pin the lodge's presentation upon his breast, and trusted he would long be spared to wear it. The I.P.M., in returning thanks, observed that he was already a P.M. of two other lodges, and never intended to have passed the chair again, desiring to prepare others for that honour, but ill-health and loss of memory had caused him to neglect his lodge, and allowed him to run out of limits, which cost him his position in the Craft, and gave him serious regret, and determined him to qualify himself again as soon as possible; and he thanked the lodge for having conferred that honour upon him. Their grant to him was very handsome, and to make it more so, he had added half as much again, so that it should stand out as the badge of the prodigal's return. He could assure them he had the lodge at heart, and would do all in his power for them.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren accompanied the W.M. to refreshment, at which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. proposed "The Initiates," and, in doing so, felt he would not be out of order in stating that they had admitted three gentlemen that evening who would prove to be excellent brothers, having already shown themselves such by subscribing to Bro. Butt's list. He was not one who thought it prudent to ask initiates to subscribe on their introduction, but on the mention of Bro. Butt's Stewardship by Bro. Lardner they at once evinced a desire to support him. For himself he must submit that his opinion of them had not been over estimated; he, therefore, called upon the brethren to join him in the toast. Bros. Cooper, Brasher, and Thornton responded in suitable terms, pleading inability to express what they felt, but hoped to be able to do so upon some future occasion. The W.M., in reply to the toast proposed on his behalf, thanked them very much for the cordiality shown to him. He knew that he had their entire confidence, and with such support he intended not only to get the lodge out of debt, but to see it in a good financial condition before he retired from the chair as W.M. He might say, with their assistance, he had already performed one part of the promise, and hoped that that

evening the debt would be cleared off, and likewise that at the next audit of accounts they would have to record a balance. He thanked them one all for the support rendered him, and further asked them to continue to exert themselves to assist him in his determination. Other usual toasts followed, and were responded to by the visitors and officers of the lodge, after which the brethren separated.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual meeting of this old lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at five o'clock, at the Masonic Hall. A goodly number of brethren honoured the occasion. In the absence of the W.M., through domestic bereavement, the lodge was opened by Past Master Bro. McKay, Prov. G.S. Warden, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Bower, P.M., was now invited to take the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. J. H. Hogg, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. McKay, and installed in the chair of K.S. The whole of the ceremony and the addresses to each officer were rendered in ample form. Bro. McKay gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. A banquet followed.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Monday evening, the 31st ult. The W.M., Bro. Dr. A. H. Young, was supported by Bros. Charles E. Hindley, I.P.M.; James Paterson, S.W.; J. Paul Rylands, J.W.; Thomas Grime, S.D.; Charles Skinner, J.D.; Thos. Tunstall, P.M., Treasurer, as I.G.; W. Sharp, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Sec.; Dr. Mackie; W. Warner; W. H. Robinson, P.M.; Thomas Robinson; W. Ashurst, 1250; T. Eastham, 333; and Domville, Tyler.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. Warner was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M., the whole of the beautiful ceremony being worked by the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Bowes; the working tools were explained by the J.W., Bro. J. Paul Rylands. The Deaconate of Bro. Thomas Grime was marked by precision and accuracy, as, indeed, was the whole of the long ceremony. A joining member was then proposed, and the remaining business transacted, and the brethren separated in harmony.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The annual installation ceremony of this lodge took place on the 20th ult., at their lodge rooms, Armstrong's Buildings, which have been considerably improved during the past year by the liberality of the landlord, Bro. C. F. Armstrong, the brethren present numbering over one hundred, it being the largest Masonic gathering ever assembled in a lodge room in Gibraltar, among whom we noticed Bros. Rev. Stewart Patterson, D.G.M. of Manitoba, I.P.M.; B. White; P.M.'s E. Bacon, J. Cunningham, E. J. Barker, of 153; W. F. Cottrell, W.M.; C. Johnson, I.P.M. of 278; M. D. Kennedy, P.M.; Moore Keys, J.W. 278; W. A. Syms, Sec. 278; Rev. W. H. Bullock, Acaia Lodge; E. Valarino, and L. Luque, P.M.'s 115; A. Ross, W.M. 325; J. Bell, W.M. elect, 325; and W. D. Rix, P.M.; Marsh and Ellis, of Lodge 398, Royal Standard, and others. Letters were read from several brethren regretting their enforced absence, including one from the D.D.G.M. of Gibraltar, Bro. G. J. Gillard stating that an engagement with his Excellency the Governor prevented his attendance, congratulating the W.M. elect, and heartily wishing him, and them, all a very prosperous year. Bro. W. Hayward Allen, the newly elected W.M., was then duly installed into the chair, by the I.P.M. Bro. Broster White, who rendered the beautiful and impressive ceremony with much pathos, and who was listened to with rapt attention by the crowded lodge. The officers invested for the ensuing year were as follows: Bros. P. Lyons, S.W.; J. W. Phillips, J.W.; M. A. McInermy, Sec.; C. T. Armstrong, Treas.; J. King, P.S.W., Org.; C. Rennyson, S.D.; A. McDonald, J.D.; E. Fernandez, I.G.; H. Ghio, Tyler. Bro. Azopardi, who has for the past two years conducted the office of Steward, very kindly at the earnest request of the brethren consented to again undertake the duty; the W.M. addressing a few words of congratulations to each, and impressing on them the great importance of punctuality in their attendance, also the necessity for their acquiring a thorough knowledge of their work; concluding by proposing, in very cordial terms, a vote of thanks to the I.P.M., Bro. B. White, stating that the manner in which he had rendered the ceremony formed a fitting conclusion to the already felicitous record of his year of office, who in reply thanked the W.M., Officers, and brethren for their expressions of good will towards him, stating he had simply done his duty, and while he remained among them, that he should always try and do, to the utmost of his power. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the large gathering sat down to a very comfortable and enjoyable spread in their supper room, when a thoroughly pleasant and happy evening was spent, the room again this year having been profusely and handsomely decorated by Mrs. Button (the wife of Bro. Button, P.S.D.), who had always taken a very keen interest in the Inhabitants Lodge, from the night of her husband's connection with it. The W.M., in the course of the evening, speaking in grateful terms of her kindness towards him and the lodge, requested Bro. Button to assure her how sincerely her kindness was appreciated. The singing of Bros. Cottrell, Bawn, Johnson, W. D. Kennedy, Gunn, Wilson, Stewart, Rix, Livingstone, Lane, Lyons, Rennyson, and McInermy greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. At a subsequent and regular meeting of the lodge, in the presence of the D.G.M. and D.D.G.M. of Gibraltar, Bro. G. J. Cornwall, Bro. J. J. Gilbard, and a very large number of brethren, a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel (which had been unanimously voted) was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. B. White. The D.G.M., in making the presentation, spoke of the valuable services Bro. White had rendered the Inhabitants Lodge, alluding particularly to his admirable working, and concluding by stating that he never remembered a more worthy recipient of a Past Master's jewel. The I.P.M. very feelingly replied, stating that it would ever be treasured by him, and after him by his children, and that it would constantly remind him of the duty he owed to the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 103).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. The notoriety which this lodge has

attained throughout the province, for the excellence of its working, the unanimity and concord which at all times prevail amongst its members, and the munificent donations which it is has given to the three Charitable Institutions, as well as the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution, has caused it to be recognised as the lodge "par excellence" in the province. We have visited this lodge on many occasions, and have seen the full quantum of five ceremonies worked in one evening, and each and all performed in a thoroughly systematic, business-like, yet unostentatious manner by the then presiding W.M., assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge; and this fact, added to the unflinching attention and hospitality that is shown to every visiting brother, produces in the minds of each recipient of this kindness a feeling of admiration in the one case, and satisfaction in the other. We have the greatest pleasure in recording a few instances of the charitable disposition shown by this lodge towards our three London Institutions. The lodge, by their donations and subscriptions, as entitled in all to 78 votes from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; 37 from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (33 of which are in perpetuity); 76 votes from the Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons (Male Fund), 62 (Female Fund); and 141 votes from the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution—making a grand total of 394 votes for the four Institutions. These facts speak for themselves.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; Alfred Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; H. Walley, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Walley, Sec.; Joseph Senior, S.D.; J. H. Greenwood, Org.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; W. Livesey and John Studd, Stewards; J. Kerk, Tyler; George F. East, P.M.; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; W. Robinson, P.M.; W. Rome, P.M.; J. K. Taylor, Jas. Hilton, Geo. F. Moyle, Wm. Siddeley, Alfred Young, D. D. Macpherson, G. A. Kershaw, B. B. Dakeyne, Joseph Clemmey, Thos. Nowell, Phillip Casper, Jno. B. Sumner, A. Scott, A. McMillan, W. S. Dunn, and W. Cowell.

The visitors were Bros. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.P.S.G.W.; Ellis Jones, P.G. Treas.; A Morrison, W.M. 1055; Jno. G. Bromley, W.M. 1375; E. Humphreys, P.M. 204; J. Gibb Smith, P.M. 44; J. G. Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; Sydney Henson, P.M. 317; James Batty, I.P.M. 1387; Samuel Studd, P.M. 1375; W. F. Parkinson, W.M. 44; J. L. Hare, 172; C. T. Savile, 1375; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; N. Dumville, P.M. 152, 322; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; J. W. Allison, P.M. 993; W. Jackson, 1140; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055; A. H. Jeffries, P.M. 1161; Jas. Laidlaw, P.M. 1375; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and when the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Heald, was proceeded with by Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M. (Installing Master). It is needless to say that the ceremony was performed in its entirety with Bro. East's well-known ability. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, S.W.; Joseph Senior, J.W.; J. Wildgoose, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Livesey, Sec.; Wm. Siddeley, S.D.; Benj. Williams, jun., J.D.; J. H. Greenwood, Org.; W. D. Waddell, I.G.; John Studd, J. Kidson Taylor, D. D. Macpherson, and John Bird Sumner, Stewards. These last four brethren were not invested for some inexplicable reason. The addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M. The Treasurer, Bro. Henry Walley, P.M., announced the receipt of a letter from Bro. Terry, Secretary of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, acknowledging with gratitude a cheque for seventy guineas, which had been granted to that noble Institution from the funds of the lodge. Bro. Walley also announced that the sum of twenty guineas had been sent to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution. We had almost forgotten to state that a vote of thanks was most deservedly proposed, seconded, and carried to Bro. Walley for his arduous and faithful services while acting as Treasurer during the past year. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.30.

A most *recherché* banquet, which had been provided for the brethren by that able caterer, Bro. Phillips, was done full justice to, and at its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, responded to, and ably dilated on by each proposer, that of "The Masonic Charities" being most exhaustively treated by Bro. J. L. Hine, in the course of which that "champion of charity" eulogised the prodigious efforts which the Integrity Lodge had successfully made for some years past towards so noble an object as alleviating the distress of their poorer brethren, and providing for the comfort of the widows and orphans. A splendid musical programme was ably gone through by Bros. Nathaniel and William Dumville, Mark Stafford, and others, whilst Bro. Claton, 277 Oldham, did good service at the piano. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge, whose warrant bears date in the year 1705, and from whose ranks of Past Masters there are numbered most of the leading working members of the Craft of Norwich, was held at the Masonic Club Rooms, 23, St. Giles-street, on the 18th ult. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. E. H. Watson, P.G.A.D.C., assisted by Bros. George Kersey, S.W., W.M. elect; George Baxter, P.M. 807, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., acting J.W.; C. E. Sexton, S.D.; W. J. Butler, acting J.D.; A. E. Le Good, I.G.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Secretary; S. N. Berry, W.M., 807, P.G.S. of W., Org.; T. C. R. King and E. C. Thompson, Stewards; Joshua Morse, Tyler; J. Stanley, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; O. D. Ray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Samuel Matthews, Samuel Griffin, Thomas Smith, jun., and others.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there were but few of the members present; several of the brethren living in the county were unable to get to Norwich, the roads being impassable. The visitors included Bros. H. G. Barwell, P.M. 52, P.P.G.S.D., P.G.S.; Hugh Fox, W.M.; W. Holloway, 93; Arthur J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; George Green, W.M. elect; James J. Hunt, Henry Rosling, J. W. Browne, 807; Henry Burgess, 943; W. H. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Bullard, W.M. 1500, D. of C. 1808. The minutes of the previous meeting

having been read and confirmed and the lodge duly opened in the several Degrees, Bro. George Kersey was presented for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was duly placed in the chair of K.S.; Bros. J. E. H. Watson and James Dunsford performing the ceremony in a highly impressive and efficient manner. On the return of the brethren Bro. Kersey was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form. He afterwards appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. C. Fendick, S.W.; C. Sexton, J.W.; A. E. Le Good, S.D.; T. C. R. King, J.D.; W. J. Butler, I.G.; Harold Youngman, Sec.; S. A. Berry, Org.; E. C. Thompson, T. Smith, jun., Stewards. George Baxter was then unanimously elected Treas.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. E. H. Watson for his services during the past year.

The business of the lodge being over, it was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room to an excellent banquet, admirably provided by Bro. E. Wilkin. The supper being over the usual loyal and Craft toasts were proposed, and responded to in a very hearty manner. Bro. J. E. H. Watson proposed the toast of "The Recently Installed W.M., Bro. G. Kersey," which was heartily responded to, and duly acknowledged by him. The W.M. afterwards proposed the toast of "Bro. J. E. H. Watson," and in doing so spoke highly of the manner in which the I.P.M. had conducted the business of the lodge and its working during the past year, and amidst the applause of the brethren, presented him with an exceedingly handsome P.M.'s jewel. The jewel has engraved on the back of the square the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. James E. H. Watson, P.M. Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, on leaving the chair, as a token of the respect and esteem of the brethren, January 18th, 1881." Bro. Watson in returning thanks expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kind expression of feeling towards himself and for their handsome present, and hoped that he would be spared for many years with health and strength to wear it at their lodge. In the course of the evening the health was proposed of "Bro. Harold Youngman," the honoured Secretary, whose presence at the lodge, notwithstanding his affliction, afforded great pleasure to the brethren, and the toast of his health was very heartily given and duly acknowledged. Several other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the brethren parted about 12.30, having spent a very pleasant evening. Some capital songs, glees, and duets were sung by the brethren and visitors present.

NOTTINGHAM.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 402).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the George Hotel. There were present Bros. Job, W.M.; Dobbin, Chap.; Bromley, Sec.; Seaton, S.D.; Stubbs, D.C.; Hetherington, Tyler; Norton, P.M.; Hathwaite, P.M.; Hatherly, P.M.; Goodall, P.M.; Watson, P.M., D.P.G.M.; Bradley, Story, Sanders, Nicholson, and Powell. Visitors: Bros. Wragg, 411, 1403; Bussell, 939; Truman, 411; Wallis, 850; Lawson, 1852; Newenham, 1 (Ireland); King, 1661; Wright, 1434; Thompson, 411, 1434; and Perry, 1434. The lodge having been opened, Mr. Evan Powell was initiated and Bro. Nicholson passed. Bro. Bromley having been installed as W.M., he invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Dobbin, S.W.; Seaton, J.W.; Hall, Chap.; Jacoby, Treas.; Stubbs, Sec.; Poyntz, S.D.; Bradley, J.D.; Parkinson, I.G.; and Hetherington, Tyler.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 603).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Town Hall. Owing to the tremendous snowstorm which prevailed on that day none but the members of the lodge actually resident in the town were able to attend—the roads being blocked in every direction. The gathering, therefore, was a very small one. The W.M. elect, Bro. Harry Howse, who had filled the office of S.W. for the past year, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the Prov. G. Reg. of Wilts, Bro. William Nott, P.P.G.W., who afterwards delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The officers for the ensuing year were installed and invested as follows: Bros. W. H. Burt, I.P.M.; J. A. Randell, S.W.; G. S. A. Waylen, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; W. Nott, P.M., Sec.; S. M. Badham, S.D.; W. H. Bush, J.D.; T. Waite, P.M., M.C.; F. S. Hancock, I.G.; T. C. Hopkins and W. H. Butcher, Stewards; and J. Hayter, Tyler. A brother from Canada was proposed as a joining member, and after the alms bag had, as usual, been sent round in aid of the Lodge Charity Fund, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their annual banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which, with accustomed liberality, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Eylestone Park, contributed a liberal supply of venison and game.

CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 699).—On Monday, the 24th ult., this lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. Townshend Boscawen, P.P.G. Chap., in the chair, the ceremony being impressively conducted by Bro. J. Hooper, P.M.M. 699, assisted by the following Past Masters of Boscawen Lodge: Bros. S. G. Moyle, P.P.G.S.; Bro. J. Niness, P.P.G.R.; Paull, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Hall, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Bray, W. P. Hugoc, P.P.G.S.; S. Mitchell, P.P.G.S.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Rapson, W. T. Davey, J. A. Moyle, and Bro. F. J. Lee, I.P.M. The W.M. invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. John Estwick, S.W.; W. A. Bennett, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, Chap.; J. Niness, Treas.; C. Rapson, Sec.; W. Bray, Ass. Sec.; H. Searle, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; James Webb, O.; G. H. Boscawen, D.C.; W. Odgers and Thos. Martin, Stewards; F. Jones, I.G.; and W. Lean and John Paull, jun., Tylers. The W.M. was elected and accepted the office of Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The business being concluded and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the able and agreeable presidency of the W.M., the S.W. filling the vice-chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with some capital songs by Bros. J. F. Hooper, J. A. Moyle, Rowe, of Camborne, and others, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, one of the most successful festivals that has ever taken place at the Boscawen was enjoyed, concluding with a toast to "The Host and Hostess" (Bro. and Mrs. Jones, of the Britannia Hotel), who were highly eulogised by the proposer, and

heartily applauded by the company, for the high class character of the viands, &c., everything being all that could be desired. The fine hall occupied by the lodge will be dedicated by the Prov. G.M. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe in the spring.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. H. Trevett, W.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M.; P.P.G.P.; T. Chesworth, P.M.; P.P.G.D. of C. Cheshire; W. Vaughan, P.M.; M. Hart, P.M. 1502, S.W.; G. Gordon, J.W.; Robt. Cain, P.M.; Treas.; J. Pendleton, Sec.; J. Comins, S.D.; J. Humphreys, J.D.; D. Davies, I.G.; D. Stones, E. R. Hoblin, F. Wilson, and D. Thomson. Visitors: Bros. W. T. May, P.M. and Sec. 673; J. Boyle, W.M. 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220 and 1299; Wm. Whitehead, J.D. 673; Robt. Bethel, S.S. 1994; J. Trevor, 32; J. Shearer, 203; R. Wilson, 1035; E. Allen, 786; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 294 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock p.m. by the W.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Crespian, who was declared duly elected, and he being in attendance was prepared for initiation, the working tools being presented and explained by the J.W.; the charge being delivered by the S.W. in a very impressive manner. Bro. McFarland was passed to the Degree of F.C., the tools in this Degree being presented by the S.W. The W.M. having delivered the lecture on the tracing board, the lodge was closed down. Bro. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treasurer, brought before the lodge the case of the widow and children of a late brother, and, upon the motion of Bro. Ballard, the sum of two pounds was granted; one pound was also granted to relieve a distressed brother. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a pleasant evening was spent.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult., and when it became known that Lord Suffield, the R.W.P.G.M., had signified his intention of honouring the lodge by his presence, a goodly number of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present Worshipful Masters, officers, and brethren assembled in lodge to do honour to his lordship. The lodge was opened about 6.30 by the retiring W.M., Bro. S. N. Berry, P.G.S. of W., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. E. Pankhurst, I.P.M.; George Green, W.M. elect, S.W.; H. Youngman, P.M. 213, P.P.G.S. of W., acting J.W.; James Hunt, S.D.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.D.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Thomas Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; Robt. A. Madge, Org.; Henry Rosling, I.G.; and W. Murrell, Tyler. There were also present, being members of the lodge, Bros. A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robt. Baldry, P.M.; J. W. Taylor, jun., P.M.; George Thurkettle, P.M.; Thomas Winter, J. Holt, J. Juler, M. J. Bailey, J. W. Bateman, W. N. Cooper, J. W. Browne (*Freemason*), W. Tuddenham, P. Soman, Chas. Holborn, H. Lacey, and Payne. Among the visitors were Bros. A. H. Santy, W.M.; H. G. Barwell, P.M., P.G.S. of No. 52; James Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; C. H. Capon, P.M.; Hugh Fox, W.M.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G.T.; John Moore, P.M. P.G.S.D.; J. H. Brockbank; George Jewson, P.G. Steward, of No. 93; H. Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; James E. H. Watson, I.P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Stanley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; O. D. Ray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James S. Offord, P.M.; George Kersey, W.M., and Chas. E. Sexton, of No. 213; W. Green, 376; R. C. Rawlings; James Berry, 838; T. Ballard, P.M.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40; E. H. Jones, G. W. G. Barnard, R. J. Mills, and J. H. Ladyman, of No. 943; J. H. Guyton, 1426; F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Bullard, W.M.; J. Weyer, P.G. Steward; R. H. Gissing, C. J. Campling, and J. J. Hoskin, of No. 1500; F. B. Ouinton, P.M. 213, 1500, 1808, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.G.R.; and Bishop.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. C. Holborn to the Degree of F.C., at the conclusion of which the P.G.M. entered the lodge, accompanied by his officers, and took his seat at the right of the W.M. The installation of Bro. George Green then proceeded, the duty of which was divided between Past Masters A. J. Berry and Robt. Baldry, who carried out the ceremony with such excellence as to evoke the expressed admiration of the P.G.M. and the brethren present. The installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Henry Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne, J.D.; Thos. Winter, I.G.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary (re-appointed); Thomas Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; R. A. Madge, Organist (re-appointed); W. N. Cooper and Payne, Stewards. Bro. J. W. Lacey, P.M., was afterwards duly elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Murrell, Tyler (re-appointed).

At the conclusion of the lodge business the P.G.M. then, to the regret of the brethren, left the lodge, he being unable to attend the banquet, owing to a family bereavement. The brethren then proceeded to the banqueting room, where a most sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Bro. E. Wilkin, the Steward of the Masonic Club, and which was given to Bro. S. N. Berry on his retiring from the chair. The room had been tastefully and beautifully decorated, and presented a very animated appearance. Among the banners was one which had been that day presented by Bro. Rawlings, from Boston, Lincolnshire, bearing the name of the founder of the lodge, the late P.G.M., Bro. B. B. Cabbell, and was placed at the back of the chair. About sixty brethren sat down to the banquet. At the conclusion thereof the usual toasts were proposed, among them being the toast of "The Retiring W.M., Bro. S. N. Berry," which was proposed by the Installed W.M., Bro. Geo. Green, in terms of the highest praise, and was enthusiastically received by the brethren present. In the course of his remarks, the W.M. presented Bro. S. N. Berry with an exceedingly handsome Past Master's locket-jewel, bearing on the back the following inscription: "Presented by the members of Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, Norwich, to Bro. S. N. Berry, P.M., on retiring from the chair, in recognition of his valuable services. January 27th, 1881." Bro. S. N. Berry returned thanks, and other toasts being proposed were duly acknowledged. Bro. S. N. Berry is to be

congratulated on the success of his year's working and the progress made by him in Masonry; he retires from the chair with the well-wishes of the brethren. In the new Master the lodge will assuredly retain its prestige, and continue to be one of the best working lodges in the province. Several glees by the Cabbell Glee Party were beautifully rendered by its members, Bros. E. Wilkin, J. Berry, H. A. W. Reeves, J. W. Brown, A. J. Berry, and S. N. Berry, assisted by the Organist, Bro. R. A. Madge, which contributed in no small measure to the harmony of the evening. Songs were also sung by Bros. J. H. Brockbank, R. Baldry, and W. Green.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Lion Hotel. Among those present were Bros. T. W. Ockenden, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S. Middx., S.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. Middx., Treasurer, acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Secretary; Jessett, I.P.M.; Tozer, W.S.; Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. Tozer, 1326; and H. Jones, 1326. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs Ransford and Dohoo were initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in a manner that did him an infinite amount of credit. The sum of ten guineas having been unanimously voted to head the list of Bro. Jessett, I.P.M., as Steward of the forthcoming festival of the R.M.B.I., the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given briefly, but pertinently, from the chair, and most heartily honoured. W. Bro. W. Hammond acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." In giving "The Health of the W.M." the I.P.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing so excellent a Master. He ventured to say that the ceremony of initiation had never been better performed in the Hemming Lodge than it had been that evening. The W.M.'s year of office had begun well, and he trusted that nothing would occur to mar its prosperity. This toast having been warmly drunk, the W.M. briefly responded. "The Initiates" followed. In proposing this pledge the W.M. expressed his acknowledgment to the newly-made brethren in having shown great zeal in coming so many miles in such terrible weather to be initiated. He hoped that they had been impressed with the ritual of Freemasonry, and that they would never regret the step they had taken that evening. The initiates having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed, and it was responded to by Bros. Tozer and Jones. "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Jessett, I.P.M., who duly acknowledged the compliment, and the toast of "The Officers," responded to by Bros. Hopwood, Hammond, and Walls, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, who was supported by a full complement of officers and numerous members. Mr. J. F. Doyle was initiated and Bros. Rawlings and Hemming (Witty Watty Walton) were raised to the Degree of M.M. The brethren banqueted after business, and during the evening an excellent entertainment was given by Bros. Roberts, Ricketts, Woolrich, Brammall, and Burgess (Organist).

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, close to Hackney Downs Junction, on Monday, January 17th, Bro. H. Seymour Clarke presiding as W.M., supported by Bros. S. Crane, 933, S.W.; Franckel, J.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, Preceptor; Goddard, McDonald, Partridge, Loring, Kimbell, Hildreth, and others. The lodge being opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Partridge answered the questions, and was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, and Bro. McDonald was assisted by Bro. Loring in working the First Section. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. McDonald worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by Bros. Kimbell and Partridge. Lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. S. Crane, 933, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday, Jan. 31. The lodge was then closed in due form.

On Monday, January 24th, the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, who has rendered such excellent services to Craft Masonry for a number of years, that to record his presiding is alone evidence of the efficiency of the work. The chair of S.W. was most ably filled by Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, who acted in the regretted absence of Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 534 and 933. Bro. Hildreth acted as J.W. The Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:

FIRST LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	...	Bro. J. Loring, 171.
2nd " ...	...	" Macgregor, 1445.
3rd " ...	...	" Robson, 1445.
4th " ...	...	" Goddard, 1445.
5th " ...	...	" McDonald, 1445.
6th " ...	...	" Pavitt, 860.
7th " ...	...	" McDonald, 1445.
SECOND LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	...	Bro. Kimbell, 1445.
2nd " ...	...	" Partridge, 1445.
3rd " ...	...	" F. C. D. Fenn, 171.
4th " ...	...	" Cundick, 1421.
5th " ...	...	" Worsley, 860.
THIRD LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	...	Bro. J. P. Cohen, 205.
2nd " ...	...	" Job, 1076.
3rd " ...	...	" Myers, 1445.

After resuming in the First Degree, votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. for his very excellent working, the S.W. for his able services, and also to those brethren who had so materially added to the pleasure and enlightenment of all present by their masterly rendering of the various Sections, the whole working being worthy of record. Bros. Worsley, 860, the Secretary, and Pavitt, 860, the worthy host of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, were then, with Bro. Hildreth, elected honorary members. We were glad to see amongst the numerous visitors Bros. John Constable,

185; W. J. Smith, 860; Wooding, 1306; Couture, 1306; Robson, 960; Bellerbee, 65; R. Bayley, 45; S. Crane, 933; Guthrie, Harlow, Wendover, Fenn, 171, and many others.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Stramongate, at three o'clock on Friday, the 28th ult. The Principals having initiated the proceedings, the rest of the companions were admitted. The routine business being completed, Ex. Comp. John Boves, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., took the chair as Installing Principal, when Ex. Comps. Nelson, Godfrey, and Bell were severally presented by Ex. Comp. McKay, P.Z., P.G.S.E., and installed according to ancient custom. A cordial vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Principal, the chapter was closed.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—At the regular meeting of this chapter on Wednesday, the 26th ult., the following brethren were elected to the various offices: Comps. George Balmford, Z.; J. M. Meek, H.; A. Buckle, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Treasurer; George Kirby, S.E.; M. Rooke, S.N.; and W. H. Gainforth, P.S. After the conclusion of the business, the companions met at supper, the evening being enlivened by glee singing, &c.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Chapter (No. 673).—An emergency meeting of this large and flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 19th ult., under the presidency of Comps. David Jackson, M.E.Z.; William Brackenbury, M.E.H.; and George Musker, M.E.J., for the purpose of exalting Bro. Moses James Ledlum, of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, an African merchant of considerable standing in Opobo, South Africa. The whole of the ceremony was conducted in a very efficient manner by the various officers of the chapter. At the close of business the companions adjourned to refreshments, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, Comp. W. T. May, P.Z., was called upon to give "The Health of the Newly Exalted Companion." In responding, Comp. Ledlum, in a very fluent and excellent speech, expressed his gratitude for having been exalted to the summit of Masonry, and spoke of the great pleasure this honour would afford to his numerous personal friends on his return home to resume business. He also stated that he could not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing his own and his countrymen's great thankfulness for the blessings his native land had received from the beneficent influence exercised at all times on their behalf by their great protector, Queen Victoria, and the English nation, to whose influence he said, in a great measure, was due the enormous and increasing spread of civilisation in Africa. In conclusion, he again thanked the companions most cordially for the high honour they had conferred upon him. The remainder of the proceedings having been brought to a pleasant close, the companions adjourned at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 185).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Among those present were Bros. W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M. elect; Sanders, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.G.S., &c., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.M. 211, P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, M.O.; Handel, acting I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; James Stevens, P.G.O., P.M., &c. (honorary member), acting I.P.M.; and others.

It is worthy of note that although the members of this lodge reside some distance from the place of meeting they were nearly all present on this particular occasion, notwithstanding that the snowstorm of the previous day had rendered travelling not only difficult, but dangerous. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Tozer, W.S. 1512, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most ably advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. The ceremony of installation followed, and it was well carried out by W. Bro. James Stevens. The W.M. (Bro. Hopwood) appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Sanders, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; W. Taylor, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Fisher, M.O. (by deputy); Handel, S.O.; Piller, J.O.; Frampton, S.D. (by deputy); Tozer, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The satisfactory report of the Audit Committee having been read and passed, a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was unanimously given, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Stevens having acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Stevens replied upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and subsequently proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks, he said that Bro. Hopwood had done a great deal in other Degrees in Masonry, and he believed that his attention to the requirements of the Mark Degree would be equally as zealous and prominent. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Advance," who duly acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Piller, closed the proceedings.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met on the 15th ult., at the Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, when there were in attendance Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; Alfred Tisley, S.W., W.M. elect; Haynes, G.S., J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, I.P.M., P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, Treasurer and Secretary; Goodall, M.O.; Millis, S.D.; Lawson, I.C.; John Mason, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey; and Potter, Tyler. W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., Asst. G.S., &c., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Frederick Smith, 1656, and it proved to be unanimous. The candidate not having arrived the ceremony of installing Bro. Tisley into the chair was performed by Bro. Walls, who appointed W. Bro. Mason as S.W.;

Baldwin, as J.W.; and D. M. Dewar, as D.C., to assist him in the work. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Haynes, S.W.; Goodall, J.W.; Walls, I.P.M.; Baldwin, Treasurer and Secretary; Lawson, M.O.; Millis, R. of M.; and Potter, Tyler. The other appointments were deferred. Several communications were read from absent members apologising for non-attendance, including a telegram from the candidate (Bro. Smith).

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Gilbert. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and Mark Masonry" was duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and modestly acknowledged by Bro. Tisley. The toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Officer" was given in flattering terms by the W.M., and at the conclusion of his remarks he presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Walls having duly acknowledged the compliment, and the presentation that accompanied it, "The Health of the Visitor" was warmly proposed and most heartily drunk. W. Bro. Dewar, in his response, after expressing his obligations to the W.M., gave some interesting details in connection with the progress of the Mark Degree during the past year. The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, were most successful.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Dr. Henry, W.M., P.P.G.S.W., in the chair, supported as follows: Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W., P.P.G.S.O.; W. White, J.W.; E. Tyson, M.O., P.G. Reg. Marks; G. W. Miles, S.O.; James Cooper, J.O., P.G. Org.; G. Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg., P.G.J.W.; G. Sparrow, S.D.; John Rothery, J.D.; J. Winter, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler; W. Martin, I.P.M. 216; R. Wilson, S.W. 216; J. Banks and G. Lowden, Stewards 216.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the principal business before the lodge was to instal Bro. Gibson as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, when Bro. Dalrymple was invited to the chair, and on Bro. Gibson being presented by Bro. Henry, P.M., he was installed, and proclaimed according to ancient custom, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. White, S.W. and Treas.; E. Tyson, J.W.; J. W. Miles, M.O.; G. Sparrow, S.O.; J. S. Wilson, J.O.; G. Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg.; J. Rothery, S.D.; W. Bewlay, J.D.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; and J. M. Salisbury, Tyler. Three members having been presented with their Provincial Grand Lodge certificates, and one candidate proposed for advancement, and "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 147 and 216, the lodge was closed in due form. The members and visitors, at the invitation of the W.M., retired for a short time to do honour to the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were well responded to; and the Tyler's toast being the final.

LANCASTER.—The Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was draped in mourning for Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M., P.G.J.O. England, and after whom the lodge is named. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Arthur Stanley, of the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, having been balloted for at the previous meeting, was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Jacob Stanley, the charge being given by Bro. W. Hall, P.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, Bro. Richard Stanton being unanimously elected. Bro. W. Hall was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. K. Allinson, Tyler. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Longman, I.P.M., P.G.J.O., a letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the widow of Bro. J. D. Moore, P.M., P.G.J.O. England. There being no other business, the lodge was duly closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER.—Red Rose Conclave (No. 12).—The installation meeting of this conclave took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, the conclave being in deep mourning for the death of Bro. J. D. Moore, Intendant General of the Division. After passing the minutes of former conclave, all the Sir Knights below the Second Grade retired, and a College of Viceroy's having been opened, Sir Knight J. Bell was admitted and consecrated. The Sir Knights below the Third Grade then retired, when a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, and Sir Knight Richard Stanton was entrusted, admitted, and enthroned. The Senate and College of Viceroy's having been closed, the Sir Knights were re-admitted, and saluted the M.P.S. in the usual manner. The officers for the year were also appointed—Sir Knight H. Longman, Past Sov., performing the installation ceremony in a very impressive manner. After a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, the M.P.S. rose and stated that it was with great regret that he had to mention the death of the First Sov., Bro. J. D. Moore, who was the founder of the conclave and Intendant General for the province, and whose loss was so severely felt, not only in the conclave, but in every Degree of Freemasonry in the town. He, therefore, proposed that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his widow, expressing their sorrow at his removal from amongst them. Sir Knight J. Bell seconded, and, we need hardly say, the resolution was carried unanimously. There being no other business the conclave was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).—This old and distinguished preceptory met in excellent strength at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 14th ult. There were in attendance among others Sir Knights Charles Driver, M.E.C.; T. C. Walls, First Captain, E.C. elect; A. Williams, Second Captain; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner, acting Prelate; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C.; P.G.C. of G., &c., Recorder; Dr. Saunders, C. of L.; Larsen, S.B.; F. Driver, Herald; Baxter, P.E.C.; and Rawles, Equerry. The visitors were Ill. Sir Knights Colonel S. Clerke, Grand Sub. Prior of the Order, and Matier, a Past Grand Officer of Scotland.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, Sir Knight Walls was presented by Sir Knight Dewar, and impressively installed M.E.C. of the Mount Calvary Preceptory of the Order of the Temple, and was duly proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knights Williams, First Captain; Paas, Almoner; Dewar, Recorder; Saunders, Second Captain; Berridge, Expert; Larsen, C. of Lines; F. Driver, First Standard Bearer; Gravelly, Second Standard Bearer; Glenn, First Herald; Dodson, Second Herald; A. Tisley, D.C.; and Rawles, Equerry. Several communications having been read, a notice of motion given, and the name of Comp. H. J. Lardner handed in for installation at the next meeting, the encampment was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet, which was most elegantly served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the preliminary toasts received full justice. The Illustrious Grand Sub. Prior acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his fluent speech, after thanking the members of the encampment for their warm reception of the toast, he expressed his personal obligations to the E.C. for the kind way in which he had spoken of his services in the cause of the Order. It had afforded him a great deal of pleasure in being present that evening to witness the ceremony of installation, which had been very well performed. In concluding his remarks, he said that he was pleased to hear from the report of the Audit Committee that had been read that evening that the preceptory was in a very flourishing condition, and he sincerely hoped that that satisfactory state of things would long continue. "The Health of the E.C." followed, and was proposed by the I.P.E.C. in very complimentary terms. Sir Knight Walls, having replied, then gave "The Past Eminent Commanders," coupled with the name of Sir Knight Charles Driver, who acknowledged the compliment at considerable length. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the E.C. expressed, in the name of the preceptory, the great satisfaction it had given the members that evening in being in a position to entertain two such distinguished lights of the Order as Sir Knights Colonel S. Clerke and Matier undoubtedly were. This toast having been coupled with the name of the latter Sir Knight, he at once responded in a most exhaustive speech. "The Health of the Officers" brought the proceedings, which were throughout eminently successful, to a termination.

HOLY PALESTINE PRECEPTORY (129).

This preceptory held a meeting at 33, Golden-square, by special dispensation, on Saturday, the 22nd ult., instead of Wednesday, the 12th ult. Present: Sir Knights Rev. Dr. Brette, E.P.; Greatrex, C.; Trendell, acting as M.; H. C. Levander, P.E.P., acting as Registrar; J. L. Thomas, P.E.P.; J. Brooksmith, T. Cubitt, Venn, Spice, Moon, E. Terry, Thiellay, and others. Visitors: V.E. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; Baron de Ferrieres, Cotswold Preceptory; Cuthbert E. Peck, Tancred Preceptory, Cambridge; and others.

A Priory of Malta was first held under the presidency of V.E. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior of England, and the following Sir Knights were admitted into the Order: Sir Knights Greatrex, Baron de Ferrieres, Brooksmith, Moon, and C. E. Peck.

The preceptory was then opened in due form by the E.P., Sir Knight Rev. Dr. Brette, but there being no business on the agenda, and this being the election night, Sir Knight Greatrex was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year; and Sir Knight H. C. Levander, P.E.P., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The E.P. proposed Bro. S. White, of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, and Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and Sir Knight Cuthbert E. Peck, of the Tancred Preceptory, Cambridge, was balloted for and unanimously elected a joining member. Sir Knight Levander proposed, and Sir Knight J. L. Thomas seconded, that a P.E.P.'s jewel should be presented to Sir Knight Dr. Brette, who is about to leave the chair. V.E. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke put the motion to the preceptory, and it was carried unanimously. There being no other business, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Café Royal, where they enjoyed a capital dinner, under the presidency of the E.P.

Australia.

PRINCE ALFRED LODGE.

A number of Masonic brethren resident in and near Petersham, having decided upon taking the necessary steps for the establishment of a Masonic lodge in that now populous and fashionable suburb, in the month of October last finally made known their desire to the R.W. Bro. John Williams, District Grand Master of N.S. Wales, E.C., Grand Superintendent, R.A.M., &c., soliciting his approval and support. In reply, the R.W. District Grand Master intimated his intention of personally inaugurating the new lodge, and for that purpose fixed the evening of the 2nd of November as the date on which the ceremony would take place.

In accordance with this intimation the brethren, founders of the new lodge, and their invited guests, assembled at the School Hall, Railway-street, Petersham, shortly after seven o'clock, and while some were attending to the special duties assigned to them, others beguiled the time in examining the handsome lodge furniture, ornaments, and tools.

At eight o'clock, the R.W.D.G.M., accompanied by the D.D.G.M., and nearly all the officers of the Grand Lodge, entered the new lodge, according to ancient custom, and the ceremony of inauguration was begun by an address from the R.W.D.G.M., who said:

Brethren,—It affords me great pleasure to be among you this evening, especially for the purpose which we have in hand, namely, the extension of our ancient and honourable Order, and I trust that the fraternal sentiments which have prompted you to establish a Masonic lodge in this neighbourhood may ever prevail among you, and that the Prince Alfred Lodge, which we are about to call into existence, may bring forth good fruit, and be conducive of honour to our ancient Fraternity. The District Grand Sec. will now read your numerous signed petition for a warrant, to be sent with my sanction and approval to the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and likewise a petition to myself, for a dispensation which shall enable you to pursue your Masonic labours, pending the arrival of the warrant.

The D.G. Sec. having read the petitions alluded to, the

D.G.M. next questioned the brethren as to their willingness that the three brethren mentioned in the petition should be the first W.M., S.W., and J.W. respectively, and there being no dissent, he pronounced W. Bro. James Churchill Fisher, P.M., and Bros. T. W. A. Shorter and Geo. Pile to be duly elected as first W.M. and Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, adding that as W. Bro. Fisher had already occupied the chair of a lodge, the ceremony could, and on this occasion would, be shortened.

W. Bro. J. B. Fisher, P.M., D.G.O., was then duly installed as W.M. by W. Bro. Westcott, D.D.G.M., and he proceeded to invest his two Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary with their insignia of office, namely, Bros. T. W. A. Shorter, S.W.; George Pile, J.W.; E. Warren, Treas.; and E. Masters, Hon. Sec.

At the conclusion of the W.M.'s address to his Senior Warden, the R.W.D.G.M. said: And I, too, congratulate you, Bro. Shorter, for I had the pleasure of initiating your father into Masonry thirty years ago.

On the lodge being lowered to the Second Degree, the two Deacons and Organist were similarly invested, viz., Bros. G. C. Henson, S.D.; G. W. Sharp, J.D.; and J. Wilson, Org.; and on the lodge being lowered to the First Degree, the W.M. invested the Stewards, I.G., and Tyler, namely, Bros. A. Cubitt and T. F. Wiesener, Stewards; E. Tighe, I.G.; and Steiner, D.G. Tyler, as Tyler for the time being.

Bro. SECRETARY then read the names of two gentlemen as proposed candidates for Masonic light. At this juncture the R.W.D.G.M., having expressed his wish to retire early, on account of the long distance he had to travel, withdrew in ancient form with the officers of Grand Lodge, and thereupon the lodge was closed in P.L. and H. shortly after 10 p.m., standing adjourned till the last Thursday in the month, which is to be the regular night of monthly meeting.

After the departure of the R.W.D.G.M., the founders of the Prince Alfred Lodge and their guests, about sixty in all, assembled at a banquet prepared in excellent style by Bro. Moon. During the banquet several names were added to the list of members, who now number about thirty.

W. Bro. FISHER also found occasion to announce to the brethren that, as among the founders none were sufficiently advanced to fill the exalted position of P.M., he had as a personal favour requested the District Grand Treas., W. Bro. Webster, to fill that office. In a speech subsequently made by the District Grand Treas., he alluded to the foregoing statements of the W.M., and said that though many other Masonic duties demand his attention, yet he should be most happy to promote the welfare of the Prince Alfred Lodge by assisting in its ceremonies as P.M., which position he accepted with sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

Obituary.

BRO. HUDSON LISTER.

The brethren throughout East Lancashire will learn with deep regret of the death of Bro. Hudson Lister, who expired, after a very short illness, on Thursday, January 27th, and was interred at St. Luke's Cemetery, Cheetham-hill-road, Manchester, on Monday, January 31st. The deceased brother was a P.M. of the Richmond Lodge, No. 1011, Salford, and was known more particularly as a very fine bass singer, having been the principal basso at the Manchester Cathedral for the last ten years, besides belonging to Mr. Charles Halle's choir, and several vocal societies. He was frequently to be seen at installation meetings in and around Manchester, in conjunction with his talented colleagues the Bros. Dumville, and his rich full voice has oftentimes been listened to with pleasure, and will be sadly missed by his numerous admirers. As a convincing testimony of the great respect in which Bro. Lister was held, an assemblage of between 400 and 500 persons were present on Monday to pay a last mark of respect to his memory, amongst whom were a number of his musical friends, which included several members of the Gentleman's Glee Club, Mr. Charles Halle's Choir, and many other Masonic brethren. The cortege met at the gates of St. Luke's churchyard, and proceeded towards the church doors, headed by the cathedral choir, who chanted "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (Croft), when, after all had entered the church, the burial service, performed by the Rev. Canon Crane, assisted by the Rev. T. M. Elvy and the Rev. Ernest F. Letts (minor canons), was proceeded with. When the service inside the church was finished, the cortege re-formed, and proceeded to the grave, where the coffin containing the remains of our much esteemed brother was lowered, the Rev. Ernest F. Letts intoning the sentences, after which the assembly dispersed. Mr. J. Kendrick officiated at the organ, and played the "Dead March" in *Saul* as the cortege left the church. The deceased brother was only thirty-five years of age, and leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss.

BRO. GEORGE JAFFA.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. George H. Jaffa, at Edmonton, on the 31st ult., at the early age of forty-four. The deceased had just served the office of W.M. of the St. James Lodge, No. 1579, Enfield, he having been the first Jewish Master elected in that lodge. He took an active interest in the Masonic Charities, and on one occasion performed the duties of Steward. Ill health prevented his regularly attending at the meeting of the lodge during his year of office, which only terminated a week before his death, and his loss will be felt not only by the members of the Craft to whom he was known, but by a large circle of sorrowing friends. We believe he was practically one of the founders of the lodge of which he became Master, although his name did not appear on the warrant. He was one of the original members of this lodge, but was initiated in the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298. He was also a Royal Arch companion and, was S.E. of his chapter.

The *Athenæum* says:—The February number of *Blackwood* will contain an account of the circumstances under which George Eliot first became connected with that magazine, and will publish extracts from the correspondence which passed between the editor, the late Mr. John Blackwood, and her while the "Scenes of Clerical Life" were appearing in "Maga" and during the time she was engaged on her earlier novels.

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To Correspondents.

Bro. JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal.—The letter of the date mentioned came duly to hand.

Owing to pressure on our columns the following stands over:— ROYAL ARCH.—Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Lifeboat," "Boletin Oficial de Grand Orient of Spain," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery K. T. State of New York for 1880," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bahnhutte," "Der Long Islaender," "Citizen," "Sunday Times," "Croydon Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1881.

THE Sydney Freemason thus dwells upon the consecration of a new lodge by the D.G.M. of New South Wales (E.C.).—"The consecration of a lodge under the English Constitution in New South Wales deserves more than passing comment. It is admitted by every authority upon the subject that once an independent Grand Lodge is erected in any country, state, or territory, hitherto Masonically unoccupied, it is illegal to establish any other unless under the jurisdiction or by the permission of the new authority. This, one of the most distinct landmarks in Masonic jurisprudence, has been wilfully violated; and we should be wanting in

"our duty to Masonry in general did we not call the attention of the world to such a glaring instance of Masonic usurpation. No doubt R.W. Bro. WILLIAMS will shelter himself under the plea that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales has not yet been recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. But this argument is puerile, inasmuch as the legality of the establishment of any Grand Lodge is not a question to be decided solely by the home authorities." We confess that this statement and argument have completely taken our breath away. To say nothing of its rash invocation of Masonic precedents, its wondrous dealing with Masonic law, the whole argument is simply a "petitio principii" from beginning to end. In the first place, this "most distinct landmark" in Masonic jurisprudence is only a landmark assuming the legality of the procedure. But our "friend and brother" forgets conveniently enough, when he lays down this magnificent "dictum" "ex cathedra latomica," that the English Grand Lodge has always denied the legality of the movement, as far as the English Constitution is concerned, and, therefore, its privileges remain unchanged, untouched, "pleno jure" and "proprio vigore" still. A great many of these alleged rights of independent Grand Lodges rest upon purely American precedents, (which are peculiar to America), and some hazy assertions of writers of no authority. There are "Grand Lodges and Grand Lodes," and without denying that sometimes the old adage of the schoolmen and the canonists is still good, "feri non debet, factum valet," at which our contemporary glances, we are a little afraid that our excellent friend goes somewhat farther, and has taken up with that specious, though hurtful, axiom, that "the end justifies the means," though where he has found that Jesuitical teaching in Masonry we know not. His whole argument is, the Grand Lodge is, therefore it must be acknowledged. Now we apprehend that the Grand Lodge of England has a good deal to say Masonically to this new Grand Lodge, and that merely calling itself a Grand Lodge does not make it a Grand Lodge. As far as we are concerned, if a majority of the Lodges (E.C.) in New South Wales agreed to form themselves into a Grand Lodge, we in England, whatever our opinion of the prudence of the step might be, would not probably, we think, care to resist such a movement. Neither, probably, had a decided majority of the Lodges of the three Constitutions agreed to form a Grand Lodge, should we have stood out too long on the mere principles and technicalities of Masonic law, precedent, and usage. But we never can concede the right of a few lodges of one jurisdiction, and one or two of another, to create a Grand Lodge in the face of a majority of dissentient Lodges. The American precedents, mixed up as these precedents are with the needs and claims of the several "States," all proceed, nevertheless, on this assumption, and this assumption only, that the majority of the lodges in the new State desire to form a Grand Lodge, and in that case they hold that the minority must yield to the majority. Such was not the state of things by any means at the creation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the Grand Lodge of England, by every law and precedent of Masonry, is clearly in the right in upholding the privileges and position of its own District Grand Lodge. Though our contemporary at the Antipodes may not like our law or approve of our conclusions, we hope that he will agree in thinking with us, that we have placed them calmly and courteously before him. What the future may bring forth we know not, but as at present advised, we believe that the entire legality of the question remains with our English jurisdiction, the illegality with those who too hastily have dubbed themselves a Grand Lodge.

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Our excellent contemporary, the Masonic Record for Western India, which, bye the bye, we have not seen lately, is credited, we see, in a Masonic paper with the following little "tit-bit": "The Grand Lodge of England has now nearly 2000 lodges

upon its roll, and the question is beginning to be discussed in England as to whether it may not become necessary to afford some of them an opportunity of forming themselves into independent Grand Lodges." "Will it surprize" our amiable confrère to hear that the question of independent Grand Lodges is not at all the "order of the day" in England, and that, for various reasons, and "good and sufficient causes us thereto to moving," we deprecate greatly the hasty and unwise creation of Grand Lodges often merely to gratify one or two impatient or ambitious brethren.

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WE sometimes hear of short terms of Masonic membership in England, and some good brethren think we are even retrograding in that respect. We have culled from an Antipodean Masonic journal two paragraphs relative to Masonic membership in the United States, and which we commend to the attention of all our readers, at home and abroad: "Bro. JOHN BEST, of New Concord—recognized as the oldest man in the United States of America—died recently at the ripe age of one hundred years. Seventy-seven years of his life was spent as a Master Mason. He was a member of all the Higher Degrees. Another old Mason is Bro. JAMES RACKLEFF, of Portland, Maine; he attained the ripe age of one hundred years last month. He is a retired master mariner, in good health and spirits. He was made a Mason in 1808, in Ancient Landmark Lodge, Portland." All honour to such good old loyal Masons everywhere.

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AN amusing little incident, to which we call attention elsewhere, as described in the *Masonic Age*, supplies us all with food for thought and meditation, and has a wider application than may at first sight appear. We are often startled by attacks on Freemasonry, in which we hardly know whether the falsehood, or the malignity, or the folly, or the monomania predominates. At such times and under such provocations do not let us, as Freemasons, lose our temper or return "railing for railing," but let us shrug our shoulders, and say philosophically, with that wise sententious Teuton—"He could not understand it."

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WE have reason to believe, on good authority, that the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite, have withdrawn from the Congress of Lausanne. We are also given to understand that the reason of this decision has been a desire on the part of some of the foreign jurisdictions to re-open the very serious question of the G.A.O.T.U. We have no hesitation in saying if the report be correct, which we do not doubt, that this wise proceeding on the part of the Supreme Council will be heartily approved of by its many friends and supporters at home and abroad.

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WE received from West Yorkshire what purported to be the "official list." By some error the wrong list was forwarded, as instead of £1700 and more, which we mentioned last week, the real amount is £2408 19s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This fact deserves noting and recording, but the mistake was not ours. We thank our correspondent for correcting the miscalculation.

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.]

MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to ask through your columns for some information respecting the above fund? Last August I sent a subscription to it, in response to an appeal from Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and since then the scheme appears to have fallen through. Doubtless many of your readers have been interested in the scheme, and will be glad to hear what (if anything) its promoters are now doing. By inserting this request for "light" on the subject you will oblige

Yours fraternally,
A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

BRO. YARKER AND THE HIGH DEGREES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the present day, when we are somewhat perplexed as to the status of the various grades of Masonry generically denominated as the High Degrees, it becomes essential to provide a test as to their legality or otherwise. It appears to me that this test can be found in the relations of these Degrees to Craft Masonry. No High Degree can be recognised which involves any infringement of the obligations of its professors as Craft Masons, or entails the recognition of bodies irregular as far as the first Three Degrees are concerned.

I should like to know:

1st. If Bro. Yarker is at the present moment a subscribing member of any lodge or chapter on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England?

I am credibly informed that he is not.

2nd. Has the so-called A. and P. Rite recognised and held Masonic intercourse with notoriously irregular Craft Masons?

I am credibly informed that it has and does.

3rd. Does the so-called Rite of Memphis declare that it merely suspends provisionally the working of the first Three Degrees, or what our foreign brethren call "Symbolic" Masonry?

I am credibly informed that it does. If Bro. Yarker is a subscribing Craft Mason, I may have something to say to him at an early communication of Grand Lodge.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A WEST COUNTRY P.M.

JEWES AND THE HIGHER GRADES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the original correspondence of your issue of the 29th ult., it is asked by "Juvenis"—Can a member of the *Hebrew persuasion* take the Degrees of the Rose Croix, &c.? You, Mr. Editor, think a candidate must be more or less a Christian. I believe that any brother M.M. is eligible to be proposed as a Prince Rose Croix, who can take the obligations required, whether he be of what "Juvenis" says of the *Hebrew persuasion* or any other. But sir, having often seen and heard Jews spoken of as persons or people of the *Hebrew persuasion*, I should like to ask "Juvenis" or you if it is correct to do so. It appears to me not, and that a Jew is a Jew or a Hebrew; he is born a Jew I suppose, and therefore no *persuasion* could ever make him anything else; his nationality is stamped upon his countenance. It would be as proper to speak of a man as of the English or German *persuasion*. It may possibly be correct to speak of a Jew's religion, but *persuasion* I fancy not—any person I suppose could adopt the Jewish religion, but he would not therefore become a Jew, any more than a Jew become an English or Irishman. Excuse me, sir, trespassing so much on your valuable space.

I am yours fraternally,

A.P. ROSE CROIX.

* [We said that the "Degree" was more or less Christian, not that the "candidate" must be.—ED. F.M.]

CHANGING THE DATES OF THE CHARITY FESTIVALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A good deal of curiosity exists among some of us as to by whose authority the dates of the festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Girls' School have been altered. Can you enlighten us? We understand they were fixed, and then, lo! and behold, they are changed. In some cases such postponements work great inconvenience.

With all the goodwill of Bros. Best and Dawkins, when the festival is "on" they cannot attend to "private lodges," and it is no secret that one or more lodges will have to "camp out" on the nights of the festivals, much to the inconvenience of the brethren and the loss of Bro. Best. Please, therefore, tell us what you know of this "hanky-panky" work.

Yours enquiringly,

A VICTIM OF CHANGE.

[Perhaps some brother will answer this "Victim of Circumstances;" we condole with him much, but are quite "in the basket" ourselves. We presume that there is some good reason and full authority for such changes.—ED. F.M.]

WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT GATHERING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note in your leader of yesterday in *Freemason* as to West Yorkshire and Benevolent Festival you are slightly in error. According to our list, issued 24th January, we have 103 Stewards (not 111), but our subscriptions are now £2366 8s., and still increasing.

For Girls' Festival nine Stewards and £149 18s.

For Boys' Festival three Stewards and £37 16s.

With best wishes, yours fraternally,

JOHN BARKER, P.M. 1102.

Mirfield, Jan. 30th.

THE DUTCH FREEMASONS AND THE BOERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see from the papers that the Grand Orient Lodge of Freemasons of Holland, acting in the name of all the lodges of the Netherlands, has sent an address in favour of the independence of the Transvaal to the National Grand Master of England, and also to Her Majesty the Queen. The address is signed by Prince Frederick and the Secretary to the Grand Orient Lodge.

I do not know whether it is one of the grand principles of Dutch Masonry, as it is that of English, that religion and politics should form no part in the intimacy of brethren of the Craft. Were such not the inexorable law here our Masonry would soon become a thing of the history of the past. I write, sir, in the hope that such influence may be brought to bear upon Grand Lodge that, in the first place, no action may be taken to forward the object of the address, because of such address, and secondly that an intimation may be given respectfully to the Grand Orient Lodge of Holland that English Masons as such do not mix themselves up with the politics of their country. As to the disputed point of the independence of the Transvaal, I offer no opinion. It would be difficult for any one at pre-

sent to form one worth the expression of it; but if English statesmen are not to be influenced in their opinion by English Masons, it is at least somewhat less than can be expected that they should so be by members of the Fraternity of another country however friendly and allied to us.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. H., W.M. 1491.

Reviews.

WORKS RELATING TO FREEMASONRY. Privately printed by Bro. R. Pratt, Wigan.

This is a list of works relating to Freemasonry in the Wigan New Public Library, edited by Bro. H. Tennyson Folkard, librarian. Among them we note the American Report of 1855 of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, La Lire Masonic, A la Haye, 1763, some of Oliver's works, and the usual Masonic compilations, and Findel's History. We think the idea a good one, and wish all librarians would do the same. A font note makes the catalogue more important. Since this catalogue was published 100 volumes on Freemasonry have been added, a donation from the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. We hope other names will be given. Would it be too impertinent an inquiry to ask, is there any reason why Lord Balcarres, formerly Lord Lindsay, should have given up Freemasonry? Can Bro. Folkard give any explanation of what seems to some strange and mysterious? We hope Bro. Folkard will complete his well-intentioned little work, as it will be a help to the Masonic student.

ALMANAC DE GOTHA. Gotha. Justin Perthes.

This well-known and useful "Annuaire, Genealogique, Diplomatique et Statistique," "Genealogical, Diplomatical, and Statistical Annual," comes before us in 1881 in its 110th issue. It is as full of information and as valuable and interesting as ever. It contains two charming portraits of Princess "Auguste Victorie," of Schleswig-Holstein, the fiancée of the eldest son of the Prince Imperial of Germany, a "Lewis," and grandson of Her Majesty, and of the Princess Stephanie of Belgium, fiancée of the Crown Prince Rudolf, of Austria. We also see the portraits of Mr. Gladstone and the head of the princely house of Furstenberg. To some of our readers their old friend "The Gotha" is an indispensable yearly companion.

COSBURN'S DIRECTORY (WITH ALMAMACK) OF BERKS, BUCKS, AND WILTS. E. J. Cosburn, Newbury.

As a specimen of industrious compilation and excellent typography Bro. Cosburn's Annual deserves special notice. Its usefulness as a directory must be very great, while the two or three hundred pages of advertisements at once attest the enterprise of the district and the energy of the publisher.

WARD AND LOCK'S UNIVERSAL INSTRUCTOR

(Part 4).

This useful work still fulfils the promise of excellence exhibited in the first number, and bids fair to answer to its title, and to become a universal instructor. The woodcuts in Part 4 are numerous and good, and really illustrative of the text. Altogether it is a wonderful sixpennyworth.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

STEPHEN MORIN.

The history of Stephen Morin, or Moren, is well-known to all Masonic Students, and very little that is new can now be said about him. The only point which I have raised is in respect of Bro. Yarker's statement that his patent of 1761 was revoked by the French Grand Lodge. Bro. Yarker afterwards said, by the French Grand Orient in 1764, and Bro. Yarker quoted Bro. Mackenzie, and Bro. Mackenzie quotes Kloss. My simple contention has been from the first, and still is, that a patent granted in 1761 by the "Conseil of the Emperors of the East and the West," could not be revoked by another body, the Symbolic Grand Lodge of France, which in 1761 had no "concordat" with the High Grades, as the Grand Orient was not in existence until 1772, really (though some say 1770,) there was a great mistake somewhere. To this I adhere. It may be true that some of the officials of the French Grand Lodge were officials of the "Emperors of the East and the West," but the "Bodies" had nothing in common. I also went on to say, that if the words "Grand Orient" were used, they did not refer to the "body," so called, but to the technical term, the "locale," the East of Masonry. And to this also I adhere. Bro. Mackenzie says I need not have troubled myself to have told him that well-known fact, and yet curiously enough he brings in Kloss, to give a sort of quasi confirmation to the "Grand Orient" existence, &c., as a "body," not a "locale." He also quotes "Besuchet." But "Besuchet," I beg to observe, says nothing of the kind. In the patent he quotes the words are "au Grand Orient de Paris," which in no way can mean "in," but "at," or "to," and, therefore, if Kloss so understands it, he is decidedly wrong. My contention is, therefore, perfectly good, and in fact, incontestable, that a patent granted by one body in 1761 cannot be revoked by another body in 1764, and that all the words relating to the Grande Loge, or Grand Orient, do not refer to those bodies so called, but in the former relate to the Grande "Loge des parfaits Maçons," the "Sublime Conseil des Empereurs d'Est et d'Occident." There is a good deal in this little "beef-steak," as the "idea" of later writers seems to be to invalidate Stephen Morin's powers, which in my opinion historically is absurd and useless. Bro. Mackenzie says that Thory and others had an interest in making the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge independent of the original grant to Stephen Morin. Of course they do so, though quite disinterestedly, as historically, and as a matter of fact, the French Grande Loge, quâ a Grande Loge, and à fortiori the Grand Orient, only founded in 1772, had as much to do with it as the Grand Lodge of England. Later in this century, when the question of De Grasse's powers, &c., came up before the Grand Orient of France, there was no question whatever as to Stephen Morin's "full powers," which were admitted, but only as to how the twenty-five Degrees of 1761, had become thirty-three in 1802. I think then I have made good my points.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ENGLISH HIGH GRADES.

I do not see that Bro. Yarker's last note requires much answer from me. He gives up 1686 as the date of the Irish Templar Priest, and seems now to relegate it to 1743. The evidence at York of it is quite late eighteenth century, if not early nineteenth century, really and truly. As regards 1686 and Ashmole, I am not aware that Ashmole ever talks of 1686, or "Rosicrucianism." This is Nicolais's theory, but utterly unsound and untenable. Ashmole was initiated at Warrington in 1646, and attended a meeting of a Masonic lodge, not the Masons' Company, at the Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, in 1682. We have no further traces of him, unfortunately, in his connection with Masonry. That the meeting in 1682 was a meeting of a lodge, not the Masons' Company, has been proved in the *Freemason*, as the records of the "Masons' Company" show that Bro. Wilson was Master of the company in 1680 that Ashmole was not a member of it, and they have the record of their meeting in 1682, but not as Ashmole mentions. Ashmole was a member of an Hermetic and Astrological society, and revived, or aided to revive, the annual festival and sermon of the Astrologers, and mentions it often in his diary. Under Lilly, in "Kenning's Masonic Encyclopedia," will be found a list of Astrological celebrities, who formed probably an Hermetic society. But I am not aware that in any other works Ashmole mentions the "Rosicrucians," and shall be much obliged to Bro. Yarker, or any one else, to point out such a passage. Why Bro. Yarker should have fixed on 1686 as a revival date, I know not. I only wish we could get a glimpse of pre-1700 Masonry.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE CERNEAU COUNCIL.

There has been a conflict in America ament the Supreme Councils, and perhaps on both sides a little abatement must be made as to statements, &c. But I confess for one, that having looked into the matter, simply as an historical question, I am inclined to think that the statement published in the *Freemason* is as nearly correct as can be, the more so as it is so moderate in tone and suppresses, as I am informed, much that might have been said fairly and simply on the high grounds of Masonic toleration.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. YARKER AND MYSELF.

I note that Bro. Yarker says he cannot argue with me satisfactorily because he cannot speak plainly. I am sorry for him, as I always do, and find no difficulty in doing so, in the *Freemason*. But then I am not quite so "combative" as Bro. Yarker, and if I don't agree with a writer, I don't "abuse the plaintiff's attorney." With due submission to Bro. Yarker, if he will allow me to say so, he weakens his cause and his case by writing too severely and personally. After all, what do such differences matter? Surely as Masons we can speak well of each other, think well of each other, and agree to differ?

MASONIC STUDENT.

LIST OF LODGES.

I have been comparing the list of lodges by Cole in 1762 and a list of lodges by Cole in 1770, and find that No. 27, Madrid, No. 49, Paris, No. 73, Aubigny, of 1762, are "out" altogether in 1770, Valenciennes, No. 66 in 1762, is No. 53 in 1770. No. 65, Boston, in 1762, is No. 54 in 1770. The last number in 1762 in 305, in 1770, 466.

A. F. A. W.

COLE'S CONSTITUTIONS.

A second edition of 1731, as it is called, has been recently sold by Wilson, King William-street, Charing Cross. In Cole's List of Lodges of 1762 he announces as "just published," the "United Constitutions," &c., and gives the title page of date MDCCCLXII., but says nothing about the edition.

A. F. A. W.

I am in possession of a new Cyropædia or the "Travels of Cyrus," by Sir Andrew Ramsay. London, (1760, in pencil), printed for T. Wilcox, Strand. It is two volumes in one. It has both a French and an English title page. Its original "approbation" is signed by "Saurin," and dated Paris, April, 5th, 1727.

A. F. A. W.

THE RELIGION OF TEMPLAR MASONRY.

"The report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of the State of Ohio," just published, is one of the most interesting publications of its kind of the year. I am indebted to Bro. E. T. Carson, its author, and to Col. MacLeod Moore for early copies, and have no hesitation in saying that the report should find a place in every Masonic library. Its principal feature is a paper by Bro. Carson on the Trinitarian Question, which for some time has agitated the minds of American and Canadian Templars. The Great Prior of Canada (Col. Moore) has always insisted on the necessity of a belief in the Doctrine of the Trinity as a qualification for the Order of the Temple, whilst on the other hand, the American Templars demand no such test, and a certain section in the American Order have strongly opposed any attempt at its adoption. Bro. Carson has taken up the subject in a thoroughly scientific manner, and from an historical point of view, and he heads his essay with the question "The Holy Trinity: Does belief in this dogma constitute a part of a Templar's Creed?" He begins by showing that the belief in the Trinity was a cardinal dogma of the Christian religion when the Order of the Temple was instituted, and as that body was sanctioned by the Church, such a belief was imperative in its members. He then goes on to show that in almost every Christian denomination the Trinitarian Dogma still holds good, and that, therefore, any organisation claiming Christian orthodoxy must necessarily include the Trinitarian belief. Bro. Carson gives facts and figures to prove that out of twenty-one millions and a half of Christians in the United States only half-a-million are anti-Trinitarians, and, therefore, must be regarded as heterodox, and he shows that in the whole world only about one per cent. of so-called Christians are anti-Trinitarians, and that the Apostle's Creed is practically the creed of all Christians at the present day, as it was when the original Order of the Temple (of which the present system is a modern adaptation) was founded, and he asserts, with a strong probability, that the agitation against the dogma is the work of a very small but noisy minority. But now comes the most interesting part of Bro. Carson's essay, interesting alike to Templars and the Craft generally. The Order of the Temple is

supposed to have been first heard of in connection with Masonry about the middle of the last century, but the why and the wherefore of the connection between the two has always been a doubtful question. Our author suggests a solution which certainly seems feasible. At any rate it is to my mind one of the best that has yet been put forward. He proceeds to show that until the revival, in 1717, Masonry was essentially Christian and Trinitarian. This is patent, of course, from the old Constitutions, from which Bro. Carson quotes, commencing with the Halliwell Constitutions of 1300 (*apud*), and successively taking the Cooke M.S., those preserved at York, and the Passworth M.S. of 1714, thus bringing the question down to the date of the revival. In the first printed Constitutions we are distinctly told that the members of Grand Lodge "finding great fault with all the copies of the old Gothic Constitutions, Bro. James Anderson, A.M., was ordered to digest them in a new and better method." This Bro. Anderson did by carefully eliminating all doctrinal dogmas, which were probably therefore, the parts with which the brethren "found fault," and leaving only the test of a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. The 1723 Constitutions, as our brother says, are the earliest in which there occurs no allusion to Christ, the church, Mary the mother, or the Holy Trinity. This course of action, the outcome of a Unitarian element in a Grand Lodge, our author thinks must have been very distasteful to members who were churchmen, and he believes that within a few years of the publication of Anderson's Constitutions, some of the brethren who wished to preserve the Christian features of the old Order without severing themselves from the Craft, formed the Order of the Temple in connection with their lodges, and thus perpetuated, "under the cover of Black Masonry," the teachings formerly promulgated in all lodges of belief in Christianity or the Church. Bro. Carson thus sums up the result of his argument. "That belief in the Christian religion, including the Holy Trinity, was a dogma of the early Masons: that the early Templars were simply Masons who united themselves together for the purpose of preserving to Masonry, though in an added grade, what they regarded as one of its landmarks." The paper is really most able. The writer quotes largely from the Constitutions published by Hyham and others, and gives chapter and verse for everything, and if the *Freemason* could find space for the entire essay I think its readers would appreciate its research and the skill displayed by the writer.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

BASILICA seems to have been the court of justice in the Roman empire. When Rome became Christian under Constantine the Great, the basilicæ were lent to the Christians to worship in, in consequence of the destruction of their humble tabernacles in the various persecutions; and hence, no doubt, the early form of church architecture was the simple form of the basilica, still preserved in the Byzantine, or Lombardic, or Lombardo-Romanesque. A church, after a little, came to be called a basilica in consequence. As all the early church work seems to have been performed by the Roman colleges, or Guilds of Masons, which had now gradually become Christian, all the early efforts of church building followed the basilican type. The early history of ecclesiastical architecture in England is the history, after all, of the "Romanum Opus," which was the style followed by the Anglo-Saxons; and William of Malmesbury tells us specially the Conquest brought in with it, under the Norman-French Guilds, a "novum ædificandi genus." The basilica was an oblong-building with a central nave, separated from lateral divisions, which we call aisles, by rows of columns or pillars. At the farther end was a semi-circular protrusion called an apse, in which was the bema, or seat of judgment. It will be seen at once how such a form of building lent itself to religious worship, and it may be doubted whether it is not even yet more effective. Those who have seen Wilton Church, near Salisbury, will be inclined to think well of the old "basilica," and, perhaps, to believe with Ruskin that in the Byzantine the Lamp of Beauty is to be found. The early history of Freemasonry in England is the history, as we said before, of the work of the Guilds of Masons, "more Romano."

CHARMS, MAGICAL.—Some of the old magical charms, or talismans, have Masonic emblems on them. What is also termed the Magical or Hermetic Alphabet has a curious similarity with many Masons' marks. How or why this is we cannot pretend to say; but we have yet to obtain a clear explanation between Freemasonry and Hermeticism, although such connection in some way undoubtedly did exist. Probably the Hermetic Adepts made use of the secret organization of Freemasonry for their own purposes.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

Amusements.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.—The pantomime of "Valentine and Orson" has still attractions for young and old. Those of us who remember other days and older pantomimes, and gay fairies and laughing boys, may miss much of the real, hearty simplicity of the good, steady, realistic pantomime of another generation. Everything now is "spectacle," and gorgeous array, and magnificent "tableaux," and brilliant dresses carry us through sometimes a dialogue and a plot which are meagre, disconnected, and inaudible. The harlequinade becomes a secondary portion and feature altogether, and as long as the stage is crowded with persons who shout loudly for no conceivable cause the British Public is apparently satisfied. Still, we must not be cynical or discontented. The Covent Garden pantomime well deserves a visit.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Bro. Frederick Burgess's benefit took place at the above hall on Tuesday last, when, as usual, a most attractive programme was placed before his patrons. For the last seventeen years Bros. Moore and Burgess have catered for the public with the greatest success, each superintending personally their respective departments, and the entertainment has been noticeable nightly for its excellence and the attention bestowed upon the visitors after the payment of their admission money. On Tuesday, in addition to the company of seventy performers, who gave several new songs at each entertainment (there being a morning and evening performance), and the recently added musical sketch "Around the World in Eighty Seconds," there appeared, in the afternoon Miss E. Farren, Bro. Lionel Brough, Mr. Ryder, Bro. E. Terry,

Mr. James Fernandez, Bro. E. Righton, and Bro. Harry Paulton, who, one and all, afforded great satisfaction by their various abilities. Mr. Charles Warner was to have given a recitation but was unable to appear through hoarseness. At the evening's entertainment, which was, like the morning's, a great success, Mr. H. de Brenner, sang a new song entitled "The Silvery Snow;" Bro. G. W. Moore, a plantation ditty (also new) called "Hannah Boil dat Bacon Down" in his inimitable style; and Mr. Wilson gave "Chimes of Long Ago" in such a tasteful manner as to provoke an encore. After the sketch of "Around the World," Mr. Lacy played his clever cornet solo; Mr. C. Swinbourne recited, with admirable effect, "The Charge of the Light Brigade;" and Mr. Howard contributed his amusing ditty, "Joshua." The Hanlon-Lees came next in their bustling scene "Une Soirée en Habit Noir," which was one of their greatest Parisian successes, although it has not yet been produced by them in London. The sketch occupies about a quarter of an hour, but the business is as unceasing as it is uproariously laughable. The success of the piece was, on Tuesday, so undoubted that no doubt the performers will produce it ere they leave London.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—Mr. W. J. Callcott has painted a new and beautiful act drop for this theatre, the figures being painted by Mr. J. Absolon. With the exception of a slight drapery, the whole of the curtain is occupied by an animated scene of a rural fête in Calabria. In the foreground is the representation of a rude stage, on which are Scaramouche, Arlecchino, Colombina, and Pantaloon doing their best to divert those villagers who do not prefer the rustic dance. In the rear are the remains of a mediæval town and a lofty range of mountains. The whole effect is charming, and the grouping of the figures very life-like.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

The vacancy in the librarianship of the Gray Library at the Cape, occasioned by the death of Dr. Bleek, has at last been filled.

Apochrome terra cotta representing a Madonna after Donatello has been acquired for the Louvre. It cost with a marble bas-relief, also representing the Madonna, 25,000 francs.

The Bibliothèque Nationale of France has acquired a miniature by Jean Fouquet, which formerly belonged to the famous "Hours," commissioned from him by Etienne Chevalier. It represents Saint Ann with her three daughters and their children. The donor is the Duc de la Tremoille.

Among some recently discovered antiquities at Mahred, in Arabia, are some silver coins of the age of Solomon, and inscribed with figures of men, birds, and animals. The *Rappel* remarks:—"Si une des raretés découvertes était l'anneau de Salomon, comme j'en conseillerais l'usage à M. Louis Veuillot!"

Mr. George R. Witts is about to publish an archaeological map of Gloucestershire, on which will be clearly indicated the position of 112 British and Roman camps, 17 Roman villas, 43 British and Roman roads, 28 long barrows, and a large number of round barrows. The map will be accompanied by a description of each object and a list of authorities to be consulted.

The *St. Petersburg Herald* states that Dr. Jagich has obtained the consent of the Russian Academy of Science to the publication, under his editorship, of a comparative dictionary of the Slavonic language. It is expected that this great work will occupy from six to ten years in completion. It will be published both in Latin and Russian. The editor reckons on the co-operation of German as well as Russian specialists in this undertaking, and proposes to invite the assistance of Servian scholars in the South Slavonic Department.

A fire at the residence of M. Xavier de Monopin, at Passey, has destroyed furniture and works of art valued at 400,000f. Amongst the objects thus lost were Saxon and Japanese porcelains and Gobelins tapestries. Still more important is the destruction of a large allegorical painting by Rubens and of specimens of the artistic talent of Coypel, Lesueur, Corot, Mackart, &c.

The Cambridge Free Library has recently issued a supplementary catalogue compiled by Mr. J. Pink, from which it appears that the collection has several special features. One of these is a dramatic library containing a long series of plays, old and new. Amongst them is a copy of the "Village Coquettes," the comic opera written by Mr. Charles Dickens in 1836. There is also an interesting collection of books relating to the history and antiquities of Cambridge.

Dr. Fr. Mook, who accompanied Dr. Ribbeck on his expedition to Palestine and Syria, has been drowned in crossing the river Jordan, which was at the time swollen by heavy rains. The party had had a very successful tour through the Danubian regions, South Russia, and the Caucasus, and were travelling from Syria through the country east of the Jordan to Jerusalem. To save time the expedition had constructed a wooden raft, on which they were to pass the swollen river. Dr. Mook, indeed, had twice crossed, but, in trying to effect a passage for the third time, he slipped from the raft, got under it, was entangled in its ropes, and thus disappeared beneath the waves. Dr. Ribbeck and the other members of the expedition, after a long search, recovered the body, which was buried at Jericho.—*Academy.*

The Vienna papers announce the forthcoming publication of a newly-discovered and important work by the Austrian Emperor Maximilian I., bearing the title of "Freital." It is edited by Quirin Leitner from the unique manuscript preserved in the Vienna Hof-Bibliothek. Its subject is a poetical description and glorification of tournaments and subsequent festal gatherings. Like "Theuerdank," whose hero, if not its author, is the same gallant emperor, the poem relates the perils and contests which Maximilian had to encounter when he undertook his wedding journey to obtain the fair Mary of Burgundy. All the knights and princes defeated by the emperor in various tournaments and contests have been enumerated and recorded in this work, which thus acquires a peculiar genealogical value.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woolloton has received from the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce of France a medal and diploma in recognition of the services rendered by him as Vice-President of the Jury Class 60, "Cereals and their Products," in the great International Exhibition held in 1878 in Paris. Bro. Woolloton served as juror in Paris in 1867 in the same class, and also at the International Exhibition of London of 1867 in Class 3, "Articles used for Food."

H.R.H. Prince William Frederick Charles has, we are informed, in the capacity of M.W. National Grand Master, sent, by desire of the general body of the Craft in the Netherlands, a petition to the Queen of England on behalf of the Boers of the Transvaal.

The consent of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, was given at its last meeting to the petition for the formation of a new chapter to be called the Royal Sussex, and to be in connection with the lodge.

A portrait of Bro. R. F. Bower, M.E.G.H.P. of the General Grand R.A. Chapter of the United States, appears in the January number of the Chicago "Voice of Masonry."

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A. (Town Clerk of London), has given notice that the next election of the City of London Freemen's Orphan School will take place next month.

Bro. T. Beard, C.C., has been appointed Chairman of the Coal, Corn, and Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

At a general meeting of the vestry of the parish of St. Botolph, held on Friday week, it was agreed that a testimonial, of the value of £20, be presented to Bro. A. J. Altman, late Churchwarden.

A new Mark lodge, to be called the St. Austell, is to be consecrated at St. Austell, Cornwall, on the 17th inst., by Bro. T. Chirgwin, D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Warden; W. J. Johns, Prov. G. Sec.; and N. J. West, P. Prov. G. Warden.

The first Annual Ball in connection with the Sir Hugh Myddelton and New Finsbury Park Lodges, Nos. 1602 and 1635, takes place at the Cannon-st. Hotel, on Monday next. As announced in the *Freemason* last week, the whole of the spacious and elegant suite of rooms have been engaged and will be strictly at the disposal of the visitors. A dispensation has been obtained enabling the brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. R. G. Thomas, and Bro. J. Jarvis will officiate as M.C.

Bro. Ole Bull, by his last will, bequeathed to the Museum of Bergen, Norway, a number of his jewels, medals, and decorations, given him in the course of his long professional career by Kings, Emperors, and other titled personages. Included in the bequest is the golden crown, set with diamonds and pearls, presented to him about ten years ago by the citizens of San Francisco.

The *Freemason*, of London, issued a handsome and very entertaining Christmas number. It contains a summary of Masonic events in 1880, in England; the usual variety of Masonic matter, and a large number of stories and poems.—*Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Montagu Davis has been installed W.M. of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, which is held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

Bro. George Britton was on Thursday week, the 27th ult., installed W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22.

Mr. J. E. Walford's son, Sydney, was initiated in the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, on Friday evening week.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.—On Saturday last the Chairman and Directors of the South-Eastern Railway and other gentlemen inspected the important works now being carried on at Abbotscliff, near Folkestone, in connection with the proposed Channel tunnel. MM. Léon Say, Raoul Duval, and other distinguished French gentlemen were expected, but were prevented from coming by unfavourable weather. So far the boring is a complete success.

The *Times* is requested to say that the statement which has appeared in several papers that Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, has gone for a cruise in the Mediterranean is incorrect. Bro. Brassey was obliged to leave England on urgent private business, but is expected to return to London by the end of the week.

Her Majesty will hold a Drawing Room the second week in March, in addition to that announced in the *Gazette* for the 25th inst.

The Second Edition of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book" is now ready. Copies may be obtained of any bookseller, or direct from the office (198, Fleet-street, London) for 2s.—[ADVT.]

New discoveries continue to be made at Pompeii. The latest is the excavation of a house which differs essentially in its internal arrangements from all those hitherto brought to light. In another house a mirror of black glass has been found fastened to the wall by three nails. When moistened it reflects the objects placed before it. In a third house four fresco paintings of Andromeda, the wooden horse, and other mythological subjects, have been found. A French paper, entitled *Pompeii*, has been started with the object of systematically recording the results of the excavations now going on.

Sir Bartle Frere, in the midst of his many occupations, found time to persuade the Cape Parliament to endow a colonial philologist, and requested Professor Max Müller and Professor Sayce to select a scholar to hold both appointments. To judge from testimonials, there was a unanimous verdict in favour of Dr. Theophilus Hahn. He was born and educated in Africa, and speaks several of the South African dialects fluently, both with and without clicks. He received a philological education in several German Universities, and Professor Pott, in particular, spoke of him as one of his best pupils. He then returned to Africa, travelling for years through many unexplored places, and making himself thoroughly acquainted with the languages, the customs, traditions, and religions of the natives.

PILGRIM LODGE, No. 238.—The next meeting of this lodge, which is worked in the German language, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess and family, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday.

Bro. James Terry announced at the Fitzroy Lodge on Friday week that for the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which takes place in May, there were already ninety-nine candidates, and only twenty vacancies.

Mr. A. H. Henderson has made arrangements to secure the right of producing all the operas brought out in Paris during the next five years.

A life-like portrait of Bro. John W. Simons, P.G.M., New York, appears in the annual report of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York.

Bro. J. D. Barnett, P.M. and Sec., informs us that the Samson Lodge, No. 1688, has removed from Freemasons' Hall to the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), Air-street, Regent-street, W., and that the meetings in future will be held on the second Tuesday in the months of January, February, March, May, October, November, and December.

The Queen has signified her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood upon Mr. James Risdon Bennett, M.D., President of the Royal College of Physicians; and upon Lieut.-Colonel A. Need, Lieutenant of the Yeomen of the Guard.

Captain J. R. Slade, Royal Horse Artillery, lately returned from Afghanistan, arrived at Osborne on Monday, and had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family.

The names of the following gentlemen are already mentioned as candidates for the office of City Remembrancer, which will probably become vacant shortly: Sir T. J. Nelson (City Solicitor), the Right Hon. R. Bourke, M.P., Mr. W. Hardman (barrister-at-law), Mr. H. J. Bushby (metropolitan magistrate), Mr. Worthington Evans (solicitor), Mr. E. Andrew (solicitor), Bro. F. G. Faithfull (clerk of the Merchant Tailors' Company), and Mr. Marwood Tucker (barrister).

Bro. W. W. Snelling, at the annual banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, on Friday last, announced that he had received upwards of £1000 guineas from the members, since the establishment of the benevolent fund attached to the lodge, in aid of the three Masonic Charities.

Mr. Thomas Carlyle is, our readers will have learnt with regret, lying dangerously ill at his house in Cheyne-walk, Chelsea. He is now in his eighty-sixth year.

Bro. R. Conder's tender for £18,985 has been accepted for rebuilding Messrs. Greene and Son's premises in Cannon-street. Messrs. Taylor and Locke, of Basinghall-street, are the architects.

The Royalty Theatre is, we learn, to be enlarged and improved in the course of the summer, and reopened in the autumn under the management of Miss Lydia Thompson.

IMPROVEMENTS AT LEWISHAM.—Bro. George Vickery, architect, has received the following tenders for rebuilding premises at Lewisham: Mr. Conder, £8,879; Mr. Brass, £8,480; Mr. Colls, £8,340; Mr. Ashby, £8,246; Mr. Patrick, £8,181; Mr. Lawrence, £7,981; Mr. Nightingale, £7,532; and Mr. Jerrard, £7,474.

Pan last week, in an illustrated article, says of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., that he "has a neat talent for debate, and his aldermanic girth is surmounted by a fine philosophic head."

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., will preside at the annual dinner of the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, to be held at Willis's Rooms, on March the 9th.

Bro. Dr. W. Marston presided, the vice chair being occupied by Bro. R. P. Spice, at the "Boar's Head Feast of the Urbans," at the Holborn Restaurant last week.

Bro. Bancroft announces "Masks and Faces" for this (Saturday) evening at the Haymarket Theatre. Mrs. Bancroft will appear as "Peg Woffington," and Bro. Bancroft and Mr. Arthur Cecil will appear alternately as "Triplet" and "Colley Cibber."

The assault-at-arms in the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday was a grand success. For once the big building was full, and the help accruing to the Afghan Relief Fund must have been considerable. Further help is, however, urgently needed, as it seems from papers circulated in the Hall, that only £2000 has yet been subscribed by the public. Almost the whole of the Royal Family were present, and Sir F. Roberts was naturally the observed of all. Nearly £400 was realised for the fund.

Bro. H. A. Isaacs has been appointed Chairman of the Markets Committee.

THE KIDDERMINSTER MASONIC HALL AND CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED.—The first annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Club is announced to be held on Monday, the 7th inst. By the statement of accounts just issued, we see that satisfactory progress has been made, the balance sheet showing a profit in the year's working of £244 2s. 3d.

TUNIS.—Not a little interest has been excited in this country, and a profound sensation has been occasioned amidst the European colonists at Tunis, by the French Consul General summarily and forcibly ejecting a British subject from an enormous estate called the *Lufda*, which he had acquired by pre-emption, and this in violation both of international treaty and local law. The decision of the government as to the action to be taken is anxiously awaited. Bro. Broadley, barrister-at-law, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, represents Mr. Levy, the injured party in England. The matter was brought before the House of Commons on Monday last, by Mr. Montague Guest, M.P., R.W.G.P.M. for Dorsetshire, and the facts of the case appear at length in the *Times* of the 29th, and in the *Morning Post* of the 31st ult.

The Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, at its last meeting, voted the sum of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

It is with much regret we announce that Mrs. S. C. Hall, who has been associated with her husband, Bro. S. C. Hall, in literary work for more than half a century, died on Sunday evening at Devon Lodge, East Molesey, at the age of 74.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will attend the marriage of Prince William of Prussia as representative of the Queen. His Royal Highness, according to present arrangements, is expected to leave for Berlin on Thursday evening, the 24th inst.

Bro. Ernest Smith will be installed W.M. of the New Cross Lodge this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

The mail carts were run at Newbury, on Tuesday, for the first time since the great snowstorm.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, at the church parade of the 1st Life Guards on the 23rd ult., presented, at the Spital Cavalry Barracks, a medal for good conduct and long service to Musician J. Wight, a similar distinction being conferred upon Corporal-Major Wyatt, who was in hospital.

Captain the Honourable O. S. F. Cuffe, 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, who has been temporarily holding the appointment of aide-de-camp to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., commanding the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, has had his appointment confirmed.

Mr. Gill, in the House of Commons on Tuesday night remarked, much to the amusement of the rest of the members, that Sir Henry Tyler, Bart., kept his eye on the lips of the Home Rulers as closely and well as the "Tyler" at the door of a Masonic lodge.

It is announced that the Queen has been pleased to appoint Clement Courtenay Knollys, Esq., Auditor-General of Barbadoes, to be a member of the Executive Council of that island.

Ernest Edward Blake, Esq., of the Colonial Office, has been appointed Crown Agent for the Colonies, in conjunction with William Charles Sargeant Esq., C.M.G., and Montague Frederick Ommanney, Esq.

BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL BURNABY, M.P.—In consequence of the sudden death of Mrs. Burnaby, which sad event took place on the previous evening (Friday), Bro. Major-General Burnaby was unable to be present at the meeting of the Leicestershire Chamber of Agriculture on Saturday last.

Sir Garnet Wolseley distributed the prizes to the 1st Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers at the Derby Drill-hal on Wednesday last.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., has consented to preside at the 143rd anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians, which will be held this year at St. James's Hall. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has also signified his intention to be present.

Mr. Spurgeon has received from an anonymous friend the gift of £1000, for the purpose of extending his new Girls' Orphanage building.

Their Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold were present yesterday evening at the Earl of Dunmore's select orchestral party, which was held in the rooms of the Dillettante Circle, 7, Argyll-street, W.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE, No. 1728.—In our report of the installation meeting of this lodge, we omitted to mention that a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Chas. Butcher who in parts of the report was erroneously called Bullock, and that letters of regret for their inability to attend were received from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, and many others.

The extremely severe weather that has characterised the opening of the year 1881 will long be remembered. The severity has, however, been mitigated to a great extent by the abundance of cheap food that has been placed in the hands of the people. Thanks to free trade, a severe winter no longer means high-priced bread or bread impossible to be eaten, as it was in the years following 1815. How much longer a long-suffering people like the English will tolerate the loaf at 7d., when it might be supplied—according to the prices of flour—at a very much less rate, is a matter upon which we may not speculate; but one thing is certain, that bread, food, and cereals of every description are cheaper, because supplied in overwhelming abundance from our own colonies and the United States of America, and there is no reason why some attention might not be properly directed to the prices at which the staples of life are supplied to families. The remedy for very much overcharge is, however, in the hands of heads of families, as flour, oatmeal, and other preparations of wheat can be supplied direct from the millers at prices which will warrant the trouble and give the additional advantage of purity in the preparation. Messrs. James Limmer and Son, whose announcement appears in our current issue, enjoy an excellent reputation for the various productions of the flour mill, whether made from wheat, peas, or oats. It would appear that when the miller has done his best to produce a good article, very much of his efforts may be spoilt by the way in which bread, pastry, cakes, &c., are made by cooks of different degrees of intelligence. Messrs. Limmer and Son seem to have made failure in the preparation of fancy bread, cakes, and superior pastry impossible, by producing a flour of their own preparation, known as "Limmer's Self-Raising Flour," which requires neither baking powder, yeast, nor any other similar ingredients. The flour is specially recommended by the medical profession for the use of young children and sick persons, and should indeed form part of the store of every pantry. The preparations of Messrs. Limmer and Son are supplied in bags of various weights, which can be obtained from grocers, corn dealers, &c., on enquiry, throughout the United Kingdom, or direct from the manufacturers. A glance at Messrs. Limmer and Son's announcement will show that corn-flour, Scotch oatmeal, baking powder, pure digestive wheat meal, and pea-flour for soups, can be supplied in the same degrees of purity and convenience.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 11, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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, FEBRUARY 7.

Ball of the New Finsbury Park and Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodges, Cannon-st. Hot.
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Ioppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
" 1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S. London Masonic Club.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
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.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
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.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Mau, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1668, Samson, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 185, Jerusalem, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
S.C., 33, Grand East, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, S. London M.H., Lambeth.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms H., St. John's Wd.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart H., Upr. Norwd.
" 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-st., Chelsea.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, 148, Bow-rd., Bromley, E.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
S.C., 33, Grand East 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, 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, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crown-dale-rd., N.W., 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Linchouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 263, King of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1791, Creton, F.M.H.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1833, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
K.T. 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
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.
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 9.
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.
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Rose Croix, 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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.
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, February 12, 1881.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 241, Merchant's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grape's Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Dock Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Wolds.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale Hot., L'pool.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Mariner's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BARRETT.—On the 27th ult., at 3, Frclesworth-villas, Walthamstow, the wife of Charles James Barrett, of a daughter.
BARRETT.—On the 26th ult., at 19, Southampton-street, Camberwell, the wife of Edward James Barrett, of a daughter.
FOOT.—On the 23rd ult., at 18, Michael's-grove, South Kensington, the wife of Capt. C. E. Foot, Royal Navy, of a son.
GODWIN.—On the 26th ult., at Heaton Vicarage, Bradford, the wife of Major A. A. Godwin, 103rd R.B. Fusiliers, of a daughter.
MARTIN.—On the 28th ult., at Fairlawn College, Twickenham, Middlesex, Persis, wife of the Rev. Septimus Martin, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GUNSTON—RICHARD.—On the 29th ult., at St. John the Divine's, Richmond, Surrey, by the Rev. H. Walter Miller, M.A., Arthur Percy, son of the late Mr. William Gunston, of the H.E.I.C., to Florence Annie, daughter of the late Mr. John Edmund Richard, F.R.A.S., Hopelands, Kew, Surrey.
TAMPLIN—REE.—On the 29th ult., at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, by the Rev. G. F. Tamplin, uncle of the bridegroom, Charles Harris Tamplin, M.R.C.S., of Ramsgate, son of the late Mr. R. W. Tamplin, of Old Burlington-street, W., to Amy Constance, daughter of Dr. Ree, formerly of Fulham.
THOMPSON—SADLER.—On the 25th ult., at St. Mary's, Hampton, H. Thompson, of East Moulsey, to Sarah, daughter of Bro. C. Sadler, of Hampton Court.

DEATHS.

AUSTEN.—On the 24th ult., at Ramsgate, Mr. Benjamin Austen, aged 84 years.
BROWNRIFF.—On the 27th ult., at Ashford Lodge, Ashford, Middlesex, Katharine, wife of General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.
BURNABY.—On the 28th ult., at 51, Eaton-square, W., Louisa Julia Mary, beloved wife of Bro. Major-Gen. E. S. Burnaby, M.P., of Baggrave Hall, Leicestershire, second daughter of the late Sir W. W. Dixie, Bart., of Bosworth Park, in her 38th year.
HALL.—On the 30th ult., the wife of Bro. S. C. Hall.
IZOD.—On the 29th ult., Mr. Freeman Izod, of Fletcher House, Tottenham, aged 54.
KERR.—On the 24th ult., at Glasgow, in his 90th year, Mr. John Kerr.
STEPHENS.—On the 29th ult., after a long and painful illness, Charlotte Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Bro. G. H. Stephens, of 17, Walden-street, Stepney, E.