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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were present Bros. George J. Row, Don. M. Dewar, Leopold Ruff, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, J. G. Chancellor, A. M. Broadley, W. Gurton, W. H. Saunders, Richard Tyrrell, Rev. Richd. Morris, F. Adlard, George J. Palmer, Alfred Williams, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Before the commencement of business Bro. GLADWELL called the attention of the Committee to what he considered a gross calumny which had been published in reference to the last meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, but the CHAIRMAN interposing, said that the matter was quite irrelevant, and one with which the General Committee had no concern, and it could not be brought before the meeting. (Hear, hear.)

The SECRETARY then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were put and confirmed.

The minutes of the House Committee were read for information, and the report of the Audit Committee, after being read, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The minutes of the Quarterly Court were also read.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for over £1500 in payment of tradesmen's and other bills certified by the Audit Committee.

Three outfits of £5 each were voted to three ex-pupils of the Institution, and the Committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron and Trustee, presided; and there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, Samuel Rawson, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, John G. Stevens, Edgar Bowyer, John H. Leggett, Thomas Cubitt, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, Charles H. Webb, James Willing, jun., James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of an approved female candidate, who had for two years received her late husband's annuity.

The Warden's report for the first month was read, and permission was given to one of the male residents in the Institution to resign the apartments he occupied, he wishing to reside with some relations.

Cheques for the payment of the annuitants for the ensuing quarter, and for the payment of other charges on the Institution, were signed by the Chairman.

The rating of the Institution at Croydon having been materially increased, the Secretary was requested to appeal against the present rating, and to attend at Croydon for that purpose.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year having been submitted, the Committee decided to elect thirteen males from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, and seven widows from an approved list of sixty-one candidates at the election on the 20th of May next.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MASONIC HISTORY.

By ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

In the last number of the *Freemason*, at pp. 56 and 64 respectively, Bros. Hughan and Whytehead invite attention to very interesting points, which depend for their elucidation upon a closer and more critical study of Masonic history than has yet taken place. The "point" raised at p. 56 is the assertion of Bro. Albert Pike: "That men who were adepts in the Hermetic Philosophy made the ceremonies of the Blue [Craft] Degrees."

The second "point," introduced at p. 64, is the contention of Bro. E. T. Carson: "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"—[Christianity].

With the propositions just cited I am not concerned. I desire, however, before proceeding with my general subject to register a protest against the employment of the phrase "Blue Degrees" [or lodges] * to distinguish the Freemasonry of 1723, from the countless Rites which have been subsequently—and as some brethren think *legitimately*—added thereto.

I will now offer a few remarks on the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, as recorded by Masonic historians, and, I think, I shall satisfy both Bros. Hughan and Whytehead, that before the somewhat fanciful speculations (if, without offence, I may so term them), which they have published in the *Freemason*, can be adequately discussed, the ground must be first cleared of much accumulated error.

In his "History of Freemasonry," at p. 136, Bro. J. G. Findel states: "Establishment of the first Grand Lodge—This then took place . . . as several brethren united for this purpose, amongst whom were King, Calvert, Lumley, Madden, etc. At their head was Dr. J. T. Desaguliers . . . George Payne, a learned antiquarian, was his chief supporter, as was also Dr. James Anderson."

We have here two items of Masonic history; the first a record of the names of the "Committee"—as at p. 167 of his work Bro. Findel styles Messrs. King and others. The second an assertion that Desaguliers was the prime mover in the so-called "Revival" of 1717, with Payne, a learned antiquarian, and Dr. Anderson as his lieutenants. These I will separately discuss.

As to item the first, it is a curious fact that the names of Bro. Findel's so-called "Committee" were *originally* given as those of the founders of "Modern" Freemasonry by Laurence Dermott, in the third edition of his "Ahiman Rezon [1778]. Masonic students will need no reminder of the worthlessness of Dermott's evidence upon all points relating to the formation of the *older* Grand Lodge of England. In a foot note to "Ahiman Rezon," 1778 (the "Book of Constitutions" of the "Ancients"), I cannot cite the page, as, though I have made myself a manuscript copy of this work, I have not preserved the pagination; but the wording of the text, to which the foot note is subjoined, is as follows: "About the year 1717 some joyous companions, who had passed the Degree of a Craft (though very rusty), resolved to form a lodge for themselves, in order (by conversation) to recollect what had been formerly dictated to them, or, if that should be found impracticable, to substitute something new, which might for the future pass for Masonry amongst themselves. At this meeting the question was asked whether any person knew the Master's part, and being answered in the negative, it was resolved *nem. con.* that the deficiency should be made up with a new composition. . . . Hence it was ordered that every person (during the time of his initiation) should wear boots, spurs, a sword, and spectacles. . . . It was proposed that no brother (for the future) should wear an apron. This proposal was rejected by the oldest members, who declared that the aprons were all the signs of Masonry then remaining amongst them. . . . It was then proposed that (as they were resolved to wear aprons) they should be turned upside down, in order to avoid appearing mechanical. . . . Agreeable as this alteration might seem to the gentlemen, nevertheless it was attended with an ugly circumstance; for, in traversing the lodge, the brethren were subject to tread upon the strings, which often caused them to fall with great violence, so that it was thought necessary to invent several methods of walking, in order to avoid treading upon the strings," etc., etc. †

Readers of the *Freemason*, to whom the foregoing citation from the "Book of Constitutions" of a Grand Lodge of England is new, will, I think, agree with me in the opinion that Laurence Dermott's *foot note*, which I shall now exhibit, was no more worthy of adoption by Bros. Findel and D. M. Lyon ‡ than his text.

* Dr. Frederick Dalcho, I believe, first made use of this expression, and it has been improved upon in later years by the Hon. Judge Townshend, President of the Grand Chapter of the Rose Croix in Ireland, who, in an address delivered at Dublin, on April 2nd, 1875, speaks of the *only ceremonies known to our Masonic ancestors as the lower Degrees!*

† This nonsense first appeared in the 2nd Ed., and was much pared down in later issues of *Ahiman Rezon*.

‡ "The erection of the Grand Lodge of England, and subsequent arrangement of the ritual of Freemasonry, are ascribed to the influence and ingenuity of eight gentlemen having an honorary connection with the Fraternity of Operative Masons."—*Hist. of the Lodge of Edinburgh*, p. 150.

The following is the *foot note* :—"Brother Thomas Grin-sell, a man of great veracity, (elder brother of the celebrated James Quin, Esq.), informed his Lodge No. 3, in London (in 1753), that eight persons, whose names were Desaguliers, Goffon, King, Calvert, Lumley, Madden, De Noyer, and Vraden, were the geniuses to whom the world is indebted for the memorable invention of Modern Masonry."

Without wishing to multiply evidence, in order to invalidate the authority of the preceding quotation, it may be briefly stated, that none of the brethren named, Desaguliers excepted, are mentioned in the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, as they assuredly would have been had the statement in Dermott's foot note been a truthful one.

Item No. 2 will now be considered. Bro. Findel contends that Desaguliers, aided by Payne and Anderson, planned the "revival" of 1717, or, in other words, that these three brethren were the virtual *founders* of the first Grand Lodge of England. I do not think this position can be maintained.

Whilst freely admitting that the *theory* is in accord with Masonic tradition [or what does duty under that name], and that it has been generally adopted by our historians; I submit, nevertheless, that the period of transition (1717-23) from the *legendary* to the *historical* eras of English Freemasonry has been very lightly passed over by writers of the Craft.

(To be continued.)

MASONIC BALL.

The members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, and the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1605, held their annual Ball at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday last, the 7th inst., when there was a very large and select attendance. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock to Bro. Marriott's excellent band. The programme, the arrangement of which, gave every satisfaction to the company, consisted of 24 dances. The first part comprised—1, Quadrille; 2, Valse; 3, Lancers; 4, Polka; 5, Caledonians; 6, Valse; 7, Redowa; 8, Quadrille; 9, Schottische; 10, Polka; 11, Lancers; 12, Waltz and Galop. At half-past twelve the company adjourned to the "Pillar" room where, an excellent supper awaited them, and which was genially presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. Weston. At the conclusion of supper, and after grace had been sung, the President proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," which was loyally received, the company all heartily singing the National Anthem. The Treasurer's toast, "Success to the Ball," was received with hearty cheers. Bro. H. HOLLIS, Past G.D.C. Herts, in introducing it, said they were all much indebted to the ball Committee and the Stewards, for the very proficient manner in which the entertainment had been carried out. It was no easy task to perform duties appertaining to a ball, and therefore the greater praise was due. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Speller, who had been unceasing in his labours, and to whom was mainly due the success attained.

Bro. A. F. SPELLER having suitably replied, Bro. TIBBETTS, in able terms, proposed "The Ladies," for whom Bro. HEYSE responded.

The attraction of the evening was then resumed, the second part of the programme being as follows: 13, Quadrille; 14, Polka; 15, Valse; 16, Caledonians; 17, Schottische; 18, Valse; 19, Lancers; 20, Polka; 21, Quadrille; 22, Valse; 23, Lancers; 24, Valse and Galop. The various dances were entered into and continued with much zeal until a late, or rather early hour, under the able direction of Bro. R. Johnson, M.C.

Among those present were Bros. J. Weston, R. V. Davies, R. G. Thomas, W. and Mrs. Cook, Bro. W. T. Purkess (founder and first W.M. of Lodge, No. 1605), Mrs. Purkess, and the Misses Purkess, Bro. A. F. Speller, Bro. and Mrs. E. Cattermole, Bro. J. and Miss Homer, Bro. H. L. and Mrs. Godolphin, Bro. and Mrs. S. Hollidge, Bro. W. W. Morgan, and Miss Baxter, Bro. and Mrs. Humphreys, Bro. and Mrs. Alfred Goode, Bro. F. Goode, and Mrs. Hill, Bros. Swinyard, Fisher, F. F. E. Heyse, F. H. Tibbitts, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The brethren of the two lodges are to be congratulated on the very satisfactory result of this, their third annual ball.

MASONIC BALL AT BRIGHTON.

A select Subscription Ball was held recently at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in connection with the Royal York Lodge of Instruction. The company numbered about 250, and the whole affair was of a very agreeable and successful description. The apartments occupied for the purpose of the ball were the music and banqueting rooms and the north drawing room. Refreshments were laid out in the north drawing room and the banqueting room, this important department being in the hands of Messrs. Sayers and Marks, who, it is almost too superfluous to remark, did full justice to their well-earned reputation. The viands were choice, and the wines excellent, and there is little wonder that the company lingered in the supper room long after Mr. Devin had taken up the *bâton* for the commencement of the second part of the programme. In the matter of decorations not much was done, nor was it necessary, for Mr. Balchin's plants gave to the scene sufficient brilliancy to compensate for the absence of the hangings of tapestry which are conventionally regarded as essential to the complete transformation of the corridor. Mr. Devin's well-trained band supplied the music, which

comprised selections from the "Pirates of Penzance," "Olivette," and a charming new galop, entitled "Unicorn," dedicated to Mr. Paige, of North-street. The programme contained some twenty dances, which were gone through with a *verve* and spirit that was exhilarating in the extreme. At half-past twelve, by which time ten dances had been got through, supper was commenced, and thoroughly enjoyed. Bro. J. Packham occupied the chair, and performed his duties with tact. The speeches were few, short, and pithy. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured; then came "The Health of the Ladies," suitably and agreeably proposed by Bro. G. Godfree, and responded to by Mr. Stride, jun. Bro. Hudson proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who suitably responded, and in turn proposed "The Health of the Hon. Secretaries, Bros. Crook and Godfree," the first-named briefly acknowledging the toast. Supper over, dancing was resumed, while the more contemplative of the brethren present lighted their cigars and passed a pleasant half-hour in the supper room before joining the ladies. The proceedings ended when the sun was within an hour or two of rising, and one of the most enjoyable balls of the season brought to a close, not without regret.

The following is a list of the visitors: Messrs. Anderson, E. Amies, J. J. Bower, Balchin, jun., Berry, Bays, H. Berkeley, R. Berkeley, Berrison, Bunting, Bates, H. Broad, J. Bradford, Brydges, W. G. Baylis, Bonvill, Byerley, Bayley, P. Bacon, T. Bullock, Bond, G. Cook, F. Curtis, jun., A. Crook, T. Chandler, W. Carden, F. Clements, J. Curtis, Costai, R. C. Cox, F. Cripps, Cheesman, C. Cheesman, R. Cheesman, Carter, Creswell, Dumsday, H. A. Dale, Harry Evans, Fieldus, T. Forrester, Frappe, Field, Fitch, H. J. Fieldus, R. Godfree, Goldsmith, G. S. Godfree, Grinyer, W. H. Gibson, J. B. Hannay, C. W. Hudson, T. Holloway, S. Harper, Hill, E. Holloway, Higham, A. J. Hawkes, C. F. Hollands, Holmyard, A. Harrower, E. T. Ivimy, J. M. Kidd, W. H. Kirkham, Lindman, Lelu, Lait, Martin, A. Moon, C. H. McKellow, Myers, Macfarlane, Metcalf, A. Moses, F. Marks, Norris, Neall, T. Nell, W. Nell, C. Nye, Nicholson, R. C. Needham, J. P. Parsons, H. H. Payne, T. Packham, Paige, Capt. Poland, Perry, Pedlar, F. J. Prime, A. Provan, Reynolds, jun., Redgrave, Hastings Reeves, A. Reynolds, Sandeman, S. S. Stallard, J. H. Stride, Sharp, Sinden, Stovill, Sattin, Staples, J. W. Stride, jun., Sharp, C. P. Smith, Thomas, A. H. Thacker, A. Upton, Vickers, Vaughan, J. R. Wills, Woodhead, Watson, and Young.

Messdames Anderson, Allison, Balchin, Berry, Bays, Bates, Bradford, Bridges, Baylis, Byerley, Bayley, Bond, Chandler, Nye Chart, Cox, Carter, Creswell, Dumsday, Fieldus, Field, Fitch, Goldsmith, Godfree, Grinyer, Gibson, Holloway, Harper, Hill, Higham, Hawkes, Hatton, Kirkham, Luidman, Lelu, Martin, McKellow, Myers, Macfarlane, Metcalf, Neall, Nell, Nye, Nicholson, Payne, Paige, Pearce, Pedlar, Reynolds, Renner, Sandeman, Smythe, Stovill, Sattin, Some, Stovill, and Staples.

Misses Amies, Balchin, Louisa and Laura Bailey, Bates, Beeching, Boyer, Bullock, Cripps, Cheesman, Eade, Edwards, Forrester, Fieldus, Fitch, Goble, E. Goddard, Godfree, Goldsmith, Hollands, Houghten, Hammond, Hudson, Norris, Nell, L. Nye, Puttick, Palgrave, Ria Palgrave, Redgrave, Steans, Sattin, Sharp, Louie Stovill, Sisley, S. Wills, Winchester, E. Watson, and A. Watson.

MASONIC BALL AT LEICESTER.

The Masonic Ball in aid of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities took place under very distinguished patronage, at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on the evening of Tuesday, the 1st inst., when a most enjoyable evening was spent, there being about 200 ladies and gentlemen present. The duties of Master of Ceremonies were very efficiently fulfilled by Bro. Captain P. P. Goodchild. The ball room was decorated with Masonic lodge furniture and regalia, and the banners of several Orders, which, with the varied Masonic decorations of the brethren, produced a rich and imposing effect. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, to the strains of Bro. Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band, and was continued with great spirit until about four the next morning. The committee are to be congratulated upon the thorough success of their arrangements.

The following is a list of those present:—Bro. Captain Goodchild, Bro. Major Millican and Miss Shoulder, Bro. C. and Mrs. Stretton, Bro. E. C. Stretton and Mrs. Harper, Bro. G. and Mrs. Oliver, Bro. C. and Mrs. Oliver, Bro. J. and Mrs. Farndale, Bro. W. L. and Mrs. Faire, Bro. C. J. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Bro. W. Wilkinson and Miss Clodes, Bro. F. J. and Mrs. Baines, Bro. T. and Mrs. Wright, Bro. E. W. and Mrs. Potter, Bro. O. and Mrs. Law, Bro. J. B. and Mrs. Fowler, Bro. J. and Mrs. Jessop and Miss Taylor, Bro. C. and Mrs. Stevens, Bro. W. and Mrs. Vincent, Bro. B. and Mrs. Moore, Bro. T. B. and Mrs. Laxton, Bro. W. Tomlin and Miss Kirkton, Bro. Rev. C. H. Wood, Bro. J. Vaughan, Bro. T. P. Duxbury, Bro. E. Taylor, Bro. Dr. H. Meadows, Bro. J. T. Thorp, Bro. R. Taylor, Bro. Dr. J. Young, Bro. T. Coltman, Bro. S. Knight, Bro. J. Young, Bro. C. E. Willoughby, Bro. Dr. and Misses Emmerson, Bro. J. T. and Mrs. Hincks, Bro. B. A. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. C. and Mrs. Harding and Miss Titmas, Bro. H. and Mrs. Marshall, Bro. W. A. and Miss M. Fielding, Bro. A. and Mrs. Hiscox, Bro. S. A. and Mrs. Marris, Bro. W. H. and Miss Church, Bro. J. and Mrs. Clifton, Bro. J. H. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Bro. A. J. Barber and Miss Palethorpe, Bro. W. and Mrs. Oliver, Bro. C. and Mrs. Knowles, Bro. R. S. and Mrs. Toller, Bro. E. Watson and Mrs. Sharman, Bro. S. and Miss Cleaver, Bro. T. Turner, Bro. M. Cook, Bro. Spearpoint, Bro. W. H. Sollitt, Bro. E. K. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. Panter and Miss Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. and Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Scrimshire and Miss Walker, Mr. A. G. Hallam and Miss Helaby, Mr. and Mrs. Blakesley, Mr. G. Oliver, jun., and Miss Laxton, Mr. and Mrs. George Jessop, Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, Mr. and Miss Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrison, Mr. J. Case and Miss Collier, Mr. H. and Misses Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Mr. S. S. Mee and Miss Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. I. Barradale, Mrs. Crossley, Miss Stanyer, Miss Billings, Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. S. L. Hames, Mr. H. A. Hamshaw, Mr. W. G. Linnell, Mr. J. Padmore, Mr. T. Oliver, Mr. C. Bream, jun., Mr. S. A. Moore, Mr. H. Vickers, Mr. E. Hewitt, Mr. O. Ellis, Mr. G. Ellis, and Mr. H. C. Taylor.

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FREEMASONRY IN NATAL.

The mystic art of Masonry,
From East to West extending,
From pole to pole expands apace—
A gift of Heaven's own sending.

Notwithstanding the difficulties, and dangers, and troubles in which our Natal brethren have been more or less involved of late years, and the unsettled state of their surroundings, with a war which threatens to be protracted and troublesome in the Basuto country, and rebellion and bloodshed in the Transvaal, Masonry in the colony has not only maintained its ground, but has advanced with rapid steps; and the seventeenth anniversary meeting of the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, held in their own Temple in the City of Pietermaritzburg on St. John's Day, was one of the most successful Masonic gatherings within the remembrance of local members of the Craft.

The lodge was opened in due form at 3 p.m. by W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, P.M. of the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, who presided by special request; and after confirmation of minutes, a candidate for passing not having arrived, Bro. W. F. Stanton, the W.M. elect, was presented by W. Bro. Smith, P.M., and placed in the chair of K.S. At the close of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. Finnemore for his services as Installing Officer. The new W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. B. Ireland, S.W.; W. H. Mason, J.W.; I. Solomon, S.D.; Hodgkins, J.D.; T. Greening, Sec.; E. Keywood, Tyler. Bro. J. H. Spence was re-appointed as Treasurer.

After the transaction of some routine business of the lodge, the brethren separated, and met again at 8 p.m., in the lodge room, when some fifty brethren, including a number of visitors, sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The usual loyal and other toasts were given, and received with the wonted heartiness and enthusiasm, and a number of brethren entertained the company with songs of an excellent character, which were highly appreciated. Everything passed off in a most pleasant and gratifying manner, and it was not until some time after midnight that the brethren sang the days of Auld Lang Syne, and retired,

Happy to meet,
Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again.

It is worthy of note that, although there are now three Craft lodges in Pietermaritzburg, viz., Prince Alfred, 1656; Natalia, 1665; and Skelmersdale, 1729, where, a few years ago, there was but one lodge, yet each lodge is in a flourishing condition, and has always work on hand. In other parts of the colony, also, new lodges have risen up; whilst at Durban, the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738—the oldest lodge in the colony—and at Inanda, the Inanda Lodge, continue to progress with increasing vigour. Thus, at Greytown and Richmond, the Umvoti and Carnarvon Lodges respectively worthily represent the Craft; at Ladismith it is intended shortly to open a new lodge; and the brethren at Kokstad, outside the colony, have lately received a chapter.

Through the Natal lodges also new lodges have been installed at Pretoria, in the Transvaal, and at Harrismith, in the Orange Free State.

All of these lodges are under the English Constitution, and there is only one lodge in the colony under a foreign jurisdiction, the Caledonian (S.C.). The earnest desire of the brethren is now to establish a District Grand Lodge; and, as most of the lodges have, after due consideration, given in their official adhesion to the scheme, it is hoped that before very long the efforts of the brethren in this direction will be crowned with success. Not only in Craft Masonry but in the Higher Degrees have the brethren shewn their zeal and attachment to the Order. There are now two Royal Arch chapters under the English Constitution, besides one under the Scottish Constitution, in the colony at Pietermaritzburg: the Natalia Royal Arch Chapter, first founded by M.E. Comp. Wesley Francis, P.Z., and now under the government of Comp. Finnemore, Z., and at Durban, the Port Natal Royal Arch Chapter (Comp. G. Russell, Z.), are progressing in a most satisfactory manner.

There is also a lodge of Mark Masters, the Natalia, No. 252, at Pietermaritzburg, Bro. Finnemore, W.M., and a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Bro. Finnemore, Com. N.; a preceptory of Knights Templar, R. I. Finnemore, Preceptor, and Priory of Knights of Malta, besides two Rose Croix chapters—the Natalia at Pietermaritzburg, Bro. Stranack, M.W.S., and the Friendship Chapter at Durban, Bro. J. Hulston, M.W.S.

All these bodies work together, so far as they can consistently do having regard to their Constitutions, with the utmost harmony and good feeling, and at Pietermaritzburg, as at Durban, all the various Masonic bodies meet and work in the same building. No Masonic meetings in any part of the colony are held at a tavern or public-house, and any approach to intemperance on the part of any brother is quickly resented.

Barring some petty private squabbles which arose some years ago and have long since died out, there is and has been amongst the members of the Fraternity naught but good feeling and kindness. With regard to the proposal for a District Grand Lodge it is but fair to state that the Durban brethren, with a few exceptions, have not looked favourably upon the scheme, but it is hoped that in time unanimity will be secured, the three city lodges having already voted unanimously in favour of it.

This brief sketch of Masonic progress in the colony would be incomplete without an allusion to the Masonic Benevolent Association, formed by the joint action and supported by the joint assistance of the different lodges, which has so far progressed in a satisfactory manner, and has been the means of rendering substantial assistance to unfortunate brethren—especially strangers—who needed help. Each lodge has, however, its own Benevolent Fund, the brethren being mindful that—

To stretch the liberal hand
And pour the stream of gladness
O'er misery's withered strand;
To cheer the hearth of sadness,
To dry the orphan's tear,
And soothe the heart nigh broken;
Breathing in affliction's ear
Kind words, in kindness spoken:
This is a Mason's part,
A Mason's bounden duty,
This rears the Mason's heart
In wisdom, strength, and beauty.

THE PAST GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The name of the M.W. John Wimburn Laurie, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, will have been noticed lately among the lists of the distinguished visitors at several Masonic meetings lately in the Metropolis, and the following extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at the Annual Communication, held in June last, will be read with interest by those brethren who have had the pleasure of meeting our worthy brother recently:

"W. Bro. Col. JAMES POYNTZ submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. RICHARD AVERY and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the most Worshipful John Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, has declined a reelection to the high office which he has filled for the last six years to the entire satisfaction of this Grand Lodge and with the applause of the Craft generally throughout this jurisdiction; and whereas this Grand Lodge desires to express to the M.W. Brother its high sense of obligation for the valuable and efficient services rendered to the Order by him during his incumbency of the highest office in the gift of the Grand Lodge, and that such expression should be entered among the permanent records of this Grand Lodge:

"Therefore resolved, that this Grand Lodge tenders to the retiring Grand Master its cordial thanks for the zeal, ability, and dignity which he has brought to the office of Grand Master, and which have characterised his whole incumbency of that position; and this Grand Lodge follows the M.W. Brother in his retirement with its sincere wishes for his personal welfare and happiness, and begs to assure him that the history of his distinguished administration of the offices of Grand Master will ever form a proud page in the Masonic annals of Nova Scotia, and be looked upon with admiration by this Grand Lodge."

We may add that Bro. Laurie is one of the senior colonels in the army, and has been on staff duty in Canada for nearly twenty years. He is an old English Mason, having been initiated in the Albany Lodge, No. 157, Newport, I. of W., and conducted, as W.M., a regimental lodge in the 4th King's Own Royals, in Central India, more than twenty years ago.

We trust Bro. Laurie may continue his valuable services to Masonry in this country, now that he has retired from active service.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Rite, on Monday last, at 33, Golden-square, the Supreme Council conferred the Eighteenth Degree of Rose Croix on Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, Francis Knollys, Esq., private secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Albert Edward Chapter, King's Lynn, and on the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.

Bro. Sandeman, the Grand Secretary General, officiated in his usual effective way, assisted by General Brownrigg, as Prior, Bro. Frank Richardson, and others. The Sov. Grand Commander, the Earl of Lathom, was present, together with several distinguished members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, among whom we noticed Bros. Capt. Philips, General Clerk, Col. Adair, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Money, Col. Somerville Burney, Rawson, C. Hutton Gregory, A. Tyssen Amherst, M.P., Hamon L'Estrange, and others.

CRIPPLEGATE PENSION SOCIETY BALL.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, the annual meeting of this most successful and pleasant gathering was held, with Mr. Alderman Knight as Chairman, supported by the number of some 300. A feature of the success on former years was most substantially shown by a "spontaneous" testimonial to the Honorary Secretary to this excellent Charity, or, rather, say aid to those who may have from circumstances fallen to the position of requiring assistance from their fellow parishioners.

The toast of "The Honorary Secretary and Stewards," as usual, was received with unanimous recognition.

The HONORARY SECRETARY, in his response, expressed that with even this great pleasure to himself on all occasions in the Ward to take his part in the work to be done, more he could not say than what he had done in the past he hoped, with health, to do with the same amount of pleasure in the future if at any time called upon.

Among the many present were Mr. Alderman Knight, Mrs. Knight and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stillwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. Crutch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lake, Mr. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hancock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glover, Mr. and Miss Caligari, Mr. G. M. Felton, C.C., and the Misses Felton, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Felton, Mr. and Mrs. Kinnell, Mr. Jno. Corke, C.C., Mr. and Mrs. Bassingham, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Clemans.

The dancing was kept up to a late hour to the very excellent band of the Honourable Artillery Company (Signor Tamplini leader), and who most thoroughly enjoyed encores as an appreciation of their efforts. The M.C.'s were Bros. A. Glover and Foulger, who gave their attention to the enjoyment of all in the best manner possible. Great praise is due to their efforts (as on former occasions).

The Annual Installation Meeting of the members of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, took place on Monday afternoon at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, near Liverpool. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Hale Constitutions.—When the human frame has become debilitated from the effects of exposure, excesses, or neglect, these Pills will repair the mischief. If they be taken according to the lucid directions wrapped round each box, Holloway's Pills exert the most exemplary tonic qualities in all cases of nervous depression, whereby the vital powers are weakened, and the circulation is rendered languid and unsteady. They improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion, regulate the liver, and act as gentle aperients. The Pills are suited to all ages and all habits. A patient writes: "Your Pills to be valued require only to be known. During many years I sought a remedy in vain, was daily becoming weaker, when your Pills soon restored me."—[ADVT.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 5th inst., a large number of members and visitors being present to do honour to the respected and popular Secretary and W.M. elect, Bro. H. C. Levander. The lodge was opened at 4.30, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Reid was raised to the Third Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. H. C. Levander was then duly installed into the chair by the I.P.M., Bro. George Powell, who rendered the beautiful and impressive ceremony with much feeling, and was listened to with rapt attention by the whole of the brethren present. The elevation to the chair of St. Thomas's Lodge of a brother so universally known and honoured as Bro. Levander marks an era in the annals of the lodge, which we doubt not will be pleasantly and profitably remembered in after years, and add dignity and honour to both the W.M. and brethren.

The banquet afterwards took place, and was also largely attended, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and heartily responded to. The musical arrangements, which were very good, were under the direction of Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. 766.

Among the visitors present we noticed Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; R. F. Gould, Grand Deacon; Frank Richardson, Grand Deacon; Edgar Bowyer, S.G.W. Middlesex; C. F. Hogard; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Messent; Nicholson; E. C. Mather; F. Levander; and George Kenning, W.M. 1657.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The February meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; Charles Arkell, I.P.M.; S. T. Lucas, S.W.; J. G. Chillingworth, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Hon. Sec.; James Lorkin, S.D.; H. A. Pratt, J.D.; H. A. Carter, I.G.; Thomas Fisher, Robert Clark, J. Cook, R. J. Dart, Barclay Perkins, W. S. Cobb, Dowland, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bros. S. T. Lucas and George Kenning, P.M., were unanimously elected. An Audit Committee having been appointed, and a distressed brother relieved with the sum of five guineas, the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards dined together, the usual toasts being given by the W.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE (No. 228).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. The lodge having been opened, Bro. G. H. Patmore was installed W.M., the Installing Officer being the I.P.M. (W. Bro. Snares), who performed the ceremony with great success and very impressively. There was a large attendance at the banquet following, over which the W.M. presided.

Afterwards the W.M. gave, as the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally received. He next proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," referring to the advances Freemasonry had made since H.R.H. had become M.W.G.M. of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The I.P.M. (W. Bro. Snares) gave "The Health of the W.M.," saying no words were necessary to commend the toast. He had shown by his working that night a foretaste of the ability which, he was sure, he would display during the year. In replying, the W.M. thanked them for the compliment, and said he should endeavour to do all he could to further the interests of the lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Bray," which was cordially received. In replying, the initiate said he had been much impressed with the beauty of the ceremony, and thanked them very much for their kind reception of him. The W.M. then gave "The Visitors"—a large number of whom were present—expressing the pleasure the lodge always had in receiving them. The visitors included a brother from the United States and a member of the Polish National Lodge. W. Bro. McLean (Dunstable), replying, expressed his gratitude for the warm reception given to the visitors. He had known the W.M. for some years, and the longer he had known him the better he liked him. (Applause.) He (the W.M.) was a thoroughly good man and a Mason. The unanimous voice of 228 had, he felt sure, fallen on one who would reflect honour on the lodge, and do everything he could to advance its interests. W. Bro. E. F. Green, of Luton Lodge, expressed the pleasure it afforded the Craft at Luton to see one of their townsmen advanced to such a proud position in a metropolitan lodge. Bro. Harding, of the United States, remarked that "United Strength" was a fit emblem of Freemasonry. In the United States they looked to England as the mother of Freemasonry; and he testified to its usefulness in uniting in good works men of all conditions in new places. Bro. Lyon also replied. The W.M. gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," and invested him with a Past Master's collar and jewel, remarking how well he had earned the distinction. The I.P.M. returned thanks for the testimony of their approbation, and expressed his earnest desire for the good of the lodge. The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who, replying, pointed out that the I.P.M. was a Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Fund, and invited the brethren to give him their support. There were no less than ninety-eight candidates, and they had only twenty vacancies. Unless they had additional funds as many as seventy-eight old people would be disappointed. As to boys and girls, if they were not elected to the Institutions they would be educated in the last resort by the State, and in some cases boys or girls were adopted, besides being yearly increasingly able to help themselves. It was not so with the old people, and he never heard of any one adopting an old man or an old woman. (Laughter.) Of that lodge great things were expected, and it was capable of accomplishing them. Amongst all the lodges with which he was connected as an honorary member (some 150) there was no one more harmonious and united. (Ap-

plause.) The permanent income of the Benevolent Society was only £2400, and the payments to their annuitants amounted to no less than £10,780. The Boys' and Girls' Institutions had incomes beyond their needs; but the Institution for the old people required all their support, and he eloquently pleaded for their liberal donations to the Stewards' lists. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and then "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast brought a successful evening to a close.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. W. Rowley S.W.; W. Pitt, J.W.; Redding, S.D.; Fields, J.D.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Jones, P.M., Treas.; G. M. Taylor, P.M.; Lemarque, P.M.; R. Prime, Goodenough, Burdett, Winshurst. Visitors: Bros. George Kenning, W.M. 1657, and Greenwood, West Smithfield Lodge.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and duly confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bros. Lewis James, W. Nash, A. Sprules, and R. M. King to the Third Degree. Bro. W. T. Yates was also passed to the Second Degree. A banquet afterwards took place. We think it worthy of notice that the respected Hon. Secretary, Bro. L. Stean, P.M., is in a position to celebrate his Masonic jubilee, having been a Mason over fifty years. We congratulate him on attaining this honourable state, and trust he will yet be able to devote some years of service for the benefit of the Cosmopolitan Lodge.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. There were present Bros. J. J. Bell, W.M.; J. Quincey, S.W.; R. Challoner, J.W.; W. T. Lover, P.M., Sec.; E. Bridges, S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; F. W. Stamp, I.G.; A. G. Young, Tyler; J. Stock, P.M.; J. A. Smith, P.M.; W. A. Allen, G. J. Judge, W. Goad, R. J. Eastbrook, T. Morey, F. Tomlins, and others.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. J. J. Bell, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. J. Eastbrook, T. Morey, and W. Goad were raised to the Third Degree. A ballot was then taken for the admission of Mr. Edward Crookenden, which proved unanimous, and he being present was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Another candidate for initiation was proposed, and there being no other business the lodge was closed in due form.

ROSE LODGE (No. 1622).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. It was opened at five o'clock punctually by Bro. Henry Vickery, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. W. Pritchett, S.W.; G. P. Coltar, J.W.; J. N. Kirby, Treas.; J. Loader, Sec.; W. C. Page, Org.; W. Hamlyn, S.D.; S. H. Goldschmidt, J.D.; F. Hilton, I.G.; G. H. Atkinson, D.C.; R. Challoner, W.S.; G. W. Rowe (acting) Tyler; J. Garnar, P.M.; W. Clauson-Thue, P.M.; J. Williams, H. L. Holloway, G. Etheridge, C. Etheridge, E. Stace, J. S. Vineall, J. Burgan, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Goad, 1178; W. T. Hunt, 79; R. J. Voisey, 1641; C. H. Morgan, 1475; and W. T. Bray, W.M. 1155.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. S. Vineall was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Edward Stace was passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. William Henry Walkley and William James Hazel were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. There being no other business the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Some capital songs were rendered by Bros. W. C. Page, W. W. Pritchett, J. Garnar, W. Hamlyn, R. Challoner, and others. The Tyler's toast was given shortly after eleven o'clock, thus bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Teddington, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and was exceedingly well attended. Among those present were Bros. R. W. Forge, W.M.; J. Piller, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J.W.; J. Hurst, P.G.P. Middlesex, I.P.M., Treas.; G. R. Fitt, Sec.; H. W. Linton, S.D.; T. Goodchild, J.D.; B. Müller, Org.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. R. J. Garwood, No. 946, as a joining member, and for Messrs. J. Finch, C. L. Lawrence, A. Simmonds, and T. Larry as initiates. The ballot being unanimous, the four candidates were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. in a manner that did him credit. The ceremony of passing Bro. J. R. Barns as a F.C. was next performed. Several communications having been read the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to a collation at the Clarence Hotel.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. Walls replied upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the Visitors" was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Cousins, W.M. 209; Argyle, W.M. 946; and Daniels, S.W. 1798. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed most ably by the I.P.M., and drew from Bro. Forge a few modest words in response. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., was held one of the most brilliant assemblages of Freemasons in connection with any individual lodge which has taken place in this city for a long time, probably owing to two causes, namely—first, the elevation of the status and character of the lodge by the investigations and consequent discoveries as to its early history made during the past year, and the proceedings connected therewith; and, secondly, the deserved popularity of the brother who was to be installed as W.M. during the next year. At a few minutes after four, the brethren having taken their seats in the hall, the Dir. of Circ. marshalled the officers, who entered in procession, the rear brought up by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P. G.S.W. Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958, who at once proceeded to occupy his chair. He was supported by Bros.

Braham, I.P.M.; W. Hunt, S.W.; C. Radway, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, Treasurer and P.P.G.J.W.; T. Wilton, D.C. and P.P.G.J.W.; R. B. Carter, Secretary; E. J. B. Mercer, S.D.; A. Holmes, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, as I.G.; T. E. Wilton, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. There were also present the following P.M.'s of the lodge: Bros. Capt. R. Peel Floyd, J. Rubie, S. G. Mitchell, T. B. Moutrie, J. S. Turner, and F. Wilkinson, all of them Past Provincial Grand Officers, besides the Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies; and many members. As visitors belonging to No. 53 there were Bros. Col. Ford, P.M.; Watts, P.M.; Milsom, P.M.; Sanderman, W.M.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.M. and P.G. Chap.; Commans, P.M.; J. B. Wilson, S.D.; W. F. Gould, No. 379; Rev. H. E. Sanderson, W.M. and Prov. G. Chap.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M.; Bernard, I.G. 906; Stuckey, W.M.; E. L. Hill, P.M.; Williamson, P.M.; Lawson Howes, P.M.; P. C. Young, P.M. 973; T. Gublick, W.M.; Hayman, P.M.; and many members of these and other lodges.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the Secretary read the circular of summons and the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The S.D., as Secretary of the lodge of instruction, read the minutes of the last meeting of that body. The W.M. read a letter from Bro. R. Freke Gould, Premier G.S.D., in acknowledgment of a vote of thanks for services rendered to the lodge, which, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. also read portions of a letter from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D., expressive of regret at his inability to be present on this occasion, and of sincere congratulation to the W.M. elect on his installation. At this juncture the arrival of W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., was announced, and by request of the W.M. the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers left the hall to escort him on his entrance. He was saluted in the usual form, and when he had taken his seat at the right of the W.M., the grand honours were given. The W.M. then respectfully offered the gavel to him, which was accepted, and then as courteously returned. Past Masters T. P. Ashley and S. G. Mitchell then presented Bro. Charles Radway to the W.M. as having been elected by the brethren to receive at his hands the benefit of installation as his successor, who at once proceeded with the ceremony, and after the usual preliminaries had been gone through, all offices were declared vacant. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, about thirty being present, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins completed the ceremony of placing Bro. C. Radway in the chair of King Solomon, concluding by requesting to be invested as I.P.M., which was accordingly done. The Installing Master then closed the Board of Installed Masters. The loving cup, presented to the lodge a few months ago, was handed round, and all having offered "Hearty good wishes" to the new W.M., the Master Masons, Fellow Crafts and E.A.'s joined in the usual salutations and greetings, the Installing Master making the accustomed proclamations. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows, accompanying each with peculiarly happy remarks as to the duties, &c.: Bros. R. B. Carter, S.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treasurer; T. Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; Murlis, Secretary; A. Holmes, S.D.; T. Ames, J.D.; W. Peach, I.G.; T. E. Wilton and H. B. Smith, Stewards; and Bigwood, Tyler.

After the Tyler had been invested, Bro. Dr. Hopkins rose, and, with permission, expressed his great satisfaction at the manner in which that officer had discharged his duties during a somewhat trying year, when so many exceptional circumstances had occurred by which his labour had been increased, and at the courtesy and willingness he had displayed when called upon for extra personal services to himself. As an acknowledgment, Bro. Dr. Hopkins had procured a Tyler's breast jewel, which he handed to the W.M., requesting him to present it in his name. This was done with very appropriate remarks, and the Tyler returned thanks, but was evidently surprised at the unexpected gift. The Installing Master then gave the concluding addresses to the W.M. and the Wardens, and having expressed his conviction that the brethren would like to hear the voice of the highly respected Bro. Ashley, the oldest P.M. of the lodge present, called upon him to give the closing address to them, with which he at once complied. Bro. T. Wilton, from his chair, recounted the eminent services rendered to the lodge by the retiring W.M., now the I.P.M., not only in the working of the ceremonies and conducting the ordinary business, but also by the lectures he had delivered, by his hospitality, by the use of his pen, and by the *clat* he had given to this old lodge in having brought his long experience, his Masonic knowledge, and that of his distinguished friends to bear in unravelling the early history of the lodge 150 years ago, from which such important results had followed. He concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his conduct in the chair during the past year. Bro. W. Hunt, in seconding the motion, supplemented it by a few remarks, and it was carried by acclamation. Bro. Wilton then left his chair, and, approaching the dais opposite the I.P.M., addressed him in the most kindly terms, expressing the desire of the members to mark their sense of his services in some more tangible and significant way than by mere words, but a difficulty had arisen in the selection of a suitable offering, as he had received so many jewels and other articles from the lodges in which he had served, but they had at last hit on a gold centenary jewel of the lodge, of which he desired his acceptance. The I.P.M. at once replied, acknowledging the gift in suitable terms, and concluded by remarking that during his Mastership no brother had been admitted to a Degree without at the same time receiving the explanatory lectures, in which, as well as in illustrating the working tools, he had been kindly and efficiently assisted by the present J.W., the two Deacons, and Inner Guard, and he recommended the junior members to acquire a knowledge of the rituals, and of the duties of the several officers, so as at any time to be able to supply the place of an absentee, as being, in addition to regular attendance, the surest way to preferment, and affording a hope of ultimately rising to the highest position as a ruler in the Craft. The W.M. next addressed the brethren in strong and grateful words, acknowledging the honour that day conferred upon him, and every one acquainted with Bro. Radway knows that he means what he says, and will act up to it. He stated that he felt the difficulties of his situation, which he would use his best endeavours to overcome, and still to maintain the dignity, character, and reputation of a lodge which deservedly stands so high in estimation among Masonic circles. He trusted he should meet with indulgence during at least

the early portion of his high official position, and should confidently rely on the long list of Past Masters for help and advice in case of need. He concluded by paying a high compliment to the D.P.G.M. for his readiness, on this, as on all occasions, when possible, in accepting the invitation to attend, and for the interest he always exhibits in the proceedings of No. 41; indeed, without his presence and sanction, though the ceremony had not been conducted by him, the W.M. would hardly consider himself properly installed, so accustomed were the brethren to see him among them on such occasions. At the same time he desired to express his pleasure and gratitude to the other visitors who had honoured him by their presence. The D.P.G.M. at once rose to reply, which he did briefly, but in graceful terms, taking the opportunity to notice and explain the recent frequent absences of the Prov. Grand Master from provincial meetings as quite unavoidable and contrary to his own wishes, at the same time stating his conviction that such would not be the case in future. The D.P.G.M. concluded by congratulating the W.M. on the commencement of his career under such auspicious circumstances, and surrounded by so brilliant an assemblage. After a short pause, the W.M. again rose, and reminded the brethren of recent correspondence of a most pleasing kind with the son of a Mason, Bro. Marsh (aged 92), who was initiated in No. 41, and during his residence here was a subscribing member, but is now an honorary member. From the son he had just received a letter expressive of the great interest his father still takes in the proceedings, and in reference to the discussions lately held on past events, mentioned that the old gentleman sat opposite to the Duke of Sussex at the banquet on the consecration of the Masonic Hall in York-street in 1819. His letter was accompanied by a portrait of Bro. Marsh, sen., and also by interesting documents, nicely framed, as a present to the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks was, of course, proposed, and carried by acclamation. This brought the business proceedings to a close, and the lodge was duly closed.

An adjournment was made to the Grand Hotel for the annual banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and at the cross table on his right were the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. Davy, P.G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. H. E. Sanderson, P.G. Chap., and others; on his left were Bros. Dr. Hopkins, I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M.; T. Wilton, P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.M.; and others. Upwards of eighty guests sat down, and many others who intended to be present were prevented by illness, among whom may be especially named Bros. F. Brown, P.M. 41; E. T. Payne, P.G.D. of England, and P.M. 53; and Stothert, P.M. 53; distinguished and highly esteemed Freemasons. The pattern of the menu card was new and much admired. The viands described thereon were of the highest character. In fact, nothing could surpass the provision made for the most exacting gourmand or the most delicate connoisseur in wines. The musical arrangements were complete and effective. Bro. Pinker, a recently initiated member, kindly officiated at the piano in place of the respected Bro. Pyne, the Organist of the abbey, who was detained at home by indisposition. The W.M. seemed in his right place, and surpassed himself, ready as he always is in the performance of any duties. In truth, from beginning to end, there did not appear to be a screw loose, and the brethren must have carried to their homes most pleasing impressions of the installation of Bro. Charles Radway as W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, founded in 1733.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The annual installation of this, one of the oldest and most popular lodges in Lancashire (being in possession of the centenary medal) was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. A goodly muster of the brethren and friends assembled to assist at the installation of Bro. William Cooper, S.W., into the chair of K.S.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Dooley, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary elect, Bro. Jno. Morris, P.M., and passed. There were present Bros. James Dooley, W.M.; William Cooper, S.W.; Geo. Taylor, J.W.; Rd. Duxbury, S.D.; Jno. Morris, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Heywood, Org.; F. Williams, I.G.; Thomas Rimmer, S.S.; H. Broughton, and Thos. Higson, Tylers; Robt. Horridge, I.P.M.; Henry Ainsworth, P.M.; Jno. Wild, P.M.; H. Bagshaw, J. F. Skelton, Jno. Chorlton, Nathaniel Tybzeley, Allen Morris, Job. Rostrom, Jos. Holden, Danl. Constantine, and Henry Tongue. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Thos. Entwistle, P.P.G.S. of W. E.L.; Robert Harwood, P.M. 348, and P.P.G.S. of W. E.L.; J. McCoy, P.P.G.S.D., Cumberland; G. P. Brockbank, P.M. 221; Wm. Stead, W.M. 221; Jas. Newton, P.M. 37, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Alcock, W.M. 348; Jno. Alcock, P.M. 348; J. Wolstenholme, P.M. 348; J. H. Swindlehurst, P.M. 320; Wm. Crankshaw, 348; and Francis Hilton, Affability, 317. At this point the Installing Master, Bro. Jno. Wild, P.M., assumed the chair, and the W.M. elect was presented in the usual manner by Bro. Henry Ainsworth, P.M. The Secretary elect, Bro. Jno. Morris, P.M., then read the customary questions from the Book of Constitutions. After which the installation was gone through in Bro. Wild's usual painstaking manner. Bro. Morris then proceeded to invest the officers in the following order: Bros. G. Taylor, S.W.; Richard Duxbury, J.W.; W. Nicholson, P.M. Treas.; H. Morris, P.M., Sec.; F. Williams, S.D.; Henry Broughton, J.D.; John Wild, P.M., D.C.; W. Heywood, Org.; J. F. Shelton, I.G.; H. Rimmer, Tyler; T. Tongue, S.S.; J. Hanslam, J.S. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a most *recherche* banquet (set out in Mrs. Long's usual splendid style) to which all seemed to do ample justice. It was felt by many as a void that the face of the late J.D., Bro. J. Galloway (whose business affairs have called him to Russia), was absent from the festive board; but though absent yet many of the brethren remembered him with kindly feelings and good wishes for his future welfare and prosperity. After the withdrawal of the cloth and the loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the assembled brethren were treated to some of the most delightful glee singing, which is seldom heard in a Masonic lodge, Bros. Kershaw, Lamb, and Neal forming a most unique trio, at the same time each having special merits of his own. Bro. Lamb's bass song, "Here's to his health in a song," being highly appreciated. After "The Health of the Newly Installed Brother," and "The District and Visiting Brethren" had been drunk and responded to, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony at 11 p.m.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The annual meeting of members for the audit of the accounts of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., Bro. M. Rooke, who was supported by a number of his officers and brethren. The balance sheet was presented by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., and having been examined, was pronounced to be eminently satisfactory.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren met at supper, ample provision having been made under the supervision of the Tyler, Bro. Calvert. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Alderman G. Brown then gave the toast of "The R.V. Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. G. Lodge." He said that it had been his privilege at the last occasion of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in York to afford the hospitality of the Mansion House, which he then had the honour to occupy as Lord Mayor. He was sure that his own opinion of their chief was that of all who had seen him presiding in lodge, that he used his best efforts in the cause of Masonry, and nobly succeeded. Bro. A. Buckle, P.M., Prov. Grand Deacon, responded, and said that he was certainly proud of the purple which had been conferred upon him, more especially as it brought him into closer association with brethren such as those who had been so decorated, and who were then standing up with him, and because he felt that in him the York Lodge had been honoured. The S.W., Bro. J. S. Rymer, gave "The Health of the W.M.," who had already set them during his short term of office so good an example in work, and whose health he was right glad to see restored to him. The W.M. briefly responded, assuring the brethren that he should spare no pains to do his duty by the lodge in all respects. Bro. Buckle then gave the toast of the evening, which was "The Health of the Treasurer of the Lodge." He dwelt upon Bro. Todd's many excellent Masonic qualities, and said that in him the successive rulers of the lodge had always and would always find a friend and counsellor. Bro. Todd in his reply made some reference to the lodge finances, which he was glad to be able to show were in so healthy a condition. He then spoke of the three Masonic Charities, and said that their Bro. the Dean of York was going up as a Steward to the Benevolent Festival, and he hoped that the lodge would be able to vote a sum to his list. He (Bro. Todd) hoped to represent the lodge at the Girls' Festival, and trusted he would receive the support of the lodge and brethren. He then gave a sketch of the work of the lodge during the past year, and showed that it had contributed a total sum to the Charities of over £100. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., gave the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge." He said that since the time he had become a joining member of the lodge, now seven years since, there had been a succession of Masters who had done their duty with the utmost credit to themselves and the lodge, and if such conscientious workers could always be secured for the chairs of other lodges, Masonry would be in a much better position than at present. He was entirely at one with their Treasurer on the Charities question, and was delighted at the substantial work of the lodge. He trusted that greater care, however, would be exercised in the admission of candidates into Masonry, for from several matters which had lately transpired, as well as from the number of applicants for the benefits of the Institutions, it was only too patent that men were joining their ranks for the sake of what they and theirs could get out of Masonry. Such a condition of affairs, if not discouraged, would prove most damaging to the Order. Bro. W. H. Gainforth, I.P.M., responded, and was followed by Bro. G. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O., who proposed "The Officers of the Lodge." The S.W. replied, and shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a close. During the evening, songs, duets, and glees were sung by Bros. J. Todd, G. Kirby, W. Smith, G. R. Hitchcock, J. Stead, M. Smith, and others. Bro. Tuke, Organist, presiding at the piano. Among those present, in addition to the brethren already named, were Bros. Sir. James Meek, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; G. Garbutt, S.D.; W. Powell, I.G.; W. Nicholson, J. Young, W. T. Gowland, G. C. Lee, C. Kearsley, J. Wellburn, and J. G. Turner.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; H. Walmsley, S.W.; R. Tomlin, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, Sec.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; John Bladon, P.M., D.C.; Jas. Wilson, S.D.; P. Holmes, J.D.; W. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), and J. J. W. Edwards, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; D. Donbavand, P.M.; G. D. Wenham, Francis Hilton, Edward Smith, Henry Samuels, and John Garside. Visitors: Bros. Ellis Jones, P.M. 1147, P.G. Treas. E.L., and James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.

The lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Samuels and Garside were severally passed to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a highly satisfactory manner, being his first attempt. Bro. Jas. Dawson, P.M., delivered the E.A. Charge to both candidates. A proposition was carried that the sum of £5 be subscribed from the lodge funds towards the East Lancashire Systematic and Masonic Benevolent Educational Institution. Bro. Nicholl, W.M., gave notice of motion for next meeting that the sum of £10 10s. be granted from the lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. John Smethurst, P.M. and Treas., for his services as Treasurer during the past year. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bros. W. Nicholl and Jas. Dawson, P.M., for their services as Auditors. The sum of £3 was voted towards the relief of a late member of the lodge. Previously to the closing of the lodge, the W.M. requested Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, to give a few particulars concerning the Institution for which our esteemed brother is Secretary. Bro. Terry thereupon gave a concise account of the progress the Institution had made during the last twenty years, and which was most attentively listened to by the brethren; and for which, at its conclusion, Bro. Terry received the thanks of the W.M.

The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony at 8.15. At the social board the number of visitors was increased by the presence of Bros. C. F. Matier, E. C. Milligan (Buxton); Wm. Rome, P.M. 163; J. L. Hine, P.P. G.S.W. E.L.; and H. T. Robberds, P.M. 204, P.P.G. Org.; whose healths were proposed by the W.M. in flatter-

ing terms, and who duly responded. Bro. Terry also, in a most elaborate speech, gave further particulars respecting the Institution before mentioned, the festival in connection with which takes place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on the 23rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. Bro. Terry drew particular attention to the unusually large number of applicants this year (ninety-nine) who had petitioned for relief, and called upon every brother to do his utmost in obtaining donations and subscriptions towards this noble Institution. After a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated shortly after eleven o'clock.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).—The installation of the W.M. (Bro. Dr. Charles Knott) for the ensuing year took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., the Installing Master, Bro. S. R. Ellis, performing the duty with exceptional ability. Owing to the severity of the weather, the attendance was much less than would have been the case under more favourable circumstances. Letters apologising for non-attendance were numerous, including Bros. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, G.C.M.G., M.P. for Portsmouth; Major-General Sir F. Fitzwygram, Bart.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G.M. for Middlesex and Grand Sov. of the Red Cross of Constantine for England and Scotland, (of which Degree Bro. Knott is Int. Gen. for Hants); Major-General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, P.G.W.; and many others. Among those present were Bros. M. Frost, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Ogburn, P.M. 342, P.P.J.G.W.; R. Barnes, Prov. G.D.C.; J. T. Craven, P.M. 342; R. W. Downing, W.M. 903; A. R. Holbrook, I.P.M. 309; J. Gieve, W.M. 1069; W. Dart, W.M. 804; G. A. Green, P.M. 309, P.P.G.D.; E. S. Main, P.M. 903, P.P.G.D.C.; G. R. Strick, W.M. 1428; G. Godfrey, P.M. 723; F. G. Bradbear, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. P. Arnold, G. T. Cunningham, G. F. Brown, A. R. Robinson, W. M. Outridge, J. Arnold, T. R. Crook, C. U. Burr, A. W. Cossier, F. E. Knott, J. T. Craven, jun., J. F. Buck, and many others. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following brethren: Bros. R. Barnes, I.P.M.; J. T. Craven, jun., S.W.; J. Brickwood, J.W.; J. T. Craven, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Rand, Sec.; J. S. Dyer, D. of C.; J. E. Buck, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Becheweise, I.G.; Bracy and Bentell, Stewards; and G. Copus, Tyler. The balance sheet was most satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £112, with invested funds £425. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Ellis, P.M., for his Masonic ability in carrying out the installation in its entirety. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, the cuisine of the Masonic Club being highly appreciated by all.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, when, on account of the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Chapman, Bro. W. B. Lloyd, I.P.M., filled the chair, and performed the duties in a most masterly and complete manner. He was supported by the following Past Masters and officers: Bros. C. Ellis Fermor, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; R. J. Cook, S.W.; H. Mason, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.P. Kent; R. Edmonds, S.D.; H. Pryce, J.D.; Thos. Reed, I.G.; and H. Mabbett, Tyler. There was a goodly array of the brethren present, and the following visitors honoured the lodge by their attendance: Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 709; R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 13; W. Doust, 13; E. W. Crews, 13; C. W. Bishop, Org. 615; W. J. Bidgood, Org. 700; G. Risch, 706; Jas. Poynton, 158; G. Lock, late 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, and the usual business transacted, the ballot was taken for Mr. Oscar Hoefmann, and the result proving satisfactory, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Jas. Mandy was then passed to the Second Degree. Ten pounds were then voted to one of the Charities, and the like sum to a distressed brother, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegantly-served dinner, under the direction of Bro. W. Moulder, who had been appointed caterer to the lodge, and whose efforts were most enjoyable, and highly commended. On assembling round the social board, the W.M., on account of the lateness of the hour, dispensed with the usual toasts, with the exception of that of "The Initiate," who suitably replied; but some excellent harmony helped to pass an hour which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The fifth installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Moss Side, on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Painter, W.M.; A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; G. Macfarlane, J.W.; S. D. McKellan, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; H. Bracknell, I.G.; G. Yates, Secretary; C. Fairbank, J.S.; W. Byway, S.S.; G. Burrows, Tyler; W. Bostock, P.M., Treasurer; T. B. Cavanah, P.M.; W. H. Leigh, P.M.; A. Clarke, Organist; J. D. Curtis, W. Lyon, W. Dunkerley, W. Shemilk, J. Boylan, W. Stephenson, W. T. Allett, H. Jones, A. T. Forrest, J. Aitchison, and T. J. Hooper, P.M. and P.P.G.T. Visitors: Bros. Dr. P. Royler, P.M.; J. Arensburg, P.M. 1161, and P.P.G.P. E.L.; W. Bowden, P.M. 1213, and P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; J. Andrew, P.M. 1213; W. Hollins, P.M. 152; J. Coxon, 152; J. Robinson, 1213; J. Hayes, P.M. 1161; J. Slack, 935; J. Roberts, P.M. 204; and J. Squirrel, 1516.

A substantial tea, in lieu of the ordinary installation banquet, was provided for the brethren, and at 6.20 p.m. the lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Painter, after which the minutes being read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted, with a vote of thanks to the able Treasurer, Bro. W. Bostock, P.M., the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. A. B. Whittaker was duly presented by Bro. A. Painter with ancient customs. The Installing Master, Bro. Bostock, P.M., performed the ceremony with his accustomed eloquence and impressiveness. Bro. J. T. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T., invested the officers, and supplemented the usual addresses with a few happy congratulatory remarks appropriate to each office, and the address to the Wardens was delivered in excellent style by Bro. Thomas Cavanah, P.M.

The lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m., after which the brethren assembled round the festive board, and after the

usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M." was proposed in an eloquent and vigorous speech by Bro. Dr. Royle, P.M., who complimented the Avon Lodge on possessing members to perform the installing ceremony in the excellent manner he had witnessed that evening, and although it might be invidious in himself to make comparisons, still, with a pretty wide knowledge of Masonry, extending over a period of now many years, he could honestly say that he had never heard the impressive words more excellently rendered than by Bros. Bostock, P.M., and Hooper. The W.M., in reply, spoke in affectionate terms of his officers, and thanked one and all most heartily for the spontaneous manner in which they had responded to his call upon their services, and hoped that the proceedings during his year of office would be conducted in the same spirit of brotherly love and friendship which had hitherto characterised the management of the Avon Lodge. Bro. Leigh, P.M., proposed "The Health of the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Painter," and as a token of the esteem he was held in by the brethren, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Other toasts followed; that of "The Officers" calling forth a most humorous and mirth-provoking reply from Bro. Curtis, which was much enjoyed by the brethren. The toasts were interspersed with several songs and recitations, and a most successful evening was brought to a close a few minutes before eleven o'clock.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dalrymple, W.M., Bro. Martin, P.M. occupied the chair, supported as follows: Bros. D. Bell, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; D. Dixon, S.D.; B. Craig, J.D.; Edward Gibson, Sec.; J. Harper, Treas.; G. Loweten, I.G.; J. Banks, Tyler; R. Wilson, F. T. Allatt, J. McMullen, and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed Bro. McMullen gave proofs of his proficiency as an E.A., and was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. On one brother being proposed as a joining member, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Present Bros. John E. Fells, W.M.; Henry Morris, S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; G. L. Walker, Preceptor; T. B. Biddle, Treas.; J. K. Pitt, Sec.; Walter Wood, S.D.; C. Swanson, I.G.; William Saint, J. Togwell. Bro. Moss worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Morris was unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing week. Bro. Treasurer gave notice of motion that one guinea shall be placed on Bro. Wood's list for the Boys' Masonic Institution. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes Bro. Walker offered himself as a candidate for initiation. The W.M. proceeded with the work in a masterly manner, and when the ceremony was concluded the lodge expressed their hearty thanks for the able manner of his special duties herein. All labour ended, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

THE ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—The above lodge of instruction in connection with the Loughborough Masonic Club, Loughborough Junction, is held every Saturday evening at 7.30 precisely. On Saturday last there was, as usual, a strong gathering of the members, as will be seen below. Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., the eminent Preceptor (and President of the club), worked the Five Sections of the First Lecture in his well known efficient and impressive manner, very ably assisted by Bros. A. Woods, E. Abel, E. Farwig, and the brethren; after which the ceremony of "initiation" was very creditably worked by the W.M., Bro. H. Baldwin (Secretary of the Royal Hanover, 1777), assisted by Bros. W. S. Daniel, S.W.; C. F. Luckhurst, J.W.; Appleton, S.D.; Hentsch, J.D.; Dawson, I.G.; Martin, W.S.; J. H. Stunt, Hon. Sec.; and G. S. Graham (Prov. G. Org. of Middlesex) kindly acting as candidate, supported by Bros. Abel, Cooper, Stacey, Walker, Schadler, Stafford, Woods, Matthews, Shipwright, Farwig, Clark, Hook, and others. The lodge was then closed and the brethren proceeded to enjoy the usual "rubber" of whist, interspersed with some well rendered songs and recitations by various talented members of the club, who were very ably accompanied by Bro. G. S. Graham on the piano, whose musical studio adjoins the club room. It was announced that Bro. W. S. Daniel, Treasurer, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, will perform the ceremony of "installation" on the last Saturday in this month (26th inst.), assisted by the Preceptor and other P.M.'s and members of the club. We are asked to state that the first annual meeting of this very successful club will be held this (Saturday) evening at 6.30, when all members who can make it convenient are asked to attend.

Royal Arch.

BRITISH CHAPTER (No. 8).—PRESENTATION TO COMP. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON.—The regular installation meeting of this chapter took place on Friday evening, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and was attended by nearly all the members as well as a numerous party of distinguished Masons. The chapter was opened at five o'clock precisely by Comp. James Muzio, M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. William Chubb, H.; Frank Richardson, P.Z. and D.C., as J. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. F. Green, who fills that chair); Dr. Bloxam, as P.S.; Stanley Robinson, Scribe E.; Howe, as Scribe N. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. C. Monckton, who fills that office); and Comps. Coles and Turner, Asst. Sojs. Amongst the members of the chapter were the following: Comps. John Messent, I.P.Z.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.S., P.G.P.S. and Treasurer; Dr. Griffiths, P.Z.; Frank Richardson, P.Z., 1st A.G.S. and D.C.; Maurice Evans, P.Z.; W. F. Nettleship, P.Z. and P.G.S.B.; Peter de L. Long, P.Z., P.G.P.S.; Henry Thorne, P.Z.; W. T. Howe, P.Z.; Samuel Glover, P.Z.; Samuel Mullins, P.Z., and P.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; James Muzio, M.E.Z.; W. Chubb, H.; Dr. J. Astley Bloxam, P.S.; Stanley Robinson, E. Francis Webb, E. C. Meeking, I. P. Edkins,

Thomas Yeo, Col. Trevelyan, W. B. Lethbridge, G. H. Hopkinson, W. Peebles, F. V. Coles, Arthur Stearns, Dr. Hugh McIntosh, T. W. Whitmarsh, B. H. Van Tromp, E. Montennis; and amongst the visitors were the following: Comps. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.E.; N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 2; Ralph Clutton, M.E.Z. 9; Goddard, 19; R. B. Trevelyan, 25; Head, 112; C. H. Levander, P.Z. 142; Weldon, 142; Sutherland, 176; Sam Green, 217; Walter Monckton, 503; Franklyn, 503; Tatham, 503; Cusins, 1381; Rev. J. C. Wharton, 1635; L. Symes, P.Z. 753. After the minutes of the last chapter had been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. most ably exalted the following brethren into the Degree of the Royal Arch, namely, Bros. Walter Jarvis, and Alfred Williams, Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, and Bro. Thomas A. Logan, Grand Stewards' Lodge. When the brethren below the rank of installed First Principal had retired, the M.E.Z. installed Comp. Chubb into the chair of Z., and Comp. Frank Richardson installed Dr. J. Astley Bloxam into the chair of J. Comp. Frank Green had been duly elected to the chair of H., but being already an installed Principal, installation with him was unnecessary. After the installation the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comps. Sir John B. Monckton, P.Z., P.G.P.S., Treasurer; Stanley Robinson, E.; Charles H. Turner, N.; Col. Trevelyan, P.S.; Walter B. Lethbridge, 1st A.S.; George H. Hopkinson, 2nd A.S.; Frank Richardson, P.Z., 1st A.G.S., D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Org.; and John Daley, Janitor. Upon the M.E.Z. rising for the first time, he, in the name of the chapter and a few intimate personal friends, presented Comp. Sir J. B. Monckton with his bust in marble (which had been placed in one corner of the chapter, and till then had remained covered), informing him that no sooner had a suggestion as to this presentation been made than the movement spread through the chapter like a conflagration, and in the course of a few hours every member had expressed his hearty desire to take part in it. And not only that, but upon it becoming known to the outside Masonic world so many wished to take part in it also, that those in authority had been obliged to limit the outer support to a few intimate personal friends, and he trusted that Comp. Sir J. B. Monckton would long live to look upon their trifling present, and to continue as Treasurer of the chapter. Comp. Sir J. B. Monckton returned thanks in his usual happy manner for what he aptly termed their truly Masonic present, whether as he remembered the material of which it was made, the working tools with which it was fashioned, or the kindly feelings which had prompted his friends, &c.

After the chapter had been closed the members retired to the banquet in the Sussex Room, which did credit both to Bro. Best and to Bro. Dawkins, his manager. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., and Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.P.S., returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," and Comp. N. G. Philips for "The Visitors." "The Health of the Past M.E.Z." was drunk with considerable applause, and he was presented with the usual jewel as a mark of appreciation of the manner in which he had performed the work during his year of office. Comp. Ganz returned thanks for "The Civil Officers," and Comp. Col. Trevelyan, P.S., for "The Working Officers." During the interval between the toasts the members were treated to music by Comps. G. W. Cusins and Ganz, and to songs by Comps. Messent, Griffiths, Van Tromp, and Jarvis, and separated at a late hour, having passed one of the most enjoyable and successful evenings that for many years have occurred in the British Chapter. The arrangements for the presentation were admirably carried out by a sub-committee, consisting of Comps. John Messent, I.P.Z.; Frank Richardson, P.Z. and D.C.; and Frank Green, J.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—This old chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Comps. George Everitt, P.Z. 1381, M.E.Z.; T. Cubitt, P.Z., acting H.; Briggs, J.; H. Buss, A.G.S.E., P.Z., Treas.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Harrison, P.Z., S.N.; Maclean, 1st Soj.; Morris, 1st Asst. Soj.; Stoton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Hill, P.Z. The visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., and S. Brooke, Rose of Denmark. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. D. A. Ball, 177, and A. Hubbard, 1732, and it proving to be unanimous, they were both exalted to the Supreme Degree of the R.A. by the M.E.Z., whose working was characterised by great ability. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Lawrence, M.E.Z.; Briggs, H.; Harrison, J.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Buss, Treas.; Maclean, S.N.; and Morris, P.S. The Audit Committee having been appointed, a Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. George Everitt. Several communications having been read, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The first toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was warmly proposed by Comp. Hill, P.Z. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the Domatic Chapter upon possessing so able an exponent of Royal Arch Masonry as their M.E.Z. had proved himself to be. He believed that the working of the ceremony had never been better done in the chapter than it had been performed that evening by their worthy First Principal. In conclusion, he hoped that Comp. Everitt would continue to come among them for many years, to give the chapter the benefit of his valuable assistance. The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, gave "The Exaltees." In proposing this toast, he dwelt at length upon the beautiful Degree of Freemasonry into which their newly-exalted companions had that evening been inducted. He trusted that the ritual had created in them a profound impression, and that they would never regret having entered the portals of the Royal Arch. This pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Comps. Ball and Hubbard each expressed their acknowledgments. "The Visitors" followed. This toast was responded to by Comps. Brooke and Walls. "The Second and Third Principals" came next in order, and was replied to by Comps. Cubitt, acting H., and Briggs, J. In giving "The Health of the Past Principals," the M.E.Z. deplored the havoc that death and other causes had made in that once powerful body. The chapter was, however, still fortunate in possessing among others Comps. Buss, Cottebrune, Cubitt, Foulger, and Hill, and he sincerely hoped that for many years yet those he had mentioned would continue to answer to their names. The toast was acknowledged by

Comp. Hill at some length. "The Health of the Treas. and S.E." followed, and was most warmly received. In responding, Comp. Buss expressed his thanks for the flattering way in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of his services to the old Domatic Chapter. He held the proud position of being the senior member, and he trusted that he would be spared some time longer to enjoy that distinction in the chapter. As their Treasurer, in conjunction with their indefatigable S.E., he had endeavoured to perform his duties conscientiously, and he believed that he had succeeded. Comp. Cottebrune having also replied, the toast of "The Officers," acknowledged by Comps. Maclean and Norris, brought the highly successful gathering to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The companions connected with this prosperous chapter assembled in strong force for installation purposes on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. In the absence of Comp. W. Constantine, M.E.Z., that position was taken Comp. J. L. Houghton, P.Z., who was supported in the first section of the business by Comps. Richard Brown, P.Z., P.G.A.S.; J. Bell, P.Z.; H. S. Alpess, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; Lindo Courtenay, H.; R. Martin, J.; H. P. Squire, S.E.; T. P. Dutton, S.N.; A. D. Hesketh, P.S.; Alfred Woolrich, Treasurer; P. M. Larsen, Janitor; R. E. Mitton, J. Keet, J. Ashley, J. Lees, P. Buck, T. Wareing, H. Pritchard, J. B. Mackenzie, J. L. Shrapnell, Dr. Whittle, E. Ford, S. Wilkinson, J. H. Tyson, W. H. Gick, W. W. Sandbrook, J. Williams, S. Swift, J. Penny, C. Courtenay, T. Walker, T. H. Peers, W. Wright, and others. The visitors included Comps. R. P. France, P.Z. 594; H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Roberts, P.Z. 673; J. C. Calow, P.Z. 673; J. Pemberton, P.Z. 1094; J. Potter, 1356; J. Lecomber, 203; and others. The whole of the proceedings were marked by much enthusiasm. The ceremony of installation was well performed by Comp. R. P. France, and the following were the appointments: Comps. L. Courtenay, Z.; R. Martin, jun., H.; A. D. Hesketh, J.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer (re-appointed); H. P. Squire, S.E.; W. W. Sandbrook, S.N.; T. O. Dutton, P.S.; C. Courtenay, A.S.; J. Williams, A.S.; and P. M. Larsen, Janitor.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The annual meeting of this chapter took place on Tuesday week, the following being present: Comps. T. B. Whythead, Z.; J. S. Cumberland, H.; J. Todd, P.Z., as J.; J. Kay, S.E.; C. G. Padel, S.N.; M. Millington, P.S.; J. T. Seller, 1st A.S.; A. T. B. Turner, 2nd A.S.; R. Ware, T. Humphries, J. Lackenby, W. Girling, and others. Comp. W. Lawton, P.Z., and Comp. G. Balmford, Z. elect of the Zetland Chapter, were also present. The chief business consisted of installation of Principals. E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland was installed Z. by E. Comp. T. B. Whythead, who was then placed in the chair of H. by the newly installed Z. Comp. C. G. Padel was then introduced and installed in the Third Chair by Comp. Whythead. The companions were then admitted, and the following were invested: Comps. J. Kay, S.E.; J. T. Seller, S.N.; M. Millington, P.S. The P.S. then appointed Comps. A. T. B. Turner and T. Humphries as his assistants. Comp. Pearson was appointed Janitor, and the chapter was closed. The accounts were audited with a satisfactory result, and the brethren spent a pleasant evening at refreshment, the usual loyal toasts being duly honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—The weekly convocation of this eminent chapter of improvement was held on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was very numerously attended. The respective offices were filled as follows: Comps. Edmunds, Z.; Higgins, H.; Lardner, J.; F. Brown, S.E., and Preceptor; M'Donnell, S.N.; J. S. Fraser, P.S.; and the following Companions: Lovegrove, Kirke, W. Fraser, Rowe, Sayer, Coden, Greenwood, Webb, H. Thompson, W. Green, Clement Walker, F. E. Pocock, and J. H. Parkhouse.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last convocation, it was announced that the ceremony of exaltation was about to be rehearsed, upon which Comp. Walker expressed his willingness to become a candidate, which ceremony was most ably performed, and elicited the warmest marks of approval, all the officers being most efficient in the performance of their duties. This being election night, the following officers were appointed for the next fortnight: Comps. Lardner, Z.; Edwards, H.; H. J. Payne, J.; M'Donnell, S.N.; and Pocock, P.S. E. Comp. F. Brown, S.E., proposed that Comps. F. E. Pocock, of the Ezra Chapter, 1489, and J. H. Parkhouse, of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, 1642, become members of this chapter of improvement, and they were unanimously elected, after which they severally returned thanks for the unanimity with which they had been received as joining members, and expressed the gratification they experienced at the very admirable manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been performed that evening, and their anxious desire to be present as often as possible, and receive the instruction that the chapter was so well able to afford. It was announced that Comp. Stephens will work the ceremony of installation of the Principals on the third Tuesday in March, and as this ceremony is seldom worked in a chapter of instruction, a great attendance of advanced Arch Masons is anticipated.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter Rose Croix (No. 23).—The annual meeting for the installation of M.W.S. took place on Friday evening, the 4th inst. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. T. B. Whythead, after which the chair was taken by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G., who proceeded to instal the M.W.S. elect, Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The officers were afterwards appointed as follows: Comps. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, H.P.; S. Middleton, 1st Gen.; M. Millington, 2nd Gen.; T. B. Whythead, P.S., Recorder; A. T. B. Turner, G.M.; G. Simpson, Raphael; L. Murphy, Herald; E. J. de Salis, Capt. of Guards; J. T. Atkinson, Org.; Rev. J. Blake, D.C.; P. Pearson, and H. Jackson, Equerries. The chapter was afterwards closed, a vote of thanks for services rendered having been accorded to Bro. C. J. Banister.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., Grand Master, on the throne. Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Warden, was in his place, and Bro. Crombie, Aberdeen, Junior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. Among the other brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Depute Grand Master; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; A. Kerr, G. Architect; J. S. Matheson, G. Jeweller; George Fisher, G. Bible Bearer; Major Hills, G. Dir. of Cer.; H. Y. D. Copland, G. Swd. Br.; James Turner, President of the Board of Grand Stewards; W. M. Bryce, G. Tyler; Alexander Hay, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown; William Mann, Proxy District Grand Master of India; Dr. John Falconer, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales. The following representatives of foreign Grand Lodges were also present: Bros. W. H. Bickerton, Haiti, Prov. Grand Secretary Glasgow (*Freemason*); W. Hay, Nova Scotia; W. Officer, Pennsylvania and Egypt; E. W. Nightingale, New York; R. Nisbet, Utah; F. A. Barrow, Iowa; W. D. Chambers, Arkansas. The following Grand Lodges were also represented: England, Sweden, Grand Orient of the Netherlands, Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, Prussia, New Brunswick, West Virginia, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Florida. There were also present Bros. Thoms, Sheriff of Caithness and Orkney; Colonel J. Todd Stewart, Glasgow; Albert Apthorpe, Past Grand Marshal; and nearly three hundred of the brethren from all parts of Scotland. Bro. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, presented his commission as Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda, and was congratulated from the throne. Apologies for absence were submitted from Bros. W. Pearce, Prov. G. Master of Glasgow; Mackintosh Balfour, Grand Master of India; James Crichton, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, and Captain G. F. R. Colt, Gartsherrie, Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, the GRAND MASTER made a suitable reference to the loss which Grand Lodge had sustained through the decease of Bro. the Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, one of the Joint Grand Chaplains. Many of the brethren were, he said, better acquainted than he was with their departed Chaplain, but he had always understood that he was a very estimable and rising minister of the Church of Scotland. At any rate he knew, and most of the brethren knew, that Bro. Jamieson was kind, courteous, pleasant, and gentlemanly; and he little thought, when he had the pleasure of meeting him at last St. Andrew's Festival, that that kind and genial young man would no more be among them. He was sure the brethren all regretted his loss, not for his own sake, but for those he had left behind him; and he moved that Grand Lodge, through their Grand Secretary, should send to the bereaved widow an expression of their sincere sympathy and condolence. This was at once agreed to by Grand Lodge.

A statement was submitted of the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 30th November last, which showed an income of £3685, and expenditure amounting to £2285. The funds and estate amounted to £18,105, as compared with £16,705 last year, showing an increase during the year of £1,400. During the period under report there had been 3763 intrants and affiliations. A state of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolence Fund for the same period showed that about £400 had been distributed by the Committee in votes and casual charity in the course of the year, and that the fund now stood at £5712, as compared with £5460 last year. During last quarter the grants had amounted to nearly £140. A vidimus of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge for last quarter showed that the income had been £1291, and the expenditure £723, leaving an excess of income to the extent of £568. There had been 855 intrants to the Craft during that period.

It was reported that Bro. the Earl of Fife, acceding to the wishes of the brethren in Banffshire, had agreed to allow himself to be nominated for appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Banffshire; and Grand Lodge unanimously agreed to issue a commission in his lordship's favour. On the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Bro. Dr. H. Goldstucker was appointed representative to that body, in room of Bro. Dr. Dela Camp, deceased. It was agreed to accept the resignation of Bro. T. M. Reid of his office of Prov. Grand Master of Trinidad, and to thank him for his long-continued and highly valuable services. In forwarding his resignation, which was owing to pressure of business, Bro. Reid stated that Masonry in that colony was at present carried on more satisfactorily than he had known it for many years. It was resolved to exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, U.S., and to appoint Bro. James Hutchinson, P.G.M., as representative to that body. Bro. Dumas Filgueira was appointed Prov. G.M. of Peru. On the petition of the Prov. Grand Lodge of the West India Islands and others, Bro. W. McCall, Prov. Grand Senior Warden, was unanimously appointed Prov. Grand Master, in room of Bro. the Hon. J. King Wattley, deceased. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued in favour of Lodges: "St. Clair," Kilwinning, Lyttelton, N.Z.; "Breadalbane," Aberfeldy; and "Rawcliffe," Rothsay. A report was submitted from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk for the year 1880, which showed that the lodges within the province had been officially visited during the year and found to be in good working order, and that otherwise the Provincial Grand Lodge was in a healthy condition. Satisfactory reports were also submitted from Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, and Captain Clayhill Henderson of Invergowrie, Prov. Grand Masters of Renfrewshire (East) and Forfarshire, as to the condition of the lodges in their respective provinces.

Grand Lodge approved the minutes of committee in reference to complaints against the action of the office-bearers of the lodge the "Gael," Glasgow, and other brethren, for having issued and recommended a petition or "begging circular," which had been issued to lodges both in and out of Scotland and the Scotch Constitution. It had been stated in the Glasgow Provincial Grand Lodge in defence of the "Gael," which lodge was founded for the express purpose of rendering the mysteries of Freemasonry in the "native Gaelic tongue," that the liabilities of the

lodge, which necessitated the circular, were about £100. The Provincial Grand Lodge had expressed their strong disapproval of the conduct of the office-bearers and other signatories of the letter, an expressed an opinion that a stop should be put to lodges or brethren issuing begging letters or circulars, which were excessively derogatory to the Order. The Grand Committee had approved of this report, and recorded a vote of censure expressive of their reprehension of the course which had been adopted with reference to the petition; and their procedure was confirmed by Grand Lodge. A report from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India showed also that the Craft was prospering in that important region. The special Committee on the designations of the Provinces of Berwick and Roxburghshires and Peebles and Selkirk shires reported that the Grand Secretary had issued circulars to all the lodges in these provinces, but that only seven had replied; and, looking to the diversity of the views entertained, the Committee recommended that, seeing Grand Lodge had had this matter under consideration so very recently, and that the views of the lodges in the above provinces were not sufficiently matured, the last resolution should not in the meantime be altered. This was approved of. Grand Committee reported that they had on their table a report from the Hall Committee on a scheme for additional accommodation in Grand Lodge premises, which proposed an expenditure of about £300, in order to afford more perfect scope for the working of the several Masonic Degrees, and greater accommodation for lodge property and stores, the want of which had from time to time been subject of much general complaint.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of fifteen brethren to serve on the Grand Committee, in place of twelve who retired by rotation and three interim members. There were twenty-four brethren nominated, and the following were elected, with the undernoted votes: Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, 234; William Maclean, 200; Wm. Mann, 181; Wm. Hay, 178; Alex. Hay, 176; Dr. Jas. Carmichael, 168; John Wilson, 149; Jas. Craig, 149; Jas. T. S. Elliot, yr., of Wolfelee, 142; Jas. Berry, 140; H. Munro, 137; W. Niven, 125; Alexander Henry, 121; Colonel J. T. Stewart, 120; and J. D. Duncan, 111.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form after about two hours of a sederunt.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

STEPHEN MORIN—PART THE THIRD AND LAST.

Before saying anything about Morin's American activity, it will, I think, conduce to a settlement of this question, so ably discussed by the several writers who have mentioned him, to quote in the original French the exact words used by Bro. Thory, in the *Acta Latomorum*, Vol. I., p. 78. He says: "Le Conseil des Empereurs d'Orient et d'Occident, Souverains Princes Maçons, donne à un juif nommé Stephen Morin une patente de député Grand Inspecteur, avec pouvoir de propager la Maçonnerie de Perfection au-delà des mers. Ce Conseil constitue, à Paris et dans la France, des loges et des chapitres, concurrentement avec les deux Grand Lodges." It is clear, therefore, that Thory admits and enforces the fact that in 1761 there were two Grand Lodges in France, but we are likewise not to lose sight of the fact that the Emperors of the East and West—like the rest of the High Bodies—was actually a self-constituted body, the powers of which were self-defined and supported by no other authority than its inherent vitality. But this body unquestionably first assembled together the twenty-five Degrees of the Rite of Perfection, the first three of which—"Symbolic Masonry"—they declined to administer. If we can clearly cut away these Degrees from the subsequent supposititious eight attributed to Frederick of Prussia, we shall narrow one field of difference. This Imperial Council, at any rate, claimed supremacy over these Degrees—no doubt raked up from documents then extant, and greatly extended or modified by the adaptor. It is, however, impossible to resist the conclusion that even the Emperors entirely surrendered the Symbolic Degrees to the previously existing and lawful authorities. No High Grade system of any kind could endure for a week of serious thought without the policy of a substratum of Craft Masonry. No High Degree Mason would be in order for five minutes without the previously acquired position of Master Mason; and the idea of any High Degree body assuming to itself the right of conferring the E.A.P., F.C., and M.M. is preposterous, nor, in fact, is it anywhere actually done. It is contrary to common sense, upon which international law and respect are founded. For that reason all Grand Lodges have a right indefeasible to the Three Degrees. On the other hand, the High Degrees are purely voluntary; they are not imposed as a necessary qualification to Masonic eminence, nor does their possession infer any superiority towards their possessors. In short, a Sovereign Prince Mason, according to Craft law, is a Master Mason, and nothing more. It may be urged that he has learnt certain further applications of Masonic science, and is entitled to the respect of those who have not proceeded to these Degrees, but his rank and station entirely depend upon character, assiduity, and a faithful performance of Craft obligations. I am obliged to mention this obvious truism because there exist many who apparently think that great importance accrues to the recipients of the High Degrees from the fact of their possessing them, and there is a tendency to speak with "bated breath" of High Degree Masons. Let it be understood that the Master Mason's Degree is emphatically the last—that it is inherent in the holder of it, so long as good character and a disposition to fulfil its solemn duties remain, and we further abridge one trouble in deciding these questions. To return however to Stephen Morin and his patent. He proceeded to America and there imported his High Degrees according as his abilities and opportunities permitted him to do. But there does not anywhere appear that he was in any way communicative with the authorities whence he derived his powers, and hence the suspension and substitution of another brother. At any rate, we read in the Protocol Book or Minute Book of the Grand Lodge of France, the following statement: "Session of the 17th August, 1766. The Gavel holding brethren—Mott, President; Gerbin, Senior Warden; Lettu, Junior Warden; Baron de Tschoudy, Master of the Lodge Saint Etienne at Metz; Callart, Master of the Lodge Saint Julien in the village of Argental; Martin, Leroy, L'Excomhart, Lidaun, Le Lorrain, Duplessis, Liégeois, Joubert de la Bourdinière, Baillet Duhoussay, Baudson, Robeneau, Poupart, Borel,

and Richard being present. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Martin, in reference to his immediate departure for America, read a tracing, addressed to the Grand Lodge of France, in which he signified his thanks for the position of Secretary in Paris, then conferred upon him.

"It was resolved to verify the written copies of the several Degrees, which were ordered to be signed, sealed, and stamped, and handed to the Master, Brother Martin.

"It was further resolved—That in recognition of the zeal of the Worshipful Master, Brother Martin, in the different offices he has held in our Grand Lodge, that a Patent (Brevêt) as Inspector of the Lodges of America should be prepared for him, in which it should be assigned that in consequence of the very indifferent care exhibited by Master Brother Morin, formerly nominated their Inspector, and especially in consequence of the variations the latter had made in the Royal Art, the Brevêt to the said Bro. Morin, as Inspector, is annulled by this Grand Lodge, and further it is held fitting for the advantage of the Royal Art to substitute for the said Bro. Morin the Worshipful Brother Martin, Master of the Lodge Saint Frederick, and that the Letters of Constitutions for America of the latter should be ratified."

And this was done. It would seem that Bro. Morin afterwards returned to France, according to Rebold, and died in obscurity. Before we, however, bury him, we had better review what it is stated he actually did. I am now referring to Rebold (p. 452). After reciting the grant of the patent as before, but with this variation, that Rebold dates it the 27th August, probably a slip of the pen, Rebold proceeds as follows: "Arrived at St. Domingo, the Bro. Stephen Morin nominated, by virtue of his patent, one of his co-religionists, Bro. M. M. Hayes, Deputy Inspector for North America. He immediately afterwards conferred the same dignity on Bro. Franklin for Jamaica and the English Windward Isles, and on Bro. Colonel Prevost for the English Leeward Isles and the British Army! Bro. Franklin, some time after, transmitted his powers to Bro. Moses Hayes, Grand Master at Boston. In his turn Bro. Hayes nominated another of his co-religionists, Bro. Isaac DaCosta, Inspector-General of South Carolina, who established, in 1783, a Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection at Charleston. To this brother there succeeded, after his death, to the same dignity another Israelite, Bro. Joseph Myers. And thus there were created these self-called Grand Inspectors-General for the different States of America. Bro. Bush was nominated for Pennsylvania, and Bro. Barend M. Spitzer for Georgia. On the 15th May, 1781, these brethren convoked in council at Philadelphia the several Inspectors of these States, and by this council the Degree of Inspector-General for Jamaica was conferred on Bro. Moses Cohen, who nominated for this dignity Bro. Isaac Long; this last worthy conferred it on Bros. de la Hogue, Croze, Magnan, Saint Paul, Petet, and Marie, all united at Charleston, to propagate the Rite in the different regions of America."

It will be seen that up to this time nothing but the Twenty-five Degrees of Perfection were invented or assembled; we are not nearly up to the so-called Charter of Frederick the Second of Prussia. That document ought to be fully criticised; but it is perhaps better to leave it to more skilful hands. Rebold is of opinion (p. 449), according to the evidence in his possession, that there was no system of Thirty-three Degrees before 1802. I have, however, myself, dismissed the whole subject, and shall write nothing more with my present information.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX.

COLE'S CONSTITUTIONS.

From a "note" by "A. F. A. W." in last week's *Freemason*, there would appear to be some doubt as to the edition of the above of which a copy was recently sold by John Wilson. As the purchaser of that copy it occurs to me that some description of it may be of interest. It is in 12mo., and has a frontispiece ("B. Cole, Sculp.") with a building in course of erection, displaying prominently the three columns in the background. In the foreground 3 figures, the one in the centre bearing the emblem of the Master, the others on his right and left those of the S. and J. Wardens respectively; the central figure only wears an apron. The title page, in letter-press, is as follows: "The Antient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons neatly engraved on copper plates, with a Speech delivered at the Grand Lodge at York, also a Speech of Edward Oakley, Architect, M.M., late S.G. Warden in Carrarthen, South Wales. Likewise a Prologue spoken by Mr. Mills, and an Epilogue spoken by a Mason's wife at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1728, when was acted the Second Part of King Henry IV. To which is added a curious collection of the most celebrated Songs in honour of Masonry, as they are sung at all the regular lodges of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Great Britain, and Principality of Wales, &c. 'Ingenuus didicisse fideliter artes, Emollit mores, nec sinit esse ferus.'—Ovid. The second edition. London, printed for B. Creaque, at the Red Bible, in Ave-Mary Lane, Ludgate-street, near St. Paul's; and B. Cole, engraver, the corner of King's Head Court, near Fetter-lane, Holbourn, MDCCXXXI." Then follows, engraved, a dedication to Lord Lovel, Grand Master, &c., by Benjamin Cole, an engraved title page, "A Book of the Antient Constitutions of the Free and Accepted Masons." Then follow such Constitutions in fifty-one engraved pages (pp. 1-51.) The remainder is in letter-press, first after the engraved portion being a title page, "A Curious Collection of the most celebrated Songs in honour of Masonry," &c., with an imprint identical with that on the first title page, and followed by an advertisement signed "B. Creaque, and B. Cole," and songs pp. 1-17, then three pages of a list of "Books printed for B. Creaque." Next in a fresh pagination (1-47), comes "A Second Collection" (of songs), "an Epilogue by Mr. Rawlins, spoken by Mrs. Horton at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane," and an "Epilogue for the Freemasons, spoken by Mrs. Younger at the Theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields, April 27th, 1732" (sic), followed by another page of advertisements. Then begins another pagination, of which 1-24 is, as specified in a title page, "A Speech Delivered to the Worshipful and Antient Society of Free and Accepted Masons, or at Grand Lodge, held at Merchant's Hall, in the City of York, on St. John's Day, December 17th, 1726. The Right Worshipful Charles Bathurst Esq., Grand Master. The Second Edition by the Junior Grand Warden," with an imprint identical with that on the first title page, except the date "1734." The same pagination continues to the end, and comprises, commencing p. 25, "A Speech Delivered to the

Worshipful Society of Free and Accepted Masons, at a Lodge held at the Carpenter's Arms, in Silver-street, Golden-square, the 31st December, 1728, by the Right Worshipful Edward Oakley," &c.; at pages 35 and 36, "The Prologue spoken by Mr. William Mills, and the Epilogue by Mrs. Thurmond, a Freemason's wife," at Drury Lane Theatre, at a performance bespoken by the Right Honourable Lord Kingston, Grand Master, on Friday, 27th December, 1728, and the following Monday. There is no date whatever to the engraved portion, which probably was re-issued at various times bound up with other matter, as in the volume before me. It seems, however, that it was issued for the first time before 1731.

WILLIAM NOTT.

THE FRENCH HIGH GRADES.

Levesque's "Aperçu Generale et Historique," &c., Paris, 1821, is a clear and connected history of the French High Grades, which deserves the attention of all students. According to him the commencement of the High Grade movement was in 1747, when Charles Edward Stuart granted a chapter to the Knights of the Eagle and Pelican, at Arras, if indeed he did so. Quod est probandum.

In 1750, a Scottish Mason is said to have formed, at Mar-seilles, a lodge called the Lodge of St. John of Scotland, which afterwards created itself the "Mother Lodge of Mar-seilles," and afterwards the "Mother Scottish Lodge."

In 1764, the Chapter of Clermont was formed, whence Von Hund seems to have derived his "Strict Observance of Templary." This never seems to have reached England.

Between 1754 and 1757, as Levesque says, several bodies were formed, under the names of chapters, colleges, tribunals, and in 1757 the Noachites were introduced at Paris by a Mr. St. Gelair. In 1758, the Sovereign Princes and Grand Officers of the Grand and Sovereign Lodges of St. John of Jerusalem, founded at Paris the Chapter of "Des Empereurs d'Orient et d'Occident," with twenty-five Grades and Degrees. And then, just as I said, it came to pass that though the "bodies" of the Grand Lodge of France were distinct, the officers were often the same.

In 1761, two Symbolic Grand Lodges existed in France, owing to internal dissensions in the "Body," which reunited about 1764 or 1765, but owing to their quarrels the police forbade their meeting in 1767.

In 1772, the Grand Orient is formed out of the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodge continued to work, each "body" having lodges under it.

The French Revolution stopped all Masonry in 1791, and it was not until 1796 that the Grand Orient and Grand Lodge began to work. At that epoch there were only eighteen lodges existing in France. In 1795, the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient were united.

So far back as 1772 the Grand Lodge had made a sort of concordat with the High Grades, but owing to various questions much confusion existed. About 1780 the Grand Council of the Emperors seems to have fallen into disorder, though in 1785 it was united with another chapter, which professed to have a charter from the Grand Chapter of Herodem, of Edinburgh, of 1721. No doubt a fictitious document.

In 1786, the Grand Orient made a fresh concordat with this combined Grand Chapter General of France. In 1786, "the Philalethes" issued an address, but they too passed away. In 1801, the Chapter of Arras became merged in the Grand Orient.

We must not forget the Scottish Philosophic Mother Lodge, which, founded in Paris, 1776, under the name "Social Contract," seems with various fortune, and concordats, and diffidence, and debata, to have lasted until about 1803, when the well known Bro. Thory took an active part in it.

The present Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite dates from about 1804, and in it are merged more than one Grand Chapter, Grand Consistory, and Supreme Grand Council.

Eighty-four "Prince Masons," under Marshal Kellerman, in 1804, seem to have given activity to the body which is now in existence in France.

There had been former bodies and many differences between the Grand Orient, and Grand Lodge, and the High Grade Chapters, but, practically, at present, the French Grand Orient has lodges and chapters up to 18°, while the Supreme Council has lodges and chapters up to 33°.

There can be no question that the French Supreme Council represents the system of which Stephen Morin was the propagator from 1761.

MASONIC STUDENT.

RITE OF MIZRAIM.

The Rite of Mizraim is so much akin to the Rite of Memphis, that we often considered them the same. I do not think that they are quite the same, though practically nearly. Levesque says that the Rite of Mizraim was introduced into Paris in 1814.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. CARSON ON KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

I have much pleasure in supporting Bro. Whythead's request to have Bro. Carson's "The Holy Trinity: Does belief in the dogma constitute a part of a Templar's Creed" reprinted in this country, and suggest the "Masonic Magazine" for that purpose. It would be well also to add the second article by the same able brother on the "Knights of Malta Ritual." Bro. Carson, the distinguished Masonic scholar, is now preparing a second edition of his "Templaria Bibliotheca." It is to be published by Mr. Peter G. Thompson, bookseller of Cincinnati, Ohio. I wish, however, that our indefatigable brother would complete his General Masonic Bibliography, and the sooner the better.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ELIAS ASHMOLE AND ROSICRUCIANISM.

I have looked over "Carpenter's Sermon before the Society of Astrologers," and published in 1657, and neither in the Latin Preface to Elias Ashmole, nor in the English Preface to the Society, does the slightest trace or hint of a Rosicrucian Society occur. I mention this fact because, I confess, it has struck me as a very curious circumstance, "per se." I shall be glad and obliged if any fellow student will point out any connection between Elias Ashmole and Rosicrucianism, or his allusion to it. Such points have entirely escaped me so far, if they exist.

A. F. A. W.

THE ESOTERIC HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

A very interesting paper on this recondite subject appeared in the last *Freemason*, written by my esteemed friend Bro. W. J. Hughan, and as I agree with him in much that he so lucidly puts forward, and disagree with him in one or two particulars, I think it well, as he himself most would wish, to state clearly to-day our "points" of honest agreement and divergence.

1. Bro. Pike seems to forget, with all due submission to him, that in his anxiety to depreciate the Masonic historians of the past he is unconsciously overthrowing the foundation on which his whole theory rests. I quite agree with him that too much of our past history has been taken up with "meagre" trifles, the veriest trifles, the quarrels of "jurisdictions," and the absurd contentions of opposing rites and bodies, chapters and councils. Hence the residuum of value is very small, the "kernel" is very difficult to find. But whose fault is it that such is the state of things? And yet, seriously, this is an unjust remark in respect of works like those of Fort, Mackey, Steinbrenner, and others, to say nothing of Preston and Kloss, Thory and Levesque. I can quite understand why Bro. Albert Pike does not like Findel; but, removing the "High Grade" treatment, in which respect Findel is too severe, Findel's is a remarkable book. Bro. Hughan well puts the state of the case generally.

2. I entirely disagree with Bro. Pike as to the fact of the "modernity" of Masonic legends, and quite concur in Bro. Hughan's remarks on the subject, though he might well have pushed the argument further. It is the very antiquity of Masonic legends and traditions which constitutes their "crux," alike for Masonic students and for non-Masonic writers.

3. I do not agree with Bro. Hughan as to the question of "Degrees," about which we do not quite coincide, "exoterically" or esoterically. "Degree," which comes from "Gradus," is merely a "step," and may, or may not, be accompanied by special hidden teaching. It may be merely a Degree of "convenience," or "technicality," or "terminology," and may be "important" or "unimportant" as to the main question. That previously to 1700 Degrees existed, as we understand them, according to our modern view, with separate teaching for each, and exactly in the same form of ideas, no one contends, that I am aware of. But what many do say, (myself included), is, that a "triplicate" form of Masonic system has been kept up, we believe, from earliest times, and which in some way or other is a "distinction" with a "difference," not a "distinction without a difference," as my able friend Bro. D. M. Lyon and others seem to wish to prove. Sir F. Palgrave, in one of his works, mentions the existence of documents in the "Pipe Rolls of Edward I. and III.," representing the threefold form of Masters, Fellows, and Apprentices, and though I am aware that latterly this distinction is assumed to be merely "technical," and of no "esoteric meaning," I would beg to repeat that here is the very "crux" we have yet to dispose of. Are these words merely technical, of no esoteric import? or do they convey a further hidden meaning? All the English Guild legends from 1300 downwards or 1415, "teste" Mr. Bond, a very great authority, preserve the threefold divisions, and certainly in the Masonic poem it is assumed that the three "classes," or "Degrees" are different and distinct, whether that distinction and difference cover "esoteric" explanations also is a matter for argument, and is not, I admit, of certainty. Bro. Pike, as Bro. Hughan says tersely, is wrong as to our Constitutions proving only the Degrees of Fellow and Apprentice, (though I fancy this is a confusion of terms on the part of Bro. Pike), as if the Constitutions prove anything they prove the existence of a triplicate form and name of division. As regards the proof of the last century as to separate Degrees, with separate secrets, that point is still a moot one, and no one in our present position of Masonic knowledge can safely, in my opinion, pronounce a decided or dogmatic opinion on the subject. Bro. Gould truly says that we are still but "on the threshold of enquiry," (what I have kept saying for years), in fact, we resemble the old story of Sir Isaac Newton and the "pebbles" on the "sea shore." It will be a pity if we fall now into the same error of hyper-dogmatism and over-haste on so important a point; and I would urge, in the best interests of Masonic history, moderation and hesitation on this "moot point." For I will make this one remark—that a large amount of evidence might be brought even from the Scottish records themselves, from both the Harleian MSS., from the Sloane MS., and many other authorities, as to the existence of more Degrees than one at any rate, previously to 1700.

4. Bro. Hughan so well treats the Scottish origin of the Scottish Guild Legends that I need not recur to it, because it is quite clear, as he says, that so far all such "legends" are English, though Bro. Findel says the English are "German."

5. What the "original" English Freemasonry was is, indeed, a difficult subject. As Bro. Hughan well puts it, and as I stated in the *Freemason* of last week in "Notes and Queries," there were lodges before 1700; but how far our present system is in concord with them, or in what manner they were linked on to the "Guilds" and "Craft Chapters" is, indeed, all but impossible, I fear, now to ascertain. All the "documents" I have had access to seem to prove "continuity" and "identity;" but I admit that of the lodges we hear of which Ashmole attended we know nothing, and can find no trace.

6. The question of "Hermeticism," to which Bro. Pike alludes, and which is the central point of his argument, and to which all else is subjected, has for some time appeared to me to deserve more consideration than it has yet received. Bro. Hughan and myself have long laboured, almost identically, on the same "lines," but he, who knows my views so well, will have seen how much for some time I have laboured quietly in this direction myself, as I have felt that there is more in it than many like to allow. I think Bro. Pike says a great deal too much about the ignorance of the Craft Masons; and is not fair to them; because while I am prepared to admit the actual existence of a Hermetic Body, I am not at all prepared to concede that Craft Masonry is the product of Hermeticism. The old saying is still true—"The world is wide enough for us all," and Hermeticism, whether in a Rosicrucian or Alchemical development, may have well existed contemporaneously with Masonic Guilds.

7. This, of course, brings us to another question—What was the primal factor of esoteric Masonry? and as that is a very wide and deep question indeed, I prefer to leave off here to-day, hoping some day to be able to reconsider a friendly and fraternal study of subjects interesting to all of us who value Freemasonry for what it has been, what it is; and what it yet may be.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ALLEGED HIGH GRADE REVIVAL OF 1686.

I am sorry to think that "Masonic Student" should consider that I had any personal allusion in my remark that I could not express myself freely in the pages of the *Freemason*. His note proves that he is more combative than he gives himself credit for, but I have had no reason to complain of any want of gentlemanly courtesy from him. I alluded entirely to the impossibility of writing clearly and openly upon questions of ritual, and even what little I did consider I might conscientiously say was struck out, and the editor was no doubt right in striking out such matter. To-day I am similarly placed. It is doubtless well known to "Masonic Student," that in the continental system there were certain Hermetic Degrees practised which proposed to give an explanation of the old Hermetic works both in their Alchemical and Allegorical or religious relations; it is even claimed that Ramsay's 4° was of such a nature. As a matter of reliable history, I cannot speak to this, but I do say that such rituals interpret the allegorical sense in a way which seems to be satisfactory to outside authorities. Much of this matter is now found in a Masonic system very liberally abused. That Ashmole was well acquainted with this double or symbolical writing, seems to admit of no doubt, because the works of his Bro. Backhouse are written in it. Vide Ashmole's published diary. In 1646 he was made a Freemason at Warrington, Lancashire, and two months later he made the acquaintance of Lilly and Booker. He says, "Apl. 19, 1652. This morning my father, Backhouse, opened himself very freely on the great secret." "April 13, 1653. My father, Backhouse, being sick in Fleet-street, over against St. Dunstan's Church, and not knowing whether he should live or die, about eleven of the clock told me in syllables the true matter of the Philosopher's Stone, which he bequeathed to me as a legacy." We find that meetings of the Hermetic Society were held in London down to 1656, and then became dormant. In March, 1682, he records the well-known minute of the Lodge of Freemasons which he attended, and which "Masonic Student" has laboured with some success to elucidate. Then "July 10th, 1682. The Astrologers' feast was restored by Mr. Moxon." "January 23, 1683. The Astrologers' feast was held at the Three Cranes in Chancery-lane; Sir Edward Derrington and the Town Clerk of London were Stewards." Thenceforward we have no historical account of either the Freemasons or the Hermetic Society, and we are told valuable documents were burnt to prevent their falling into the hands of the history makers. In 1721 (Long Livers), we find a union of Freemasons and Hermeticists, and from that time the press accuses the Freemasons of Hermeticism. Twenty-two years later we learn that Masonry had a system of Seven Degrees, which lays claim to have originated in this period of vacuum. I maintain that the claim is a likely one, "Masonic Student" calls it myth; who can decide? Probably it will always remain a source of conjecture. Masonry having become Speculative, its lodges accommodated Knights of St. John and Rosicrucians, who abandoned their own lower Degrees and constituted a new series upon the basis of Craft Masonry. The facts seem to prove that when Rosicrucianism died out Masonic Templary (in which I include the Arch) took its place, but that system cannot be the Primitive one, for whilst Rosicrucianism explains its existence, Templary does not explain Rosicrucianism.

JOHN YARKER.

CERNEAU COUNCIL OF THE A. AND A. RITE.

Having recently acquired all the facts of the present American quarrel I can readily show how it arose. When the Cerneau healed and united the Gourgass-Raymond Council or Northern Jurisdiction in 1863, it gave rise to an internal contest as to whether Cerneau should absorb the Gourgass-Raymond or vice-versa. The old Cerneau members resisted such an adoption, as also a union with the Gourgass-Van Rensselaer, (a split from Raymond in 1860, who expelled him), unless formally healed. As the Cerneau followed the system of the Grand Orient, and admitted any number of Thirty-third Degree they, were so much in the majority, that all who supported the system of the Northern Jurisdiction had to retire (and this included a limited number of Cerneau 33°) and join the Gourgass-Van Rensselaer, which thus reverted to its old position, prior to 1860, as did the Cerneau also, for if legal then it is legal now. Great authorities are often no authority at all, but we in England are only so far interested that the A. and P. Rite have always lived on friendly terms with the Cerneau Council, and will continue to do so.

JOHN YARKER.

THE RELIGION OF TEMPLAR MASONRY.

Will you allow me to point out an extraordinary misprint in my note of last week. Instead of "the Constitutions published by Hyham" read "by Hughan."

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

We are authorised to contradict the announcement that the Hon. Robert Bourke, M.P., is a candidate for the office of Remembrancer in the City of London. The hon. gentleman has no intention whatever of giving up his place in Parliament.

Bro. U. Knell was, on Tuesday week last, the occasion of the annual ball of the Cripplegate Ward Pension Society, of which admirable institution Bro. Knell is the Honorary Secretary, presented with a handsome emblazoned tablet and a purse of 100 guineas, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in recognition of his ten years' services on behalf of the society. Bro. Alderman Knight, in presenting the testimonial, made graceful allusion to Bro. Knell's success in other offices, principally as Churchwarden of Cripplegate. Among the company present were Bros. J. Corke, G. M. Felton, J. R. Foulger, and Medwin.

Again Bro. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, London, sends us across the Atlantic his valuable Calendar, containing lists of all the Masonic bodies in the world, except the United States (where it gives the Grand Bodies), with their officers at a late date. This sells for 2s. 1d. post-paid, and is the only book in the world which gives the address of any officer the Mason may wish to address. We thank him for it, and hasten to transfer it to our Masonic library, where the brethren may consult it. It can now so easily be obtained by sending a postal order by mail, that we doubt not many will be ordered by our readers.

—Masonic Token.

THE *Kneph*, a journal representing the body which claims to be and has dubbed itself "The Ancient and Primitive Rite," though the name we believe only dates from 1864, has appeared, and as a general rule we should hail it with every feeling of friendliness, and every expression of courtesy and goodwill. But it commences its existence by an unjustifiable attack on Craft Masonry in an editorial, and is evidently seeking to introduce that "folly of follies" Adoptive Masonry, and the utter nonsense of the so-called reformed Egyptian Rite of that chief of impostors, CAGLIOSTRO. We cannot sympathise with such a movement, as it may do an infinity of harm, and, therefore, in all good feeling we honestly say so, though we wish all success at all times to all Masonic journals. Indeed, we say and think, "the more the merrier."

Original Correspondence.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to state, for your information, that the alteration in the date of the festival of this Institution was made in consequence of the inability of the Chairman to preside on the usual day (the second Wednesday in May), a notification of which alteration was duly made to the Pro Grand Master (for the President) for his approval.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "P. W. M." in your impression of the 15th ult. with great pain.

While I can heartily sympathise with your desire to give to your correspondents the fullest opportunity of stating their case on any matter that may be of importance, I hope you will pardon me for thinking that in so very momentous a matter as this, Bro. "P. W. M." should have been reminded that his letter casts serious reflections, not only upon the officers of the School, but also upon the Committee, and that, unless his observations were founded upon more than one or two isolated cases, it would be well for him to seek redress by less public means, or by a private letter to the authorities, giving such particulars as should enable them to investigate his grievance, and apply a remedy if necessary.

I dare not impute motives to my worthy brother, but I would suggest to him that it is quite unprofessional, and, to use the slang of the day, "very bad form," for an "experienced public schoolmaster" to condemn by innuendo and anonymously the work of a brother teacher, and I am very sure that your readers will have no hesitation in characterising it as utterly unmasonic.

"P. W. M.," in common with all brethren, has every opportunity of visiting the School at any time, and testing for himself the truth of his allegations as to the *morale* of the boys. Having been a Steward at the last festival, I can say that from the impressions received upon a recent visit to the School, and from other trustworthy sources, I have no doubt whatever that our brother is in error if he thinks the manners and gentlemanly bearing of our boys will suffer in comparison with any other school of its class he can name.

Further, I fear "P. W. M." stands self-condemned as an investigator who rushes into print somewhat heedlessly. For an "experienced public schoolmaster" not to know our worthy Head Master, argues himself unknown and certainly unlearned. Dr. Morris's world-wide reputation as a scholar needs no defence from me, and I am well justified in asserting that those who know him best, best know how to value the good fortune which enables the Craft to retain his services.

I have not the pleasure of the acquaintance of the matron of the Schools, but, Sir, I think your readers will allow that I have heard quite enough to induce "P. W. M." to be more careful in future should he be tempted to indulge in such violent, not to say virulent, charges without having previously made the fullest personal inquiry.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
THE HEAD MASTER OF ONE OF THE LARGEST
ENDOWED GRAMMAR SCHOOLS IN LONDON.

THRIFT AS A MASONIC VIRTUE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Benevolence is the glory of our Craft, and the Order may compare favourably with any religious denomination for works of charity or mercy to the young and aged. But the creed of Masonry demands more than benevolence to others—it requires the individual to be just to himself, to be as independent of circumstances as possible, and to be accumulative in his habits, thrifty and frugal, that he may be able to distribute to them that need. You, Sir, know better than any brother how far lodge life and the personal bias of the brethren tend towards sentiments of providence for children, and dependents, or personal old age, or seasons of distress, sickness, or misfortune. I am afraid your great experience would say that while Masons are most generous in gifts to others, they are not thrifty, nor provident for that inevitable future of wasting power which too often precedes an old age of poverty or dependence upon others. It is computed that our Craft numbers nearly a million brethren throughout the world; these brethren nearly all belong to the prosperous or money-making classes of society. While circumstances are prosperous, lodge membership or Masonic fellowship continues, but I fear the waste or loss of brethren from the rank and file is greater than is expected, and the

number of poor brethren not in fellowship is beyond calculation, and is an ever increasing roll.

It is because I meet with so many broken-down brethren that I venture to ask the Editor of the organ of Masonry throughout the world if any recognised societies exist in connection with Freemasonry for the encouragement of thrifty and prudent personal habits. The brethren are numerically strong enough, and wealthy enough, to support an office for Life Assurance and Annuities; to establish a savings bank where deposits can be encouraged, withdrawable only on medical certificate of sickness or death. Many forms of popular prudence and thrift may be mentioned which are encouraged by the State for the benefit of the so-called working classes, but I think the real working classes of society are the professional and commercial toilers, who work, indeed, with laboured length of day and in exhaustive mental pursuits, from whom no State encouragements to prudence exist. From these come the long helpless list of men and women, young, middle-aged, and old, to whom poverty is worse than death. As Masonry, like all true beneficence, is for the future as well as for the present, I venture to ask the favour of a place in your columns, in the hope that my enquiries and perplexities may perhaps provoke sympathy or suggestions leading to a practical service to our brethren and their dear ones. An increase of habits of prudence, thrift, and economy are absolutely a part of manliness and Masonry. The first Lodge of Benevolence is the home. When we provide for our own we keep the faith, become true Masons, and have withal to give those that need.

Dear Sir and Brother, please inform me what aids exist in connection with our ancient Order and help to be prudent.
AN ANXIOUS SENIOR.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some weeks ago I was applied to by a "brother in distress," who made some bastard signs, and who informed me that "he had been a soldier; that he was made a Mason in India, in Lodge No. 552, Lucknow; that he was now a subscribing member of Lodge No. 53, Royal Sussex, Bath; that he was in receipt of a pension, and that with this he and his wife could make a respectable livelihood in making, and disposing of, artificial flowers; that unfortunately they had had the misfortune to have their little stock in trade destroyed by the late heavy rains whilst out in the country, and that it would take 15s. to give them another start on the road; that Bro. — had given him 2s., Bro. — 2s. 6d.; and they had also recommended him to me and to others. He had seen the Almoner of the lodge, but he could not do anything for him as such because he could not produce his certificate, it being at home in a frame, but he had given him 2s. privately. It was the first time in his life that he ever made such an appeal to his brethren, that he felt ashamed to do it now; but he had no alternative, as he had not broken his fast for twenty-four hours," &c.; all of which he wound up with a miserable attempt to shed a few tears.

"He was willing to prove himself if I would examine him," but I declined, informing him that in my younger days, as a Mason, I had been several times imposed upon, but later, as Almoner of the lodge, I had had experience which convinced me that the best policy was to "hear and see all, but say or do nothing," in such cases (believing that much information is gathered by itinerant Masons from being incautiously questioned and "proved"). I advised "Hezekiah"—for such he said was his name—to visit us at the lodge meeting in the evening, when, if he satisfied the brethren, I promised that he should be well cared for, and the full amount required by him for his present purpose should be handed over to him. He was very profuse in his thanks, gave me a grip, and retired, promising to attend at the lodge in the evening. Having my doubts as to the genuineness of "Hezekiah," I at once wired to "his lodge" at Bath, but received no reply until the following morning, when I received a letter from the Secretary, stating, as I expected, that he was "not known." On relating the circumstance at the lodge—"Hezekiah" not having put in an appearance—I found that he had obtained 5s. from another brother with the same story. A few days afterwards I came upon "Hezekiah," with his same parcel of damaged tissue paper, &c., in the street, but on his catching sight of me he made off.

My promise to "respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance impostors," must be my excuse for troubling you with this communication, in the hope that, should you think it worthy of insertion, it may not be without its effect. I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
P.M. No. 448.

BRO. HUGHAN AND THE "ANTIET AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY."

Dear Brother Editor,—

In the first number of the "Kneph," at page 8, is a "List of Members" of the Antient and Primitive Rite who have received decorations since it was chartered in 1871 (ten names), followed by "Bronze Star of Merit, First Class, for Saving Life" (four names), and then "Third Class—Literary" (eight names). In the last mentioned is my name, and as the whole three divisions look and read as the complete "List of Members" (of course unintentionally so) many have considered me to be a member of the "Rite" before mentioned, as also my lamented friend and Bro. Richard Woolfe (Wood). I have had so much correspondence in consequence, that instead of answering the enquiries, I have ventured to seek your kind aid in making the fact of my *opposition* to the "Rite" known through the medium of the *Freemason*.

I wrote to the learned editor of the "Kneph" on the subject, and received (as might be expected) a genial letter from him in reply, quite in keeping with the pleasant character of all my correspondence with Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, LL.D. In the last number issued of the "Kneph" however, there is no allusion to my note, and so I have returned the "decoration" so kindly sent me, in order to prevent any further misunderstanding on the subject.

I have never been, am not, and never intend to be, a member of the "Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry." Yours fraternally, WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.
Truro, February 7th.

[On personal grounds, we have acceded to Bro. Hughan's request with pleasure, but being simply, as we have stated, a personal matter, we shall not permit any discussion on the subject.—ED. F.M.]

THE SWEDENBORG RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any brother inform me what is the antiquity of this rite, of which I have seen some prospectuses lately? Can Bro. Hughan or "Masonic Student?" I can find nothing about it which seems to me reliable, except in some very recent publications. Was Swedenborg really a Mason?

Yours fraternally,

M. S. M.

[Our correspondent asks us a very difficult question to answer. As far as we know Swedenborg was not a Mason, and the Swedenborgian Rite is a completely modern arrangement of the last few years. Perhaps Bro. Hughan or "Masonic Student," if they see this letter, will reply more fully.—ED. F.M.]

THE JEWS AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It greatly surprised me to find in your columns a letter conceived in so narrow and unmasonic a spirit as that of "A. P. Rose Croix" in your issue of Feb. 5th. Whether a person professing the Jewish faith would feel himself justified in taking an obligation with which he could not conscientiously agree is a matter upon which there can be no manner of doubt; but this point lies at present outside the issue raised by your correspondent's letter. I should not have ventured to ask you for a portion of your valuable space were it not for the fact that a large number of English Masons will be grieved by the remarks of "A. P. Rose Croix."

In the first place he seems to sneer in an unmasonic way at the personal appearance of some individuals against whom he has evidently a private grudge. I pass over this point without further comment, for conduct like this is distasteful to every right thinking man.

The second of your correspondent's arguments, viz., "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," is totally and entirely wrong. Any person who by conscientious conviction, and after long and patient trial, shows that he is a Jew in spirit *can* become a Jew, though conversion is disapproved of by the Jews; and, further, I absolutely deny your correspondent's right to assert that a Jew cannot be an Englishman. Her Majesty numbers amongst her subjects no more loyal class than the *Englishmen* who *profess* the Jewish faith. They are as proud of the name of Englishmen as their fellow countrymen who *profess* the Protestant or the Catholic faith.

Your correspondent's letter is nothing more or less than an attempt to introduce into English Freemasonry the narrow-minded and anti-human doctrines now being preached in Germany by the Anti-Semitic League. I do not fancy that this new Crusade will have much success in free England.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
"ONE WHO IS" ENGLISHMAN, JEW,
AND FREEMASON.

February 7th.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no objection to give a "West Country P.M." the information which he requests of me, and will reply to his queries in inverted order.

1. I do not advocate the Rite of Memphis, but the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry. The first consists of ninety-six Degrees, the second of thirty-three Degrees, as arranged and allowed in 1865 by the Grand Orient which constituted us; but we reserve the right to confer any of the Memphis Grades which suit us. We have nothing to do with Craft Masonry.

2. So far as my knowledge extends, we have never given any of its Degrees to any irregular Craft Mason whatever. Its constitution requires that all its neophytes must have the Three Craft Degrees from some constitutional Grand Lodge, and the Rite has formally renounced all claim upon Craft Masonry in regard to conferring its ceremonies. The ceremonial of the Ancient and Primitive Rite is in complete accord with the Three Craft Degrees, and is in every respect such as all Craft Masons must regard with esteem.

3. I have not found it interesting to continue a monthly attendance upon the repetition of Craft ceremonies for a period of twenty-seven years, and only now belong to the Ancient and Primitive Rite. I did my duty in the Craft and Mark Degrees for many years, and hope all our members will do the same. I should, however, be perfectly ready again to place myself in such a position that a "West Country P.M." can extract the fullest satisfaction from me, provided it does not take up too much time, which, at my age, is too valuable to be frittered away in worthless Masonic squabbles. I fancy that your correspondent has run his head against the Reformed Rite of Memphis, which had a Grand Lodge established at London about 1859. If this is so, I can assure him that the true Rite of Memphis had no relations at any time with that spurious body.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN YARKER.

Reviews.

FULGENCIUS. With other Poems, Old and New. By R. MONTGOMERIE RANKING. Newman and Co., 43, Hart-street, E.C.

We have read this work, the production of the author of "Bjorn and Bera," with interest and pleasure, as we have come across much that is both worth persual and worth remembrance, a needful test, a true test, moreover, of real poetry. For much that is called "Poiesis" to day is not truly "Poiesis" at all, and if poets and poetasters are many, the production of verse great, the "residuum" of real, veritable, lasting poetry is, we apprehend, a very "modicum," and, like the Philosopher's Stone, difficult to seek after, and still more difficult to find. We all of us must know by this time, both in our reading and experience, that there are "poems and poems," "poetry and poetry," "poets and poets," and that it is one thing to call a volume of words a volume of poetry, and another thing—quite another thing—for it actually to be what it professes to assert itself. In Mr. Ranking's volume we find a good deal to admire, and some lines of great merit and beauty. He is a little unequal, and sometimes forced, but we think that we are not wrong in

admitting that he has won a laurel wreath in the great "Olympian games" of Poesis. We can mention favourably "Fulgencius," "The Peace of the Hills," "The Revenge of the Men of Arran," "A Ballad of Ariadne," "Richard in Prison," "The Victor," "Now and Then," "Life's Lights," "Through a Glass Darkly," "A Last Race," "Esther," and many more. "At the Back of an Opera Box" ought not to appear in a second edition. It is quite à la Waithman, and far too "strong meat for babes."

THE KNEPH, No. 2.

This is a new journal, edited by Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie, in support of the "Ancient and Primitive Rite, Swedenborgian Masonry," and other similar bodies. We wish we could hail its appearance with unqualified satisfaction, but we cannot for the following reasons, though we freely admit, as indeed must be patent to all, that it has as much right to express its views as we have to express ours. But we cannot think the leaning shown to that idle and hurtful body "Adoptive Masonry" wise, or the patronage of the "Debris" of Cagliostro's charlatanry likely to redound to the good of Masonry, or the advance of Masonic archaeology. The statement that Swedenborg altered Masonic systems is historically most doubtful, and least of all we think the attack on "Craft Masonry" is neither fair nor courteous. No one knows better than Bro. Mackenzie, that English Craft Masonry is not a "Convivial Club" in any sense, and we are sorry to note this tendency to assail Craft Masonry for no apparent reason, except to exalt the superior intellectual claims of so-called Swedenborgian and alleged A. and P. Masonry. "People with glass houses should never throw stones," is a good old adage, and it is just possible that some of our Craft writers might have a good deal to say about the claims of these so-called superior Bodies. We speak openly and fairly, because we wish well to Masonic journalism, and shall be quite ready to welcome the "Kneph" heartily if only it suppresses these little blots, both on its editorial and archaeological deliverances. To claim for a Rite, whose date is 1864, that it is superior to all other Rites in the world, is indeed absurd. "Verbum sat sapienti." We shall look for No. 3.

A PALEOGRAPHICAL SOIREE.

On Wednesday last Mr. Bernard Quaritch assembled a small circle of those whose taste lies in old MSS. to a very good dinner, and a most pleasant evening.

He exhibited the following MSS., which were indeed of great beauty, rarity, and excellence, and were greatly admired by the "experts" present. The list of manuscripts is as follows:

| Catalogue 332. | Valued at |
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| Ciceronis Lælius, Sec. IX. | £180 |
| Evangelistarium. Carolingian MS. Many pages written in gold on purple, Sec. IX. | 1000 |
| Evangelia Græce. Richly illuminated, Sec. XI. | 200 |
| Apocalyptrice Visiones. Italian MS., with exquisite miniatures, Sec. XIV. | 750 |
| Passion de Notre Seigneur. Paintings in grisaille A.D. 1350 | 120 |
| Roman de la Rose & Testament de Jehan de Meung. Paintings in grisaille, A.D. 1380 | 480 |
| Wyclif's English Testament. The only existing perfect copy that was written in Sec. XIV., A.D. 1390 | 1000 |
| Biblia Latina. The Bentivoglio Bible, with miniatures, A.D. 1395 | 260 |
| Lydgate's Sege of Troy. Probably written and illuminated by his own hand, A.D. 1425 | 1720 |
| Horæ B.V.M. Prayerbook of the Lords De Grey of Ruthin, A.D. 1450 | 120 |
| Psalterium S. Mich. Mont. Olivet, Italian MS., A.D. 1480 | 300 |
| Officium B.V.M. Italian MS., formerly called the Borgia Prayerbook, A.D. 1500 | 280 |
| Psalterium. Italian MS., with paintings attributed to Sinibaldo of Perugia, A.D. 1500 | 275 |
| Mrs. Moxon's Album. With autograph poems and letters by Lamb, Keats, Wordsworth, Landor, etc., 1826-73 | 125 |
| Catalogue 333. | |
| Prayerbook and English Poems of the great Talbot, first Earl of Shrewsbury (the Hero of Shakespeare and Voltaire), 1425-33 | 1000 |
| Fifteen MSS. | Total Value £7810 |

Mr. Bernard Quaritch stated in an interesting introductory address that Dr. Leeson had told him that he, Dr. Leeson, had discovered Freemasonry in the "Roman de la Rose," and on Lydgate's monument in Westminster Abbey. We may observe that Mr. Bernard Quaritch's catalogue of manuscripts, No. 332, deserves careful perusal by all who are interested in MSS. The party dispersed reluctantly, having spent a most agreeable and instructive evening.

Bro. A. Dickinson, one of the newly-elected members of the Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Without, was, at a banquet given at the Green Dragon Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday week last, presented by a number of his friends and supporters with his official gown. Among the company present were many members of the Craft, including Bros. Dwarber, J. Esson, Skelton, J. Fortescue, and Frederick Dickinson.

The Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Her Majesty's Minister of State for War, distributed the prizes to those who have recently gained commissions at the late Army Medical Examinations conducted at Netley Hospital, on Monday, in the presence of a large and brilliant assemblage.

Bro. R. P. Spice has sent a donation of five pounds to the Yarmouth Lifeboat Catastrophe Fund.

A pigeon shooting match, which partook of an international character, was decided at the Union Gun Club Grounds, Hendon, on Monday afternoon, between Mr. Scott and Dr. Carver, the respective champions of England and America. The stakes were £200 a-side, each competitor to shoot at one hundred birds, and a fairly even contest throughout resulted in the success of Dr. Carver by our birds.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

According to the *Academy*, since 1871 a German Commission has been engaged in revising Luther's translation of the Bible. The New Testament was finished some years ago. In September next the Commission will finish the third and last reading, after which the new text is to be printed.

M. Taine has completed the third volume of his great work on the French Revolution. It will be published at the end of March, under the title "La Conquete Jacobine."

The Royal Academy elected three more Associates last week—Messrs. J. Brett and A. Gow, painters, and Mr. W. Burges, architect. In May an Academician will be chosen.

A proposed monument to Edgar Allan Poe is amongst the last news from literary America. A great dramatic performance on the 17th of this month is spoken of, and Mdlle. Bernhardt, Miss Genevieve Ward, M. Salvini, Mr. Jefferson, and other dramatic stars are to be asked for their assistance.

RARE BOOKS.—At the sale of a select portion of the Earl of Clare's books at Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge's, 13, Wellington-street, London, the 155 lots produced £1850. Lot 93, Shakespeare's Poems, first edition, T. Cotes, 1640, 16mo., fine copy, brought £52. Lot 143, Walpole's (Horace) "Anecdotes of Painting," first edition, five volumes, brilliant impressions of the numerous portraits, Walpole's own copy, with many of his manuscript additions, and 11 of his autograph letters, 4to., "Strawberry-hill," 1762-71—£175. Lot 152, Scott's "Guy Mannering," 3 vols., 4to., the original autograph manuscript, perfect, and in fine condition, sold for £390. These three lots were bought by Mr. Henry Stevens for America.

ROYAL ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—On Thursday week the usual monthly meeting of this institute was held at the society's rooms, in New Burlington-street, Mr. James Hilton in the chair. Mr. F. C. J. Spurrell made a few remarks on some curious implements, of various ages, from the river-drift at Ightham, in Kent, which were exhibited. Mr. J. Park Harrison read a paper on sundry incised outlines of fish and other early Masons' marks in the crypt of Gloucester Cathedral; Mr. J. G. Waller offered some observations on the sepulchral brass of John de Northwode and Joan, his wife, from the church of Minster, in the Isle of Sheppey; the Baron de Cosson read a paper, by Mr. William Huyshie, descriptive of an ancient tilting helmet from Petworth Church, and another of the time of Henry VII., from Wimborne Minster, Dorset; and Mr. Burgess described a curious helmet, of ancient date, brought from Constantinople. Among the various objects of interest exhibited were the several helmets above mentioned; a bronze mortar and pestle, by Mr. E. Peacock; a crystal globe used for divination, by Mrs. Lovell; and a pair of silver-mounted and inlaid pistols, by Mr. H. R. H. Gosselin.

The *Athenæum* says that the sub-committee pointed by the Social Science Association to draft a Copyright Bill on the lines of the measure introduced by Lord John Manners have completed their labours. Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., has charge of this question.

The Austrian Museum is organising an exhibition of drinking vessels which is expected to be ready by the beginning of May. It is intended to show the connection of the art of every land. No inconsiderable portion of the decorative art of the middle ages found the expression of its strength in this direction, so that if the exhibition be as representative as the programme leads us to hope it will be of a highly interesting character.

The *Athenæum* says that recent excavations for building operations at Messrs. Tylor's premises, 2, Newgate-street, London, have resulted in a very rich find of Roman antiquities, which, from the occurrence of coins of Claudius and Nero, may be attributed to an early period in the City's history. Three large and capacious leaden cylinders, or *stutæ*, with chariots and other designs in relief on the outer surfaces, have been found, each enclosing a very perfect and beautiful glass urn of considerable dimensions. Combs, *stili*, horns, and a bronze spur with rowel points have been found.

Christmas at a London post office is well known to be a busy time, but few people form an adequate idea of the enormous and yearly increasing extra strain on the officials. We learn from the *City Press* that during the Christmas season there were 11½ millions of extra letters, exclusive of "registered," the latter class numbering 183,124—some 25,594 above the usual amount—while the extra postage was estimated at £55,902. On Christmas Eve alone there were 240 sacks of extra registered letters, while during the whole of that night 1324 men were fully occupied, whereas in ordinary times some 106 are busy until midnight. By 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day the letters filled 1000 sacks over and above the usual quantity. Some 178 extra hands were engaged from December 22nd, and the largest number of men employed at one time in the office was 254½.

The well-known Belgian Artist Eugène Verboeckhoven, who died on the 19th ult., aged eighty-three, at Brussels, first studied with his father, a noted sculptor, for years. He ultimately, however, left the chisel for the brush, and it is as an animal painter (particularly cattle) that he gained for himself universal admiration. He was a wonderfully productive artist. Among his best known works are: "Le Convoi de Chevaux attaqué par les Loups," which is in the Gallery of the King of the Belgians, "Souvenir d'Ecosse," "L'Étalon Arabe," "Rubens à Cheval," &c., also "Campagne de Rome," and "Moutons surpris par l'Orage," which belong to the Musée Royal of Brussels. M. Verboeckhoven was member of the Royal Academy of Belgium, of the Commission of Directors of the Royal Museums of Paintings and Sculpture of Belgium; of the Royal Academy of Antwerp, Ghent, and St. Petersburg; Commander of the Orders of Leopold, of Francis Joseph of Austria, Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour of France, of the Merit of St. Michael of Bavaria, of Christ of Portugal. He also possessed the "Croix de Fer," which he received for his patriotic services during the Belgian Revolution of 1830. M. Verboeckhoven was buried with military honours, and his funeral was largely attended by men of rank and mark.

Bro. Baker, of St. Blazey, is about to re-publish in a pamphlet form (with the permission of the author, Bro. Emra Holmes) articles on Fowey, under the title of "An Unknown Watering Place."

A Portuguese Pompeii has been unearthed within the last few years, near Braga, in the north of the Kingdom. These ruins, called Santerem and Citania, cover entire hills, the most important being the Citania di Briteiros, supposed to be of Celtic origin, according to *Nature*. Here the circular walls, streets, monuments, and many houses have retained their typical form, and show a somewhat advanced state of art and industry. The sculptures and inscriptions covering their monuments are said to resemble those of India and China, thus suggesting that the tribes who built the cities had emigrated from Turan. The Citania lay buried for twenty-one centuries.

The *Athenæum* says:—"The Duke of Manchester, we understand, is shortly about to deposit his valuable collection of family papers in the Public Record Office, for use and consultation by historical students. The papers are at present in the custody of the Commissioners on Historical MSS., to whom Mr. L. O. Pike, of the Record Office, has made an exhaustive report on the contents of the documents, which will be printed in the forthcoming eighth report of the Commissioners."

The *Athenæum* says that Mr. Thomas Arnold has in the press, for publication in the Rolls Series of Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain, an edition of "The Historical Works of Simeon of Durham." Mr. Richard Howlett, who has lately discovered among the MSS. of Sir Charles Isham, and elsewhere, much additional matter in illustration of the early history of the Franciscan Order, has been commissioned by the Master of the Rolls to edit a second volume of "Monumenta Franciscana." The first volume under that title was issued in the Rolls Series in 1858, under the editorship of the late Professor Brewer.

THE POST OFFICE.—The public office at St. Martin's-le-Grand (old building), which used to close at eight p.m., is now open until ten p.m., both for postal and telegraph business. It may be useful to state also that the office in Fleet-street, opposite Fetter-lane, is open until twelve midnight.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.—The Right Hon. Lyon Playfair, M.P., has succeeded the President of the Royal Society as their nominee on the governing body of this school, and Mr. Granville R. H. Somerset, Q.C., has also been elected a member of the body. The Westminster studentships at Christ Church, Oxford, are to be converted into scholarships under the new statutes. Vacancies on the foundation and school exhibitions will be completed for as usual in Easter week.

CAUGHT IN THE SNOW.—The *Pester Lloyd* reports that during the snow storms a fortnight ago, a band of miners in the Ruzbanya district, in Hungarian Wallachia, while on the road from their work, were overwhelmed by a sudden drift, which completely buried fifty-one of them. When relief arrived, six were found to be dead; twenty-five were still living, but unconscious. The remaining twenty were more or less seriously injured, and unable to move without assistance.

The Statue of Minerva, lately found at Athens, has now been minutely described to the Paris Académie des Inscriptions. It was found in a small tiled recess of an underground room, apparently belonging to the Roman epoch. Chiselled out of beautifully polished Paros marble, the small statue is in admirable preservation, the face in particular, while the eyes, lips, hair, &c., are coloured. The goddess wears the Attic helmet, surmounted by a sphinx, a long tunic hangs down to her feet, as well as a super-tunic clasped round the waist by a belt of snakes, the *Ægis*, bordered by serpents, guards her breast, and below hangs the Gorgon's Head in the shape of a lunar disc. The left hand rests on a shield, also adorned with Medusa's head, while a serpent appears underneath, and in her right hand she holds a Victory with closed wings, clasping a garland in either hand. This Victory is somewhat stiff, as if strictly imitated from a very ancient model, and is held in such a manner that it is supposed Minerva was offering it to Athens.

Bro. Judd, of the firm of Messrs. Judd and Co., is about to issue, in one handsome volume, portraits of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole of the members of the Court of Common Council. The portraits will be in lithography, and a specimen of the series is a remarkable example of the art, equal, in fact, to line engraving or mezzotint. Altogether the work will contain 233 portraits, and to add to its permanent value and unique character, it is intended, when the number of copies subscribed for has been worked off, to efface the stones. The title of the work is the "City Parliament."

The Christmas issue of the *Freemason* comes to hand in enlarged form, sixteen pages being added which present an agreeable variety of sketches, essays, stories, and poetry appropriate to the season and inviting to the general reader. Several of the articles have a Masonic flavour that makes them all the more attractive to members of the Craft. The same number contains a Masonic summary for 1880, which is alike instructive and interesting. We are glad to learn of the increased prosperity of the *Freemason*—a prosperity that is richly merited.—*Freemason's Repository* for January.

TREFFRY MEMORIAL.—The committee have selected Messrs. Fouracre and Watson to undertake the memorial to the late Bro. Dr. Treffry. The whole of the clerestory windows are to be filled with pictures of the Cornish Saints, &c. One of the windows is to be Masonic, with the figures of King Solomon, Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram the Builder, called in the Lutheran Bibles Hiram Abiff. Another window will contain figures of St. Fimbarrus, St. Nicholas, and St. Catherine, the patron Saints of Fowey and its Church. St. Veep, St. Winnow, St. Sampson, St. Austolus, St. Blasius, and others more or less connected with Fowey, in the immediate neighbourhood, will find a place in the sacred structure, and when the work is complete and the nine windows with their twenty-seven lights are filled with the gorgeous-tinted figures of mediæval saints, it is believed that the Treffry memorial will make Fowey Church unique of its kind, and add greatly to the beauty of an already beautiful and beautified edifice.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are asked to state that the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction meets every Monday evening, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Islington, at 8.30.

The Fourth Biennial Aldersgate Ball was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday evening last, and was attended, we are pleased to learn, with the utmost success. Among the patrons were Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, and all the members of the Common Council belonging to the Ward. The arrangements were carried out in a very creditable manner by a strong acting Committee, with Bro. Sims as chairman, and Bro. T. M. Janes as Honorary Secretary. Bros. A. J. Altman and A. Glover were efficient M.C.'s.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, R.W.G.M. Cornwall, was present at the annual meeting of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital on Monday, when he alluded to the retrospective claims of the hospital and the proposed memorial to Sir Francis Drake, who he described as a distinguished man of the old days of glory, plunder, and religious persecution. They had, he said, a perfect right at Plymouth to honour their bold and thoroughly English fellow-citizen; but while it was a noble thing to record by memorial the great deeds of the past, it was a sacred duty to provide for the wants and sufferings of the present.

The Board of Trade returns for January show that the total declared value of the exports for the month was £17,318,911, against £16,912,858 in January last year, and £14,196,518 in January, 1879. The total value of imports for January was £26,742,962, £32,372,907, in January, 1880, and £26,367,043, in January, 1879.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, R.W.G.M. Warwickshire, presided on Monday afternoon at the twentieth annual meeting of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, when it was reported that 5952 persons were last year discharged from the Birmingham Borough Gaol, of which number 611 had come directly under the society's care, 307 of whom had received direct aid.

Charles Hilton Fagge, M.D., London, F.R.C.P., senior assistant-physician, and John Neville Davies Colley, M.A., M.B., and M.C., Cantab, F.R.C.S., senior assistant-surgeon, have been elected respectively to the office of physician and surgeon to Guy's Hospital, in the vacancies caused by the resignation of Dr. Habershon and Mr. Cooper Forster.

Her Majesty the Queen and Princess Beatrice, attended by the lords and ladies of the Court, are, according to recent arrangements, expected to leave Osborne at the close of next week. Her Majesty will probably arrive at Windsor Castle about the 18th or 19th inst.

A meeting of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Hyddersfield, at four o'clock. The business before the lodge includes the following motion, in the name of Bro. Waghorn: "That this Provincial Grand Lodge, in conjunction with other Provincial Grand Lodges, if possible, should endeavour to obtain such alterations in the Book of Constitutions as would render it unnecessary for a brother to be installed in a Craft Lodge previously to being installed in a Mark Lodge."

LANDSLIPS IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.—The neighbourhood of Black Gang, I.W., and the famous under-cliff, has been thrown into a state of great alarm in consequence of a tremendous landslide, which occurred there in the course of Friday week. Masses of cliff have broken away, carrying down trees and crashing into gardens, blocking highways, sweeping away familiar landmarks, and completely changing the face of this popular holiday resort.

ALFORD MASONIC HALL COMPANY (LIMITED).—This company has recently been formed, its objects being to acquire a public hall in Alford, Lincolnshire. Capital £400, in £5 shares. Signatories (all of Alford): Bros. G. Bosson, 2 shares; H. Christian, 2; E. A. Young, 2; F. A. Handsley, 2; F. Higgins, 2; C. Mrytle, 1; T. C. Johnson, 2. By the articles of association, it is required that every member must be a subscribing member of a lodge working under the constitution of the United Grand Lodge, the date of registry being January 27th, 1881.

CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY.—The directors of this company state that the accounts for 1880 show, subject to completion of the audit, that after providing for the interest on the 6 per cent. debenture stock, and a full year's dividend on the 7 per cent. preference stock, there will remain a balance of £1166 to the credit of the general revenue account.

Bro. the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Past G. Chap. Herts, and Chaplain of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, was, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial on the occasion of his birthday, and of his leaving the mission district of St. James's, Clerkenwell, where he has so endeared himself to the poor during his labours of nearly four years' duration. The testimonial consisted of a handsome clock, which had been subscribed for (with the exception of the Vicar of Clerkenwell, the Rev. J. H. Rose, and a few friends interested in the mission) by the very poor of the district.

THE "LICENSED VICTUALLERS'" LIFE BOAT.—A meeting was held on Thursday week at the office of the *Morning Advertiser*, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken with the view of maintaining the life boat which was presented to the Royal National Life-boat Institution by the Trade nearly fourteen years ago. Bro. C. Walker, P.M. 862, Governor of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, was appointed chairman, and Bro. T. Meekham, P.M. 1288, and Mr. J. Cox, chairman respectively of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum and the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, were elected vice-chairmen. Mr. Whalley accepted the office of hon. treasurer, the secretaries of the three Institutions, Mr. E. Grimwood, Mr. A. L. Annett, and Mr. E. W. Norfolk, becoming hon. secretaries; a committee was also formed. It was stated that the life boat had been instrumental in saving sixty-five lives during the period it had been stationed on the coast and that it was necessary, in order to continue its usefulness, to make an effort to give additional support to the National Life-boat Institution.

Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., received the 33° at Golden-square, on Tuesday last.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., W.M. No. 82, received the 30° at the Grand East, 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday last.

Bro. G. Sims has been nominated by the members of the Ward of Aldersgate as a Governor of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Bro. H. J. Byron's comedy, "The Upper Crust," reaches its 366th night this (Saturday) evening.

The meetings of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 1887, are to be held at the George Hotel, High-street, Wallingford, Berkshire, on the Tuesday on or before full moon in every month.

Bro. R. H. Collins, C.B., Private Secretary to Prince Leopold, has written to the Town Clerk of Nottingham to the effect that His Royal Highness has signified his willingness to open the University College in that town in June or July next.

Bro. George Kenning, Past Grand Deacon Middlesex, P.M. 192, will be installed W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, for the second year in succession, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday next.

Mr. E. P. G. Rogers, son of Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, has been elected a member of the Institute of Surveyors.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., &c., presided at the ordinary meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday evening, when a paper was read by Mr. J. H. Pollen on "The Present Condition of the Art of Woodcarving in England."

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has appointed Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor Grand Master for the Province of Staffordshire, an office vacant since the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury. Bro. Tudor has held the office of Grand Superintendent for Staffordshire for nearly ten years.

The *City Press* understands that it is highly probable the Temple Bar Memorial will remain in its present position, but that the griffin will be removed and some other heraldic device substituted.

Bro. Edmund Yates (of the *World*) will preside at the festival of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to be held at Willis's Rooms, on Friday, the 4th proximo.

Bro. J. W. Anson, for many years Treasurer at the Adelphi Theatre, died on Sunday evening. Bro. Anson was in his sixty-fourth year.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has been elected President of the National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor (I. of W.).

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D. (vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopgate), P.G.C., preached at the Church of St. Augustine and St. Faith, Old Change, on Sunday evening.

Bro. J. W. Benson had the honour of submitting to the Prince and Princess of Wales on Wednesday week the gold casket presented to His Majesty the King of the Greeks by the Corporation of London.

Bro. R. Footitt (P.M. 193), has, as Master of the Shipwrights' Company, together with his Wardens, issued invitations for a dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday next.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will preside at the anniversary festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, in June next.

Bros. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., W. T. Boord, M.P., and Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., were present at the Speaker's levee on Wednesday week.

Comp. the Rev. R. P. Bent's name should have appeared as P.S. in the report of the meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter, which appeared in last week's *Freemason*.

Bro. F. Penna gave two interesting lectures at Gresham College on the evenings of the 3rd and 4th inst. on "The Character of Elijah, as depicted by Mendelssohn, with introductory and incidental remarks upon musical portraiture." The illustrations, sung by himself, admirably supported the propositions Bro. Penna laid down.

By the kindness of Bro. C. Walker (P.M. 862), the Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' School, and his colleagues on the Committee, the children (numbering nearly 200) of the school were enabled to be present at the performance of "Hop-o'-my-Thumb" at the Surrey Theatre on Monday last.

Bro. John Esson entertained the whole of the members of his staff at dinner on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to inaugurate the opening of his new establishment at Elm Works, Fetterlane. Bro. Esson presided, and among those present were Bros. Sir John Bennett, G. Dawson, and Walter Pelham.

Bro. F. B. Chatterton announces that his annual benefit will take place at the Lyceum Theatre, which has been kindly and generously granted by Bro. Henry Irving, on Thursday morning next, the 17th inst. The following are a few of the talented artists announced to appear: Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, Edward Terry, John Ryder, and Mr. Edwin Booth.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, on Tuesday evening, in the House of Commons, asked Sir J. Lubbock whether, considering Christmas Day fell this year on a Sunday, and thus deprived the commercial community of a holiday, he would bring in a Bill to make Saturday, December 24th, a Bank Holiday. Sir John Lubbock stated that he was endeavouring to ascertain the views of bank authorities on the subject, and when he had done so he should be glad to give a further answer.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.—The annual banquet of this successful lodge, of which Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732, &c., is the Preceptor, will be held at "The Moorgate," Finsbury-pavement, on Monday evening next, under the Presidentship of Bro. Wm. Side, W.M. 1507.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. Ernest E. Smith was the W.M. installed, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. D. Rose, P.M. 73, 1622. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

Thomas Carlyle's long illness terminated in his death early on Saturday morning, the 5th inst., at his residence in Cheyne-row, Chelsea. Mr. Carlyle was eighty-six years of age.

Bro. Henry G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was installed W.M. of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, on Thursday last.

The annual Masonic ball in connection with the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, takes place on Monday next, at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock.

Bro. John Williams was installed W.M. of the Creation Lodge, No. 1791, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., and General Sir F. Roberts have accepted the invitations to dine with the Goldsmiths' Company on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

Bro. Walter Hallett, S.W., will be installed W.M. of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. A report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* of the 26th inst.

We have much pleasure in reminding our readers that the ball in connection with the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges is fixed for Friday next, the 18th inst., and will be held at Cannon-street Hotel. Early application for tickets should be made to Bro. Nelson Reed, St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E.

BURDETT-COUTTS LODGE, No. 1278.—The annual ball in connection with this lodge will be held under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, on Monday week, the 21st inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock precisely.

Bro. John Etheridge will be installed W.M. of the Friendship Centenary Lodge, No. 100, on Thursday next, at the Assembly Rooms, South Beach, Yarmouth. Bro. D. R. Fowler, G.J.D. Norfolk, is the retiring Master.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "Paris and Parisians," in the Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday night.

Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Donegal, P.G.M. Antrim, who is the oldest marquis living, attained his eighty-fourth birthday on Tuesday.

Bro. A. F. Speller informs us that the meetings of the new Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, are now held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. The next meeting is on Tuesday next.

One thousand pounds have already been sent by the Red Cross Society of Holland to the Dutch Consul at Cape Town, in aid of the wounded in the Transvaal, and inquiries have been made by telegraph whether a Dutch Ambulance would be permitted to proceed to the seat of war.

The Court, according to present arrangements, will leave Osborne for Windsor on Friday next.

Another Earthquake shock was felt at Berne on Monday night.

Great satisfaction is said to have been caused throughout Switzerland by the receipt of a telegram stating that the Swiss watches have carried off the highest prizes at the Melbourne Exhibition.

M. Usfalvy, of the Collège de France, who was despatched by the French Government on a second exploration to Central Asia, has reached St. Petersburg on his way home.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Richmond has been elected President of the Highland Society.

At the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. the Earl of Fife was unanimously appointed Grand Master of Banffshire.

Her Majesty the Queen has contributed £100 to the Afghan War Relief Fund. Applications have already been received from eighty-four widows with 156 children, but the total amount subscribed is only £2614.

The Queen has telegraphed to India her congratulations to General Sir Donald Stewart on his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in India.

Intelligence from Réunion, dated 24th January, received at Lloyd's, states there was a violent cyclone there on the 21st January, causing much damage to the plantations.

The term for which the Queen "lent" Claremont to Prince Leopold has lately expired, and H.R.H. will now occupy the pleasant and accessible country place permanently, at least during Her Majesty's life, after which it reverts to the country, and will have to be dealt with by Act of Parliament.—*Truth*.

The supply of the whole of the Post-office telegram forms for the United Kingdom, which amounts to the enormous total of one hundred and thirty seven million forms per annum, have been entrusted with Messrs. Harrison and Sons, of St. Martin's-lane.

The meetings of the West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623, in future will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the last Thursday in the months of February, June, and October. Installation meeting February 24th next. At the election meeting, the following companions were the choice of the chapter, subject to confirmation: Comps. Elliott, Z.; Adams, H.; Butt, J.; Lardner, S.N.; and Mallett, S.E.

The London Cottage Mission gave one of its "Irish stew dinners" on Wednesday, at the Mission Hall, Conder-street, Limehouse, to a large number of hungry children. The mission is doing good work at the East-end, helping and elevating the poor and needy in a variety of ways, but the calls upon its resources are very heavy, and contributions are earnestly invited.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, February 18, 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 21.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Annual Ball—Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., Holborn.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1789, Ubiq, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hot., Highgate.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Hot., Stepney.
 K.T. 128, Oxford & Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

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, S to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, S 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, S.
 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, S 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 Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, Muswell-hill.

- Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 255, Iris, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, 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 Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq., S.W.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 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, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
 United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-rd., Notting hill, S.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 65, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, S. Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 K.T. 7, Carnarvon, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 45, Kemeys Tynt, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 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 8.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
 Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
 Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Annual Ball—Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges, Nos. 1572 and 1671, Cannon-st. Hot.
 House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1704, Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 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, Nitre 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 19, 1881.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 " 613, Unity, M.R., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra H., Moss-side.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So. N. Hill-st. L'pool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

- Lodge 175, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmston.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

- Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 603, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1209, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

- AMBROSE.—On the 4th inst., at Westover, West. Heath, Hampstead, N.W., the wife of Mr. William Ambrose, Q.C., of a son.
 CONNELL.—On the 3rd inst., at Auchencheyne, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, the wife of Mr. Walter Connell, of a daughter.
 CURWEN.—On the 7th inst., at Dufton Rectory, Penrith, the wife of the Rev. A. J. G. Curwen, of a daughter.
 HARDY.—On the 5th inst., at Oaklawn, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, the wife of the Rev. C. R. W. Hardy, of a daughter.
 LAMB.—On the 5th inst., at Westbury Lodge, Buckhurst-hill, the wife of Mr. Alfred Broughton Lamb, of a daughter.
 MURRAY.—On the 6th inst., Lady Murray, of Philiphaugh and Melgund, of a son.
 SCOTT.—On the 6th inst., at 19, Penywern-road, the wife of Mr. W. C. Scott, of Thorpe, Chertsey, Surrey, of a daughter.
 WOODGATE.—On the 7th inst., at Star-hill, Rochester, the wife of Mr. Ernest Woodgate, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- CARTER—VIZARD.—On the 8th inst., at the Cathedral, Bloemfontein, South Africa, by the Rev. Canon Miles, assisted by the Rev. C. Tobias, William Henry Carter, B.A. Lond., of Kimberley, son of Mr. Silas Carter, of Lee, Kent, to Jessie, daughter of Mr. Edward Vizard, of Hampstead.
 JACOBS—SAMUEL.—On the 8th inst., at 4, Bloomsbury-place, by the Rev. L. Canter, Harry Jacobs, son of the late Mr. David Jacobs, Haymarket, London, to Clara, daughter of Mr. Henry Samuel, Redcliffe-road, South Kensington.

- RENTOUL—ISHERWOOD.—On the 5th inst., at the Pro-Cathedral Church, Liverpool, by the Rev. W. Duncan, Robert Reid Rentoul, M.D., M.R.C.S., son of the late Rev. J. L. Rentoul, of Ballymoney, county Antrim, to Laura Constance, daughter of the late Mr. R. R. Isherwood, of Guisnes Court, Essex.

DEATHS.

- BLANE.—On the 7th inst., at 21, Princes's-gardens, Mr. Gilbert James Blane, in his 72nd year.
 ELWIN.—On the 7th inst., Mr. Robert Baker Elwin, late of Madras, aged 55.
 HALAHAN.—On the 30th ult., at 30, Palace-road, Upper Norwood, Sophia, widow of the late Lieut. R. R. Halahan, of H.M. 80th and 44th Regiments, aged 71 years.
 KENNEDY.—On the 5th inst., at 13, Holland-street, Blackfriars, S.E., Mr. Donald Kennedy, aged 45.
 LOCKE.—On the 2nd inst., at Fring Hall, near Lynn, Norfolk, Mrs. Locke, aged 86 years.
 MARRIOTT.—On the 7th inst., at Harvard-road, Hither-green, Lewisham, John, son of Mr. Thomas Marriott, of George-lane, Lewisham, aged 31.
 POSTLETHWAITE.—On the 7th inst., at Oakleigh, East Grinstead, Mr. George Postlethwaite, aged 56 years.