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WHAT a change, we often think, has come over the outward demeanour, the inner life, the actuality of Freemasonry, let us say twenty years ago. Those of us who remember what Freemasonry in its normal aspect and attitude then was will rejoice to think how many of the little drawbacks of those days have passed away. There can be no doubt—indeed, we speak from distinct realization of the fact—that many worthy men were kept out of Freemasonry a generation ago by the far too social character it had taken up—the prevalence of the Fourth Degree. We have undoubtedly got the better of most of the carelessness and indifference of an earlier generation to Masonic æstheticism, to careful and seemly lodge arrangements, but we seem to be on the eve of another great mistake. *We are too fond of publicity.* We use terms, and employ phrases in print, which ought not to be used except in the lodge, and there seems to be a growing tendency to desire to make the outward world, in even Masonic papers, acquainted with our words and ways, our system and our doings. All this is wrong, because it is a yielding to a mistaken theory or a perverted taste, and we trust, therefore, that we shall adhere strictly to our own wise rules and regulations, and as we rightly discountenance all “pretenders” in respect of the good old-fashioned plan of Freemasonry, so we shall set our faces against “innovations,” which are only the product of excitement or frivolity, and have no claim either on the sympathy or support of any “bright Mason” or any “true expert” amongst us. Freemasonry like other institutions has, as of necessity, some who are merely ornamental and useless members of our great confraternity. We have here and there “drones,” here and there “charlatans,” as always in the history of society, but by keeping the “even mean,” and by adhering to the sound principles of “thorough” and veritable Freemasonry, we shall avoid mistakes on either side, and aid in spreading more widely and founding more firmly among men that really heavenward building which stands erect on the sacred and immovable basis of our kindly, sincere, sympathetic, and tolerant Order.

WE regret to hear that owing to some oversight when the foundation of the Alexandra Wings of the Girls’ School was laid, a “land spring” was not properly secured, the consequence being that the “basement” became very damp indeed, and some considerable expense will have to be incurred in order to put a stop to the present inconvenience.

WE have been requested by an esteemed brother and correspondent from Hertfordshire to rectify “two slight inaccuracies” to which he fraternally calls our attention in our analysis of the returns for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The first is, that Bro. TERRY is put down for a list of £315, whereas the proper return should be, our correspondent assures us, “£160 odd.” The second is, that Bro. WALDRON is credited with a list of £133 17s., as coming next, whereas the correct return should be, Bro. J. E. DAWSON, No. 40, £212 11s. 6d. Bro. J. E. DAWSON is a well known and worthy brother in Hertfordshire, active and zealous in Freemasonry, and was the representative of the Watford Lodge, a distinguished lodge of forty-five members. Thus the fact remains that Hertfordshire was No. 2 on the list of provinces, and Bro. J. E. DAWSON was No. 2 as regards individual lists. We hope that our rectification of an unintentional error will be satisfactory to our excellent correspondent.

WE published last week an interesting account of four days’ work in York. We are truly glad to note so much zeal and energy in the old metropolis of Freemasonry.

WE call attention elsewhere to the German Statistics of Population and Freemasonry, and should be obliged to any brother who will send us similarly comparative statements. We should be glad to have such statistics from

Canada, from France, from Denmark and Sweden, from Italy, and from our Colonies and Dependencies, from Greece, and the East, indeed universally, as all such figures interest Masonic students. After our own census is over, we should like to have, if it be possible, a similar clear return for Great Britain.

WE have been requested to state that the “canard” going about that the candidates on the list of the London Masonic Charity Association are chosen by a little select committee, in fact a “clique,” is a “weak invention of the enemy,” to use a popular saying. All the members of the Association form the electing body, and the duty of the “Sub-committee” annually elected for the purpose of the election is merely to carry out the decision of the entire body. If any reader wishes to have the Laws and Rules, he can have them by applying to Bro. TISLEY, 1, Clifford’s Inn, Fleet-street, E.C. We agree with our correspondent that it is a pity some worthy brethren have nothing better to do than circulate idle, and childish, and hurtful reports in respect of a useful, a needed, and successful Association.

WE notice two reviews elsewhere in reference to the report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Indian Freemasonry, both of which deserve perusal by those who are interested in the life, and work, and expansion, and reality of our great Order “all the world over.” Nothing in its annals is so remarkable as the universality of Freemasonry, and we think that even the most prejudiced opponent would be able from such “facts” to discover both its “raison d’être,” and its real good and usefulness for our brotherhood and mankind.

AN American brother slightly misinterprets our remarks, which the context might perhaps have convinced him had not the meaning he assigns to them. We did not allude to *Craft* duplicate or triplicate entries, &c., but to such as arose from the Royal Arch, Templar, and High Grade lists. We gave the Craft numbers as in themselves nearly correct, knowing that our English system of numerous memberships of lodges does not prevail as with us, in America. We hope, therefore, that we have satisfied the little “exception” of our worthy correspondent.

FREEMASONRY in West Yorkshire has to deplore the loss of a very zealous and respected member of the same in Bro. MANOAH RHODES, universally respected alike for his upright and honourable character as a citizen, and his truly Masonic sympathies and services. His decease will be deeply lamented by his many friends and brethren in West Yorkshire, and the name of MANOAH RHODES will long be warmly remembered and fraternally cherished. His work in Masonry commenced originally with that distinguished lodge the Lodge of Hope, Bradford, No. 302, which has enrolled so many good men and worthy Masons in its ranks, but he was well-known and widely respected beyond the limits of Bradford by the whole of West Yorkshire. He was a most liberal supporter of the Charities, and gladly gave of his ample means to further the kindly efforts of true Masonic benevolence. A very large gathering of the brethren was anticipated at the Undercliffe Cemetery, Bradford, on the 23rd, to do honour to his memory as a citizen and a friend, and to record the universal sense of the West Yorkshire Craft as regards his “bright” Masonic career. We shall hope to publish a report in our next.

By a review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania elsewhere, it will be seen that no less than 6331 dollars in round numbers were granted in Masonic Charity by the “Almoners” and the Grand Lodge in twelve months.

By a casual oversight, the question about Lodges of Instruction was answered mistakenly, the fact being that, in the haste of editorial work, the point of its being a query relative to “lodges of instruction,” was not realised. It is undoubtedly the custom of “lodges of instruction” more or less universally, to charge a small sum for the admission of visitors to help to defray the expenses of the evening. There is nothing unreasonable or improper in the custom.

WE have received the “Bye-Laws of the Dorset Masonic Charity,” established 1880, to which we will call attention next week. We are glad to see that the provinces are forming charitable funds of their own, as there is no doubt need just now of such useful and valuable associations.

MASONIC HISTORY.

ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

Bro. Hughan merits the best thanks of the Craft, for his outspokenness in regard to the general quality of Masonic history. It is, indeed, high time "that we should subject every assertion of previous historians . . . to the most rigid scrutiny." By way of illustration, let me ask any reader of the *Freemason* to examine the first encyclopædia that comes in his way. He will there find the origin of Freemasonry duly set out, on the authority of Sir Christopher Wren, as recorded in the *Parentalia*. But if he carries his investigation further he will discover, firstly, that the opinion attributed to Wren is not proved to have been his at all, and, secondly, that there is no evidence whatever to justify the belief (though much to warrant a disbelief) in the alleged fact of Sir Christopher's "initiation" or "adoption." Upon this point I shall offer some further remarks presently, but will now proceed to an examination of Bro. Hughan's suggestion, that in 1717, the leading offices of the society were yielded to the "operatives" in pursuance of a conciliatory policy. I cannot agree with my worthy friend. In my opinion (if a vulgarism be permitted) "the boot was on the other leg," and I believe that the chief positions in the Society were willingly ceded, if not actually pressed upon the "speculatives," from the earliest date of their figuring in authentic Masonic history.

The meagre record of early Grand Lodge proceedings, given in the Constitutions of 1723, is conclusive to my mind, that Payne, Desaguliers, and Anderson then knew very little about the election of 1717. We should not forget that all three of these brethren—members, moreover, of the same lodge—had a hand in the compilation of the first Constitution Book (1723). Payne drafted the regulations, Anderson "digested" the general subject matter, and Desaguliers wrote the preface or dedication. Now, I simply ask Bro. Hughan to compare the discrepant statements in the Constitutions of 1723 and 1738, and to consider whether it is possible that the illustrious three, who it appears each again "had a finger in the pie," in the latter year, could have been aware in 1723, of the events which were so glibly chronicled by Anderson in 1738? The very words which are employed to describe the "revival," for example: "They [the members of the Four Old Lodges] and some old brothers," stamp, I submit, its hearsay character.

Bro. Hughan founds an inference upon the possibility of Desaguliers having written the "Defence of Masonry" [bound up with the Constitutions of 1738]. But he must first establish the fact before proceeding with conclusions. To Anderson has generally been assigned the credit of this pamphlet, at least I think so, though I am never quite sure of any point when my opinion differs from that of Bro. Hughan.

The "Defence of Masonry" will well repay perusal. This brochure was evoked by the publication of Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected," of which the first edition appeared in 1730. If my memory is not at fault, the pamphleteer was accused of borrowing from Bishop Warburton (*Divine Legation of Moses*), or the Bishop from him, I forget which, and am writing without a convenient "Treasury of Knowledge" to adjust my chronology. The common feature of the two productions, seems to have been the application of the sixth book of the *Æneid* to the ancient mysteries. The Bishop's work, I imagine, was first published in 1738, at least the earliest edition in the British Museum library is of that year. Bro. Hughan claims for Desaguliers as much leisure before 1723, as he is known to have enjoyed after that year. Is it not, however, reasonable to conclude, that as he grew older (he was forty years of age in 1723) he worked less hard? In his "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," Bro. D. M. Lyon gives a portrait of Dr. Desaguliers. I defy any one to inspect this, without becoming convinced that a pleasanter companion at a Masonic banquet can rarely have existed, than the excellent and prescient Grand Master, to whose "happy thought" of introducing after dinner toasts, the marvellous success of the Masonic Institution is probably more due, than to any other "brilliant inspiration" recorded in our annals.

As regards "Esoterics," though my general view of this abstruse subject [the pre-revel secrets] has been not unfairly reproduced by "Masonic Student," I demur slightly to the words—"Bro. Gould has accepted the theory, that there was only one ceremony and one grade." Firstly, I don't like the word *theory* in the above connection, and in the second place I may be allowed to explain, that whilst thinking there was only one ceremony, I have nowhere expressed a belief in such a limitation of grades as is imputed to me; on the contrary, in the "Four Old Lodges" (at p. 39) I record an entirely different opinion.

Let me now put a question to "Masonic Student." What is his explanation of the following passage in the "Book of Constitutions" of current date (p. 7): "In ancient times no brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of a lodge?"

As to the language of "Long Livers," how do we know that the author of this work was a "Freemason?" Even if we assume that he was, and also take for granted that he was completely "saturated" with Masonic learning, what does it all amount to? Simply to this, that four years after the formation of the Grand Lodge, there existed a classification of the brethren. This, indeed, we know to be a fact, and Eugenius Philalethes (Freemason or not) was equally aware of it, as his book is dedicated "to the Grand Master, Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the . . . Freemasons of Great Britain and Ireland." I do not think the fair meaning of the oft quoted words: "And now my brethren, you of the higher class," is capable of further extension. If, however, a wider construction be placed on this passage, we have only, I humbly submit, evidence of there being in 1721, Degrees in Masonry. "The mysteries hidden from the unworthy," with a knowledge of which "the brethren of the higher class" were credited, may have been, I concede, any secret learning peculiar to the "Hermetic Philosophy." Indeed from the context, the "mysterious knowledge" darkly hinted at was evidently something very foreign to Freemasonry. At least such is my opinion, but a great authority, Bro. Albert G. Mackey, records an adverse view—"If," says Dr. Mackey, "as Eugenius Philalethes plainly indicates, there were, in 1721, higher Degrees, or at least a higher Degree in which knowledge of a Masonic character was hidden from a great body of the Craft . . . Why is it that neither Anderson or Desaguliers . . . make any allusion to this higher and more illuminated system?" Bro. Mackey goes on to say, "that this book of Philalethes introduces a new element in the historical problem of Masonry," and in this opinion Bro. "Masonic Student" evidently concurs. I think Bros. Mackey and Pike are scarcely at one as regards the interpretation to be placed on the much-cited passage from "Long Livers," and upon the opinion of the latter I shall touch presently. Returning to our examination of the words—

"Brethren of the higher class," I think these point to a few brethren of high Masonic rank, it may be officers of Grand Lodge, or Masters of lodges, being connected with another society, having totally distinct aims and principles.

Eugenius Philalethes, jun., F.R.S., it must be confessed, somewhat bewilders us in the dedication of his "Curious History," by frankly avowing that "he speaks like a fool." Are we to take him at his word? If, however, we disregard the author's estimate of his own composition, it must be admitted that there is more force in Bro. Albert Pike's contention than was apparent at first view. According to this distinguished brother—"Men who were adepts in the Hermetic Philosophy made the ceremonies of the [Craft] Degrees." Now, if "Long Livers" can be cited as an authority, it is quite clear that some leading Craftsmen were also members of an Hermetic Society. These brethren, of course, may have been the constructors of our Craft ceremonies. On this point I offer no opinion. I can trace no necessary connection between Hermeticism and Masonry, nor do I believe that any marked resemblances will be found in the two systems or philosophies. It may be that such exist, but I should like to see the proofs.

"Masonic Student" says: "To assume that the Second and Third Degrees were all arranged between 1717 and 1721, or 1723, has always appeared to me, and appears to-day, to be the actual negation of all evidence and even common sense." By this, I suppose, I may understand that he does not share my sentiments in regard to the manufacture of these Degrees during the period of transition (1717-23). One thing, at all events, is certain—I err—if I do err—in very excellent company, and the "negation of common sense" is also apparent in the writings of Bros. Findel, Lyon, and Hughan.

Now, unless my good friend, the worthy brother writing under the pseudonym of "Masonic Student," himself lays claim to an occult faculty of historical divination, I suggest deferentially, that he is a "little hard" upon other students who have the misfortune to differ from him. In support of the last observation, I will call in aid the words of one the best historical critics this country has produced—the late Sir G. C. Lewis—who states: "It is not enough for a historian to claim the possession of a retrospective second sight, which is denied to the rest of the world; of a mysterious doctrine, revealed only to the initiated. Unless he can prove as well as guess; unless he can produce evidence of the fact, after he has intuitively preceived its existence, his historical system cannot be received."

In the "Note and Query" column of last week, the statement in the *Post Boy*, No. 5245, is again paraded. Last year I looked through the files of newspapers for 1723, and the following are the notes I then made:

Post Boy, No. 5243. From Feb. 26th to Feb. 28th. Obituary notice of Wren and advertisement of Constitutions.

Daily Post, No. 1066, Feb. 27th. Similar account.

Daily Post, No. 1067, Feb. 28th, states that Wren's body is to be deposited under the Dome.

Post Boy, No. 5244, Feb. 28th to March 2nd. An obituary notice, of twenty-eight lines, citing all the offices held by Wren.

Daily Post, No. 1068, March 1st. Long obituary notice.

London Journal, No. 188, March 2nd. Obituary notice.

British Journal, No. 24, March 2nd. Obituary notice.

Weekly Journal, or Saturday's Post, No. 227, March 2nd. Obituary notice.

Weekly Journal, or Brit. Gazetteer, March 2nd. Obituary notice.

Post Boy, No. 5245, March 2nd to March 5th. "London, March 5th, this evening the corpse of that worthy FREE MASON, Sir Christopher Wren, Knight, is to be interr'd under the Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral."

Postman, No. 6100, March 5th to March 7th. Account of funeral.

Post Boy, No. 5246, March 5th to March 7th, Records the inscription on Wren's coffin.

Daily Post, No. 1072, March 6th. Same.

British Journal, No. 25, March 9th. "Sir Christopher Wren, that worthy Free Mason, was splendidly interr'd in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday night last."

Weekly Journal, No. 228, March 9th. Account of burial.

Weekly Journal, or Brit. Gazetteer, March 9th. Same.

London Journal, No. 193. April 6th, advertisement of the Constitutions.

Flying Post, or Post Master, No. 4712, April 11th to April 13th. Masons' examination.

Commenting upon the passage in the *Post Boy*, No. 5245, Bro. W. P. Buchan thus expresses himself—

"Is it true that Wren was really a 'Freemason' before his death? And, if so, when and where did he become one? At page 595 of the *Graphic* for 19th December, 1874, we are told that the Duke of Edinburgh is a Mason, but I fear this is a mistake; consequently, if the latter scribe is not infallible as regards a living celebrity, I feel justified in doubting the veracity of the former respecting a dead one."

Of the Aubrey theory, Bro. Buchan says—"It so happens that 'is to be' and 'was' are not quite the same, for, as 'There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip,' it is possible he never was 'adopted' at all."

In the *Freemason* of (I think) June last, I wrote at some length on the point to which "A Member of No. 2" again calls attention. To my remarks of that date I can add very little. It is noteworthy that the journal announcing, in the first instance, that Wren was a *Freemason*, had been previously selected as the advertising medium through which to recommend the sale of Anderson's Constitutions (No. 5243, from Feb. 26th to Feb. 28th, 1723). This circumstance, with which I was unacquainted in June of last year, strengthens, however, the argument which I then presented.* Professor Seeley in his "History and Politics" ("Macmillan's Magazine," August, 1879) observes—

"If the historian finds it his painful duty to break idols, to sweep away gorgeous illusions, and restore the prosaic truth in all its tiresome dryness and intricacy where poetry had reigned before, he is far enough from being praised for conscientiousness, or pronounced to have done the proper work of a historian, who is a servant of truth. On the contrary, he is thought to be a dull fellow, and to want the magic pen of Macaulay. This means in plain words that the public want, and insists upon having, falsehood in history rather than truth."

I am not aware, whether the learned professor in his general course of reading, has found time to examine the literature of Freemasonry. If he has not, I fear that even the most confiding disciple of the Oliverian School, will scarcely

* According to my view, the Editor of the *Post Boy* dubbed Wren a *Freemason* on the strength of the loose statements in the "Constitutions," wherein though that title was not accorded to Sir Christopher, his name was so much "mixed up" with those of other legendary Grand Masters, as to fairly warrant the casual reader in believing him to have been a member of the Society. This inference is sustained by the fact, that until I pointed out the omission last year, it had escaped the notice of all Masonic writers.

anticipate that a diligent study of the history of the Craft, would satisfy Mr. Seeley, that the Masonic "public" constitute an honourable exception to the general rule enunciated in his concluding sentence.

With regard to the question of Wren's "initiation" or "adoption," and to the affirmative evidence which has been adduced, Bayle makes some general remarks which appear to me to be in point. In his dictionary (Art. *Balde*, Note c *) he says—"A hearsay report should be recorded only in one of two cases; firstly, if it is very probable, secondly, if it is mentioned in order to be exploded." He also points out "the danger of trusting to hearsay reports in historical questions."

If we accept the late Sir G. C. Lewis as an authority, "a historical narrative, however probable, must be well attested. If it is merely probable, without being attested, it cannot be received as historical."†

To adopt the language of Dr. Dalcho—"I have called in question a number of circumstances, the validity of which I could not establish satisfactorily to my own mind, and in exposing them to view, I have been governed by no other principle, than the wish to point out the elegance of the system when it was first established, and to deprecate the cause of its alteration. The road to truth, particularly to subjects connected with antiquity, is generally choaked with fable and error, which we must remove, by application and perseverance, before we can promise to ourselves any satisfaction in our progress. *Because a story has been related, in one way, for an hundred years past is, not, alone, sufficient to stamp it with truth*; it must carry on the face of it, the appearance of probability, and if it is a subject, which can be tried by the evidence of authentic history, and by just reasoning from established data, it will never be received by an enlightened mind, on the *ipse dixit* of any one."

THE ROYAL ARCH IN AMERICA.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Comp. Tracy P. Cheever has forwarded to me an account of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Shekinah, held at Chelsea, Massachusetts, which forms a very interesting record. The celebration seems to have been of an exceedingly elaborate character, and was marked, amongst other matters, by a most eloquent oration by Comp. Woodbury. The oration contains an able sketch history of the successive temples at Jerusalem, followed by a brief but well compiled account of the discoveries by the Palestine Exploration Society of the Temple Foundations, and the Masons' marks thereon found. Comp. Woodbury then proceeds to discuss the modern history of Freemasonry, and touches upon the probable origin of the Arch and Templar Degrees in this country, and quotes Dr. Anderson's reference to "Societies and Orders of the Warlike Knights," as suggesting a connection between the Ancient Fraternity and the Templars. I do not think we can afford to put aside any clue, however faint, which may tend to throw light on our early history, but there can be nothing in what Anderson wrote to justify any conclusion whatever; and to suggest that because Anderson uses the words "the whole body resembles a well built arch," therefore, the Royal Arch may then have been in existence, is very far fetched indeed.

Referring to Freemasonry at York, our brother appears to be inclined to fall into the common error of asserting that "the Lodge at York" was in its earliest days a Grand Lodge. His argument is that if the London brethren were entitled to assert themselves as a Grand Lodge, then the York brethren should be allowed the same privilege. This is quite true, but the fact remains that the York brethren made no such pretension until long after the London brethren set the example. The lodge at York was, I take it by its own showing, nothing more than "a lodge" until 1761.

The Athelstone legend does not go further than to say that assemblies of Masons were held at York by virtue of a charter. It does not assert for the York Masons themselves any priority of jurisdiction. In days when travelling was difficult and dangerous, and York was the key of the main road between North and South, it is easy to see why it should be selected as a convenient meeting place, and why Masonry should have been kept up in that centre with more vigour than elsewhere.

Bro. Woodbury alludes to the inventory made at York in 1779 of articles belonging to the "Grand" Lodge, but loses sight of the fact that this list was made after the declaration in 1761, that this body was the Grand Lodge of all England, and that in none of the older documents is the word "Grand" used at all.

Bro. Woodbury says—"There is yet preserved among the York documents another parchment roll containing the manual subscriptions, &c., of persons made Masons in the *Grand Lodge*." Nothing of the kind. The roll in question does not in a single instance speak of a *Grand Lodge*. The earliest entry on this roll is as follows: "March 19th, 1712. At a private lodge, held at the house of James Boreham, situate in Stonegate, in the city of York, Mr. Thomas Simpson, Mr. Caleb Greenbury, Mr. Jno. Morryson, Mr. Jno. Russell, Mr. Jno. Whitehead, and Mr. Francis Morryson were all of them severally sworn and admitted into the honourable Society and Fraternity of Freemasons. Geo. Bowes, Esq., Deputy President."

Throughout the entire roll the meetings are referred to as "private lodges," except on St. John's Day, when they are called "general lodges."

In not one of the parchment documents is there the slightest allusion to the Royal Arch.

Then he refers to the old seal mentioned in the Inventory as evidence of the antiquity of the Royal Arch at York, on the ground that the three crowns of Edwin cut upon this seal form the seal of the Grand Chapter of England at the present time. In this matter I fail entirely to follow our brother's reasoning, and as for the seal itself no one who has seen it would for a moment mistake it for an antique. It was certainly cut subsequent to the declaration of 1761.

You have already published my account of the earliest Royal Arch minute book found at York, which dates from 1762, and there is not the smallest allusion to any Degree of this kind before this date in any of the York records yet discovered.

Comp. Woodbury, in referring to the Mark Degree, has unintentionally misquoted me when he refers to my short history of that Degree. In my brief notes I distinctly stated that prior to 1852 I did not believe the Mark had any existence as a separately worked Degree, though, doubtless, there might have been a practice of selecting Marks. It is very important, as Bro. Hughan has shown, that brethren should clearly distinguish between the simple practice of selecting a Mark, and the working of the Mark Degree.

* Third Ed. (1820), p. 51.

† On the Methods of Observation and Reasoning in Politics (1852), p. 292.

Proceeding on, our brother gives some notes on the Cryptic Degrees, which in America are regarded as the stepping stones to the Royal Arch, and which do not seem to call for particular comment, and his oration closes with an eloquent appeal to the members of the chapters to live up to the precepts of the Degree. The oration is followed by a poem and by an historical sketch of the chapter by Comp. Cheever. Like numerous other American Masonic reports with which I am from time to time favoured, that under notice is replete with interest.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I am anxious to throw out a few "hints" anent Masonic history which, after some careful researches of many years now, seem both advisable and necessary for all Masonic students.

1. We must approach the subject simply as an historical question dependent on evidence, and decided by facts without prepossessions or "fads" of any kind of our own. The great difficulty is, that in all such questions as affect us in our studies of Masonic annals the tendency is to make things "square" with preconceived theories of our own, which we have favoured and fostered until we decline to give them up, and then we constitute the subject a personal one, and, shutting our eyes to realities, and our ears to argument, vainly uphold our own special little "vanity."

2. There are no doubt great difficulties in the way of Masonic investigation. Our ceremonies being oral, and our traditions oral, too, it is all but impossible openly to advert to much we dilate upon in our lodges, inasmuch as many things are really to us "Aporreta," and cannot be mentioned properly to "ears profane." And this difficulty confronts us in our historical enquiries. Our writers have always been "weighted" by this great drawback, and have been unable to go into many things, which if not directly, yet inferentially might clearly be pressed into their service. For instance, a good deal of evidence as to pre-1700 Freemasonry and the antiquity of our own system might be fairly drawn from our ritual observances, and yet, despite the bad example of Oliver, the tendency of our time, and a rightful tendency too, is to keep such subjects for our lodges.

3. In dealing with traditions, qua traditions, we must be careful and reverential in the handling of them. It is not a case of "sequitur," remember at all, that because traditions are incorrect, therefore they are untrustworthy. It was pointed out years ago by one of the greatest "experts" of MSS. that we must bear in mind that there was a "substratum" of truth in all traditions, if only we could find it, and that as all traditions became incorrect through the lapse of time, or the repetition of men, so while we were not slavishly to accept them, we were not equally as slavishly to reject them "in toto."

4. What we, I think, require just now is not merely the overthrow of certain old and well worn statements, but a careful sifting of all assertions by our new lights and our more availing opportunities. We want practically, as Bro. Gould well says, to begin "de novo," and to endeavour to lay down certain leading principles by which the value of evidence, whether direct or indirect, historical or traditional, may be accurately tested and weighed. As it is we are writing at haphazard, so to say. One writer objects to one statement, another doubts a date, a third attacks Anderson, a fourth depreciates Preston, a fifth upholds the Guild theory, a sixth clings to the Hermetic, a seventh laughs at all, and declares that we are raising a sham and new formation on old foundations from 1717 to 1721, in the same spirit that an old antagonist once said, we might as well call ourselves "Free ratcatchers" as "Freemasons" properly. Thus "runs the world away," and after many years of careful study and patient research, and really remarkable discoveries, if we do not take care we shall end by being just as incoherent, inconclusive, unsound, and uncritical as that dear, good, old sentimental, unscientific, careless, and "sheepwalking" school, whose errors we complain of, whose aberrations we deplore, and whose carelessness of reference, and hopelessness of imitation we have, no doubt, great grounds to reprove and disavow. But such is the current of all similar affairs, such the reaction always of human thought, and like those fair beings immortalized by the lyric bard, we are, in such matters, for the most part,

"Always in extremes,
And always wrong."

MASONIC STATISTICS AND POPULATION.

As we gave those of America in a former issue we now give those of Germany. The population of the German Empire on the 1st of December, 1880, has now been finally ascertained. It amounts in all to 45,194,172 souls, as against 42,727,260 at the previous census in 1875. The increase in five years is therefore 2,466,912. The population of the different States of the Empire is now as follows: Prussia, 27,251,067, against 25,742,404 in 1875; Bavaria, 5,271,516, against 5,022,390 in 1875; Saxony, 2,970,220, against 2,760,586 in 1875; Wurtemberg, 1,970,132, against 1,881,505 in 1875; Baden, 1,570,189, against 1,507,179 in 1875; Alsace-Lorraine, 1,571,071, against 1,531,804 in 1875; Hesse-Darmstadt, 936,944, against 884,218 in 1875; Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 576,827; Mecklenburg-Strelitz, 100,269; Saxe-Weimar, 309,503; Saxe-Meiningen, 207,147; Saxe-Altenburg, 155,062; Saxe-Coburg Gotha, 194,479; Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, 80,149; Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, 71,083; Reuss (elder line), 50,872; Reuss (younger line), 101,265; Oldenburg, 337,454; Brunswick, 349,429; Anhalt, 232,747; Waldeck, 56,548; Schaumburg-Lippe, 35,332; Lippe-Detmold, 120,216; Lubeck, 63,571; Bremen, 156,229; and Hamburg, 454,041. According to C. Van Dalin's accurate "Calendar for 1881," there are in Germany 8 Grand Lodges, with 439 lodges, and 39,711 members. There are 5 independent lodges, with 1486 members, and 5 Provincial Grand Lodges, whose "status" is neither easy to realize or describe.

The library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A., now contains 2250 bound volumes and 2000 pamphlets—only 100 of said volumes being not Masonic. It includes the Masonic library of the late Bro. Leon Hyneman, and 700 volumes, the liberal gift of R.W. Bro. William Sutton.

Bro. M. Bodenham is the W.M. designate of the Audley Lodge, No. 1896, which will be consecrated on the 26th proximo by Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P.

Bro. the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, is on his way to England, having left Kimberley, South Africa, on the 22nd ult.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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The NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 18th MAY next, on which occasion the Right Hon.

SIR MICHAEL F. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P.,
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire,
has kindly consented to preside.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are much needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

APRIL ELECTIONS, 1881.

The Association has selected the following Candidates and requests the votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

GIRLS.

24. Ancomb, L. M.
21. March, E. J.
15. Penny, E. M.
First and Final Applications.

BOYS.

3. Fellows, A.
59. March, G. A.
13. Estlin, C. N.
24. Carey, S. D.
36. Alfred, Lucas Lewis.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary
L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—APRIL ELECTION, 1881.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

STEPHEN DARCY CAREY,

Aged Ten Years, son of the late Bro. Stephen Carey, who was initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, on the 20th January, 1868, and remained a full Subscribing Member until his death, which took place on the 26th July, 1879, after a long illness, which prevented him making any provision for his Widow and Six Children, who are left totally unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended, and Proxies will be thankfully received by the Widow, Mrs. M. A. Carey, 43, Devonshire Road, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUB- SCRIBERS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1881.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

GRANTLEY WICKS,

No. 75 on the List of Candidates.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother of the Child, Mrs. Wicks, Challoner-street, Cockermouth, Mr. T. Mason, Secretary, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth; or by the Rev. H. L. Puxley, Catton Rectory, Yorks.

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

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

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1881.

To Correspondents.

P.M. 38.—His Grace the Duke of Richmond is a member of the Order.

The following stands over:
United Pilgrims, No. 507.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Debrett's House of Commons and the Judicial Bench for 1881," "Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "New York Dispatch," "The Mahratta," "Die Bauhütte," "Boletín Oficial del Gr. Orient de España," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islaender," "Masonic Age."

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 BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no possible objection so to alter the notice of motion which stands in my name for next Quarterly Court of the R.M.I.B. so that it may read, after "livelihood," "in any of which cases, except that of sudden death, the father must have been a subscribing member to a lodge for three years." I have written to this effect to the Secretary, and have no doubt the whole question will be fully discussed on the 11th April. I have to thank you for your kind suggestion, and remain,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER.

NEW CHAPTER WARRANTS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would it not be to the interest of Royal Arch Masonry generally, if Grand Chapter required from each petitioner for a new chapter a clearance receipt for all fees due to his old chapter, same as is, I believe, the case with petitioners for a new lodge?

It is not altogether a solitary occurrence to find a companion who is considerably in arrears in his old chapter, figuring amongst the petitioners for a new one, and in some cases placed high in office. Should such be permitted?

Yours fraternally,

P.Z.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a phrase of an editorial paragraph in last week's issue might, I think, give its readers a wrong impression may I be allowed to say, that no one connected with the Institution has ever to my knowledge imputed that my "work" there was not done in an "efficient and economical way?"

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

THOS. MASSA.

Reviews.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR 1880.

We have received, and read, this admirably drawn up report with feelings of pleasure and admiration. We are pleased to note the very fraternal spirit in which our most distinguished Bro. Richard Vaux, P.G.M., and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, does, we feel sure, no more than justice to the abilities and services of our excellent confrère, and valued friend, Clifford P. McCalla. The Grand Lodge of Ohio seems in a most flourishing condition, 554 lodges and 34,778 members being under its jurisdiction. As something is sometimes said about the "Charity" voted by American Grand Lodges and lodges, we beg to note that 3266 dollars were granted by the Almoners to 295 applicants in 1880. Of these 255 came from Pennsylvania, and thirty-seven came from other American States, one from Canada, three from Ireland, and four from the West Indies. There is also, as we understand the report, the "Stephen Girard's Charity Fund," which dispensed 3065.75 dollars to 188 applicants from Pennsylvania, and 145 dollars to seven from other American jurisdictions, and one from Canada. Nothing apparently is more satisfactorily or systematically arranged, and we offer our "heartly good wishes" to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, among whose members we count many cherished and sincere friends.

BIBLIOTHECA RABBINICA. Part 8. By Dr. AUG. WUNSCH. Leipsic: Otto Schulze.

Messrs. Williams and Norgate have made us cognizant of this most interesting German work, which, if its completion carries out the promise of its inception, will be a most valuable aid, as well for the Masonic as the archaeological and theological student. As the learned editor truly says, the Talmudic-Midrash literature is of the greatest value for the universal history of religion, and of religious thought. This work is a translation of certain Hebrew Talmudic works, hitherto untranslated, such as the "Midrash Rabbah," the "Midrash Tanchuma," (Talmud), and the "Pesikta" of "Rab Kahana," and will contain Rabbinial commentaries on portions of the Old Testament, Genesis, for instance, on the "Song of Songs," Ecclesiastes, Ruth, and Esther, &c. This is the first instalment, and perhaps the translator may be tempted to give us more. In the meantime we think it well to make the fact known to any Talmudic students amongst us. Eight parts have appeared, each two marks. The work can be obtained at Williams and Norgate's, 14, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

THE BENGAL FREEMASONS' ALMANACK, &c., FOR 1881. Published under the patronage of the District Grand Master of Bengal, and edited by Bro. A. L. LEFRANC, P.M. and P.D.J.G.D. Black and Co., Calcutta.

This valuable "vade mecum" and "aide memoire" for all Freemasons in "Hindustan," deserves both attentive perusal and warm commendation. It is most admirably arranged, and contains an amount of interesting and important information, which it will do us all good to note, and to realize. There are, it seems, six District Grand Lodges in and connected with British India:

1. The District Grand Lodge of Bengal has twenty-eight lodges under it, and evidences its activity by a Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence, and a Bengal Masonic Association for educating the children of indigent Freemasons.

2. The District Grand Lodge of Madras has eighteen lodges under it, and also, very happily, a Madras Masonic Fund of Benevolence, and a Madras Masonic Educational Institution.

3. The District Grand Lodge of Bombay has twenty lodges under it, with four in abeyance, and also possesses, we are pleased to note, a Bombay Masonic Fund of Benevolence, and a Bombay Educational Institution for Children.

4. The District Grand Lodge of British Burmah has ten lodges under it, a District Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund.

5. The District Grand Lodge of the Punjab has seventeen lodges, one in abeyance, and also the Punjab Masonic Fund of Benevolence, and the Punjab Masonic Institution for Children.

6. The District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago has four lodges under it.

There is also a Grand Lodge of Scottish Masonry in India with twenty-eight lodges, two not working, and the "Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society." In all we see 129 lodges, more or less. There is also an Irish United Grand Lodge of Ceylon, with four lodges working under it. There are also six District Grand Chapters under the Grand Lodge of England, with thirty chapters; there are also eleven chapters under the Provincial Grand Chapter of Scottish Royal Arch Masons of West India, and one under the Grand Chapter of Ireland, making in all forty-two chapters, we would beg to remark by no means a sufficient or satisfactory proportion to the Craft Lodges.

We may add that the Mark, the Templars, and High Grades, are all represented in British India. We should like to know what is the proportion of lodges to the population, if any Indian brother or correspondent can tell us. But these statistics are very striking, as showing the thorough character of Freemasonry in India.

A ROSICRUCIAN ESSAY. By R.W. FRA. T. B.

WHYTEHEAD, York.

This is a very interesting little essay on an old Rosicrucian work of 1610, written with all the ability and lucidity for which Bro. Whytehead is well-known. We have perused it with pleasure, interest, and profit.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE TEMPLARS.

In the notes on the "Templars" I note the following trifling "erratum," and which arose from the foreign names, "Archambaud de St. Aignan," "propié," "St. Aignan." M.S.

THE EUPHUISTS.

Does not G. H. J. H. mean "Euphuists" instead of "Euphuists?" and is not such a word a mistake? ENQUIRER.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

For fear of mistake, the "special enquiry" I talk of in my last "note" is among old papers, and other "evidences" too often overlooked by Masonic writers.

A MEMBER OF NO. 2.

MASONIC EMBLEMS.

My attention has been called to an octavo edition of Camden's Remains of 1674, published by Harper, Fleur de Luce, over against St. Dunstan's Church, and edited by "Philipot," the 7th edition. On the plate of Camden on the frontispiece, with his arms on one corner, appears on the other a Delta, or hollow triangle, with a five-pointed star at each of the three angles. Can any brother tell me whether Camden was a member of an Hermetic Society, or is their anything to link him with Freemasonry?

MASONIC STUDENT.

JOURNEYMAN.—A question has arisen whether the name was given from the old custom of journeying Freemasons, or from "journée," a day—a day's man, in fact. We think that there can be no doubt that the word came from "journée," and not from a journey, or journeying man. As Bro. Mackey points out, the evidence of the minute books of Mary's Chapel, so ably edited by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, seems decisive on the subject. An apprentice in Scotland, having served his time, was called a "journeyman," but it was understood that within two

years in Scotland he should be openly received in a lodge, and "proceed" to the Degree of Fellow or Fellow of Craft. Up to this time he was only "booked," "buiket,"—i.e., registered,—and at the Swallow Lodge paid a small fee of 1s. or 1s. 6d. at his registration, and 5s. on his reception, or the balance. We do not quite agree with Mackey that Craftsmen and journeymen became opposite terms, implying legal and illegal associates of the lodge, for it is quite clear from Bro. D. Murray Lyon's history, that so early as 1862, "journeymen" who did not belong to the lodge were permitted to work along with regularly passed fellows (journeymen or masters, as the case might be) on payment of twelve shillings Scots yearly, deducted from their first month's wages. No doubt, 1861, December 27, the "Deacons and Masters" had made "an act" that whereas there are several entered prentices continues in their employment as journeymen without passing of themselves, from that date no Masters shall employ one of the foresaid persons, they being two years after the date of their discharge unpass; the Master that employs them shall pay in to our Warden, for each day they employ them, 20 sh. Scot." In the records of the Aitcheson Haven Lodge, 1719, it was made imperative on entered apprentices, those who "take work," and those who "do not take work," to make themselves Fellow Crafts not later than the third St. John's Day after the expiry of their apprenticeship, and it is urged that compliance with this order is necessary "in consequence of the lodge's poverty, a condition into which it had been brought through the increase of unpassed journeymen." And, therefore, though Mackey is right in stating that journeymen who had not "passed" were not Fellow Crafts, and vice versa, there is also evidence to prove, as on the minute at Maries Chappell, December 27, 1712, that the journeymen were in some way members of the lodge, as they are expressly said to have deserted the Deacon and Masters, except two of them, named James Mack and Alexander Baxter. But it is quite correct to say that those who did not pass did not become actually "free of the guild," freeman Masons. It is most important, even on what seem trifling matters of difference, to be absolutely correct.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

A MASONIC BOOK.

I have a book (borrowed only) the title page of which I give. Is it of any real value? I trust you will allow me to offer an apology for troubling you.

"The Pocket Companion and History of Freemasons, containing their Origine, Progress, and Present State: An Abstract of their Laws, Constitutions, Customs, Charges, Orders, and Regulations for the Instruction and Conduct of the brethren: A Confutation of Dr. Plot's False Insinuations: An Apology Occasioned by their Persecution in the Canton of Berne, and in the Pope's Dominions: And a select Number of Songs and other Particulars for the Use of the Society.

"Per bonam famam et infamiam.

"London: Printed for J. Scott, at the Black Swan, in Duck-lane, near West Smithfield; and sold by R. Baldwin, at the Rose, in Pater-Noster-Row. MDCCLIV."

The "Apology," which commences on p. 237, is stated to have been "Printed at Frankfurt, MDCCXLVIII."

A FRIEND, BRIGHTON.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

SENIORS:

H. B. Brock, Tredegar, Monmouthshire, 2nd Class Honours.
A. H. Stephenson, Ripon, W. York; and E. L. Price, Highbury, London, 3rd Class Honours.

JUNIORS:

A. R. Parker, Peckham, London; G. S. Robinson, Brighton, Sussex; R. G. Head, Liverpool; C. D. Barrett, Wimbourn, Dorsetshire; and H. Williams, Rhyl, Carnarvon, 1st Class Honours.

W. H. Shipway, Hereford; and M. B. Ellis, Wimbourn, Dorsetshire, 2nd Class Honours.

W. H. Date, Moseley, Birmingham; H. L. Carter, Belgrave, London; S. G. Nash, Bath, Somersetshire; W. Meacock, Birkenhead, Cheshire; E. Davenport, Oxford; and J. S. Pilling Colne, Lancashire, 3rd Class Honours.

PASSED:

F. P. Dunaway, Chelsea, London; S. Woodhouse, Leeds, Yorks; and C. E. Armitage, Bradford, W. Yorks, Certificated.

The majority of the boys (sixteen out of nineteen that passed), and for the first time in the history of the School, all the Seniors, are in the honour list.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. C. A. Coltrane, P.G.P., took the chair of junior Vice-President. Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., W. Dodd, and Neville Green, attended from G. Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. W. W. Perryman, Thomas Cubitt, S. Rawson, Henry Garrod, William Wilson, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, John Constable, William Stephens, Charles Frederick Hogard, W. Mann, G. D. Collier, Samuel S. Turquand, J. H. Matthews, H. C. Green, Charles Clayden, George H. Smith, G. J. Jeffery, Arthur E. Gladwell, John Weston, H. T. Wood, Richard W. Philpott, B. C. Wemyss, Charles Sevin, E. W. Walters, John D. Carter, W. C. Maddever, Frederick Binckes, S. Gardiner, Ernest E. Smith, Charles Wyatt Smith, Henry Shaw, W. Hammond, B. R. Bryant, Charles H. Webb, C. W. De Bernardy, G. C. Andrew, J. H. Watts, John Hammond, Walter Hopekirk, James Terry, C. G. Payn, David Roberts, Robert Roberts, Ernest Schismann, James Chapman, G. R. Shervill, Charles E. Lloyd John M. Burt, Thomas W. Murley, R. P. Middlemist, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants made at last meeting to the amount of £445. There were forty-four new cases on the list. The brethren in disposing of these sat four hours-and-a-quarter. Two cases were

dismissed, and one was deferred. The remaining forty-one were relieved as follows: £100 recommended by Bro. Clabon at Grand Lodge, in order to repay brethren who had advanced money for Bro. Edwards' relief before he died, and for the expenses of his funeral, was confirmed. One recommendation was made for £250 (£250); two recommendations were made for £150 each (£300); two for £100 each (£200); two for £50 each (£100); two for £40 each (£80); one for £35 (£35); three for £30 each (£90); one for £25 (£25); seven for £20 each (£140); five for £15 each (£75); eleven for £10 each (£110); and two for £5 each (£10); or a total sum, exclusive of the £100 confirmation, of £1435.

The lodge was then closed.

RAVENSBORNE LODGE BALL, No. 1601.

The second annual ball of the above lodge took place at the offices of the Lewisham Board of Works, Catford, on Friday, the 18th inst., when there was an attendance of about one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen, and it proved to be a highly successful affair. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Benevolent Fund, and we trust the Templars will make a substantial addition to it.

The Stewards were Bros. Francis Burdett, John Claricoats, B. Horton, Edwin Howard, A. Gordon Hennell, J. A. P. Ingoldby, Henry W. Jackson, S. J. Jerrard, W. G. Lemon, G. W. Muruane, Magnus Ohren, W. B. Roberts, Alfred Thompson, C. W. Thompson, and F. E. Wilkinson. M.C.'s, Bros. A. Gordon Hennell, and C. W. Thompson.

The guests were Bro. and Mrs. Burdett, Bro. and Mrs. C. J. G. Eveniss, Bro. and Mrs. Claricoats, Miss Claricoats, Mr. and Mrs. E. Terry, Mr. Slater, Bro. B. Noakes, Mr. G. V. A. Schofield, Bro. and Mrs. A. Gordon Hennell, Miss Hennell, Mr. P. Smith, Bro. and Mr. Jas. Curtis, the Misses Curtis, Mr. and Miss Harrison, Mr. E. Harrison, Mr. S. and Miss Rideal, Mr. H. Grellick, Dr. and Mrs. Ellison, Mr. Fry, Miss Williams, Miss Blanch, Mr. T. J. Williams, Mr. D. Cowie and the Misses Cowie, the Misses Adamson, Mr. P. G. Robertson, Mr. Glanville, Mr. J. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Miss Fox, Mr. H. Ingall, Mr. Doxet, Mr. Foster, Mr. Church, Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Silverthorne, Miss Trickett, Mr. and Miss Howcroft, Mr. and Mrs. Coltart, Bro. E. C. Davies, Mr. E. Walbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt, the Misses Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Maas, the Misses Rhodes, Bro. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson, Bro. and Mrs. Corder, Mr. Goune, Mr. H. B. Horton, Bro. Ingoldby, Mr. Buckley, Bro. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hurlis, the Misses Poideven, Miss Corner, Bro. Lemon, Mr. W. Kent Lemon, Bro. and the Misses Roberts, Mr. and the Misses McKenna, Dr. Conolly, Mr. Gold, Mr. and Mrs. Couchman, Bro. Murnane, Miss Church, Bro. Magnus Ohren, Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Manning, Mrs. Rumball, Mr. Lewing, Bro. H. W. Jackson, Mr. Gee, Mr. Waghorn, Mr. Christie, Mr. Ingleback, Mr. Salburg, Mr. T. Jerrard, Bro. W. Smith, and Bro. W. Lake (*Freemason*).

The arrangements were admirably carried out, and reflect great credit on the Stewards. From the fact that on the last occasion the rooms were somewhat inconveniently crowded, it was thought advisable to limit the number to 150, the result being that those who were present were enabled to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The beautiful suite of rooms was very tastefully embellished, the floral decorations being supplied by Messrs. Carter and Co., Perry-hill, and the supper and refreshments by Messrs. Harris Bros., of Blackheath-hill. Sibbold's City of London Band, led by Bro. Sibbold, supplied the music. Bros. A. Gordon Hennell and C. W. Thompson proved very efficient Masters of Ceremonies.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The annual ball of the members of Lodge of Israel, No. 1502 (the sixth of a brilliant series), took place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., and the enjoyment of the brilliant company was greatly enhanced by the excellent arrangements which had been made for their reception and entertainment. The ball was given in aid of the Fund of Benevolence attached to the lodge, which has in a very short space of time reached a financial position which is highly creditable to all who have had to do with it. This lodge was the first in the province to establish a fund of this nature, and as the result of hard and earnest work there is now in hand a sum of no less than £230. By means of the fund distressed brethren are relieved by the Committee of Benevolence without the knowledge of the general members of the lodge. Upwards of 170 ladies and gentlemen attended the ball, the brethren being distinguished by wearing Masonic costume. Bro. Ludlow, the manager of the hotel, catered, and gave general satisfaction; and Mr. Hoare's band provided the music for dancing, which was continued until an advanced hour in the morning.

The following are the names of the brethren who looked after the various arrangements, and in a thoroughly satisfactory manner: Bros. H. M. Silver, the Hon. Ball Sec.; L. Jackson, R. Robinson, J. Phillips, M. Aronsberg, S. Schönstadt, B. Woolf, M. P. Tieski, W. Levy, E. Capstick, T. Henry, J. A. Dear, H. Ellis, H. T. Wright, H. A. Tobias, H. Gabriel, A. Schönstadt, A. Aronsberg, and G. Schönstadt, Stewards; Bros. B. Woolf, H. Gabriel, and W. Levy were in charge of the card room; Bros. R. Robinson, H. M. Silver, M. Aronsberg, A. Lyons, and D. Gabrielsen were entrusted with the supper room arrangements; Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, the W.M., acted as master of the music and as Chairman of the evening. There were also present Bros. A. Lyons, as Treas.; M. Hart, P.M., and A. Levy, as M.C.'s; H. A. Tobias, I.P.M., and D. Gabrielsen, J.D., as Captains of the Stewards. The ball was a complete success, and it is anticipated that a most substantial sum of money will be added to the benevolent fund.

Mr. John McCullough, the great American tragedian, will make his appearance at Drury Lane, in "Virginius," on April 24.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire was held at Bishop's Stortford, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Present: The M.E. Thomas F. Hasley, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent; E. Comps. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Prov. G.H.; Thomas S. Carter, P.G.H., as Prov. G.J.; John E. Dawson, Prov. G.S.E.; James Shilcock, Prov. G.N.; Percy W. Taylor, Prov. P.S.; F. Sumner Knyvett, Prov. G. Treas.; James Terry, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; Comps. E. T. Foord, Z. 404, P.P.G.S.B.; W. P. Willson, H. 403, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Cocks, P.Z. 403, P.P.G.J.; Marshall Taylor, J. 409; Vero W. Taylor, P.Z. 409; W. Gee, H. 409; J. B. Scriven, P.Z. 409.

The visitors were represented by E. Comps. Edgar Bowyer, 404; Frederick Levick, 404; R. T. Grubb, 409; Edward Taylor, 409; Henry Cribb, 409; A. W. Nash, 409; F. J. Nash, 409; J.E. Morris, 409; F. B. Shepherd, P. Z. Chap. 276.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the convocation held on the 20th February, 1879, were read and confirmed. The roll of Prov. Grand officers and chapters was then called. The next business was the election of Treasurer, and E. Comp. F. H. WILSON ILES, Prov. G. H., proposed, and E. Comp. T. S. CARTER, acting Prov. G.J., seconded, that E. Comp. F. Sumner Knyvett, P.Z., be re-elected to fill that office.

E. Comp. ILES in appropriate terms alluded to the services so ably rendered by Comp. Knyvett, and the Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT whilst submitting the proposition said, that he could not lose the opportunity of bearing testimony to the great assistance which the Prov. Grand Treasurer had so cheerfully and efficiently afforded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then appointed and invested his Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Comp. J. B. Scriven, Chap. 409	Prov. G.H.
" W. P. Willson, 403	Prov. G.J.
" John E. Dawson, 404	Prov. G.S.E.
" Vero W. Taylor, 409	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. N. Edwards, 1385	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Warrener, M.D., 403	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. Gee, 409	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" F. Sumner Knyvett, 404	Prov. G. Treas.
" Edward T. Foord, 404	Prov. G.R.
" Frederick Levick, 404	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" R. T. Grubb, 409	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Terry, 1385	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Faulkner Leigh, 404	Prov. G.O.

Comps. T. Thomas and Thomas Wright were re-appointed Janitors.

The report of the Board of Finance was then presented and ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

In the evening the companions partook of an excellent banquet provided by the Stortford Chapter, No. 409. The evident forethought displayed in the arrangements elicited hearty appreciation of the companions, and the Stortford Chapter, being the youngest chapter in the province, may be congratulated on so trying an ordeal as the entertainment of Prov. Grand Chapter having resulted in so complete a success.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given in appropriate terms by the PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT and heartily responded to.

The Past Prov. G.H., E. Comp. F. H. WILSON ILES, proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Superintendent, M.E. Comp. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P.," and whilst doing so remarked that it was a difficult thing in the presence of the Prov. Grand Superintendent to use terms which would adequately express the high estimation in which that companion was held. His readiness at all times to advance the cause of Masonry by participation and encouragement was so well known, that it was quite unnecessary for him to dilate upon it, suffice it to say, that no brother presiding over a province, be it a large or a small one, could do more to deserve the true regard which one and all felt for Bro. Halsey in the province.

Comp. Iles' remarks elicited the cordial approval of the companions, and the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in reply, thanked Comp. Iles for the kind and flattering manner in which he had submitted the toast, and said that he was much gratified on this, as he had reason to be on all other occasions, at the cordial reception he met with. It was to him a source of great satisfaction to observe the steady progress made in the province, whether in Craft or Royal Arch Masonry, and he was fully sensible that it was owing to the fact that he was so ably supported by his officers on all occasions. He could only say that it was a source of great pleasure to him on all occasions to visit the various Masonic bodies in the province, and he felt sure that if he had the good fortune to receive the same hearty co-operation from the present officers as he had from those who had preceded them, the province must flourish. It was true that at present the Province of Hertfordshire was a small one, and could never probably be able to compare with many of the larger ones, yet it was to him, and he felt sure it must be to others, a matter of great satisfaction to see Hertfordshire with seven Stewards occupying the proud position of second on the list of provinces at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers" was then given, and duly responded to by E. Comp. J. B. Scriven, Prov. G.H., which was followed by that of "Prosperity to the Stortford Chapter," and met with a very hearty reception, being duly responded to by E. Comp. PERCY W. TAYLOR, the present M.E.Z. The toast of "The Visitors" brought the proceedings to a close.

A choice selection of music, executed under the able direction of Comp. Faulkner Leigh, the Prov. G. Organist, materially added to the pleasure of the evening.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE, No. 507.—An emergency meeting of this lodge will be held this (Saturday) afternoon at the Surrey Masonic Hall. A report of the installation meeting on Wednesday last will appear in our next.

TOTTENHAM, ENFIELD, & EDMONTON MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The following balance sheet has just been issued:
The Treasurer in account with the Second Tottenham
Masonic Charitable Association.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
1880			
Balance from last year ...	98	2	2
SUBSCRIPTIONS.			
March ...	7	19	0
April ...	6	2	0
May ...	4	17	0
June ...	8	15	0
July ...	9	5	6
August ...	11	19	6
September ...	11	12	0
October ...	5	1	0
November ...	11	0	0
December ...	4	17	6
1881.			
January ...	6	13	6
February ...	37	16	6
	£223	19	8

Cr.	£	s.	d.
1880.			
Royal Masonic Institution—Girls:			
Bro. Auerback ...	10	10	0
Mr. J. Giles ...	10	10	0
Bro. W. H. Gimingham ...	10	10	0
„ S. Coste ...	10	10	0
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution:			
Mrs. Oddy ...	10	10	0
*Bro. H. V. Clements ...	10	10	0
Royal Masonic Institution—Boys:			
Bro. J. A. Taverner ...	10	10	0
Mr. E. Parker ...	10	10	0
*Bro. J. H. Thompson ...	10	10	0
„ C. Minns ...	10	10	0
„ W. S. Blenkinsop ...	10	10	0
„ J. Smith ...	10	10	0
„ F. A. Pullen ...	10	10	0
„ R. J. Leaman ...	10	10	0
„ W. S. Cooper ...	10	10	0
Printing, &c. ...	3	3	10
Balance in Treasurer's hands...	†63	5	10
	£223	19	8

The Committee have great pleasure in presenting the third annual report of the Second Tottenham, Enfield, and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, showing that £496 18s. has been subscribed, out of which forty appropriations have been made to the three Charities.

The Committee think this a very favourable statement, and congratulate the members on the success of the Association.

We, the undersigned, have audited all the accounts for the past year, and found the same correct. March 8th, 1881.

E. POORE,
E. J. EVERDELL,
GEO. TEGG,
J. A. TAVERNER.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Amongst the charities outside the metropolis there are none which have done a better work in the direction of pure charity than the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which has for its main objects the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons, and the report for 1880 (which has just been issued), if not the most satisfactory which has yet been issued, shows conclusively that the Charity still maintains its popularity amongst the members of the lodges in the province.

The annual report of the Honorary Secretaries, Bros. R. Brown, P.G. Treas., and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., is as follows:

“To the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, President of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution for the Education and Advancement in Life of the Children of Deceased and Distressed Freemasons,” and to the Vice-Presidents, Life-Governors, and Governors.

“The report which we have the pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Committee conveys many points of interest in connection with the working of our Charity, the year 1880 having been somewhat eventful in the history of the Institution. The progress of the Charity continues as heretofore. The subscriptions are less than they were in the year 1879, which is to be regretted, but on the other hand the benefits that have been derived from the fund by the fatherless children and orphans of our deceased brethren have been greater than in any former year. During the past year sums have been paid on behalf of 93 children, who have been assisted in their education and advancement in life, the sum paid being £671 17s. 10d. Since then, and recently, there have been placed on the foundation of the Institution 23 additional names, and in consequence of a recent alteration in the bye-laws, whereby the children are allowed to remain at school a year longer than heretofore, the usual reduction at the end of each year caused by children leaving school will not this year occur.

“An important event in connection with the Institution has been the passing of the bye-laws, with such alterations as were deemed necessary for better carrying out the objects of the Charity. It is not necessary here to refer in detail to the nature of these amended bye-laws, but the fact that the prosperous state of the Institution has enabled the Committee to take the children at an earlier age than heretofore, namely, at the age of six years, to keep them at school a year longer, namely, to the age of fifteen, and further to permit the payment of a portion of the sum voted towards clothing the children, so as to send them to more respectable schools than has been in some cases

heretofore possible, is one which cannot but commend itself to the brethren.

“It is our duty here to place on record the resignation of the Hon. Treasurer of the Institution, and the thanks that are due to Bro. Robert Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., who for ten years has acted in that arduous capacity, and whose work in connection with it must ever remain as a lasting proof of his earnestness as a Mason and a valued officer of the Charity.

“It is with regret that we have to record a loss to the Institution in the death of one of the Honorary Surgeons, Bro. J. D. Moore, of Lancaster, Past G.S.B. The vacancy thus caused will be filled at an early date, but the Committee have under consideration a plan whereby the services of the medical officers will be rendered more valuable to the children on the foundation of the Institution. Notwithstanding the fact to which we have referred respecting the decreased donations and subscriptions, there is still much cause for gratitude in the financial position of the Institution, and a reference to the Treasurer's account will show that although so large a sum has been paid for the education and advancement of the children for whose benefit the Charity was founded, the invested fund now amounts to £15,982 11s. 9d.

“Finally, your Committee earnestly hope and trust that our Institution may go on increasing in prosperity and usefulness, to which end your Committee ask with confidence the continued sympathy and support of every Mason in the province, feeling assured that no Masonic work can give greater satisfaction to the brethren themselves, or more fully exemplify the true and noble principles on which our Craft is founded.

“May the Great Architect of the Universe grant his blessing on all our endeavours to forward the good work.”

CONSECRATION OF THE WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

A few months ago several brethren residing in and about the village of Carshalton, Surrey, being desirous of forming a lodge in that place, petitioned Grand Lodge with a view of carrying out their wishes.

The petitioning brethren were Bros. Charles Sawyer, P.M. 1619; John G. Horsey, 186 and P.M. 1619; Wm. Pile, 1619; Thomas Carder, 1619; J. W. Baldwin, 1692; W. Russell Crowe, P.M. 190; W. Harwood, 1619; and E. Dickman, 1619.

It will be noticed that several of these brethren are members of the Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, and it was their desire, and as a mark of the great esteem in which they held him, that Bro. Sawyer (who lately felt bound to sever himself from No. 1619), should allow himself to be nominated first W.M. of the new lodge. After some reluctance this worthy brother consented, and has since been most indefatigable, as indeed he always is in all matters concerning Masonry, in bringing about the great success which attended this consecration. The warrant was granted under the signature of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, Bro. Chas. Sawyer, P.M. 1619, being named as first W.M.; Bro. John G. Horsey, 186, and P.M. 1619, as first S.W.; and Bro. Wm. Pile, 1619, as first J.W.

The ceremony took place at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., at three o'clock, p.m. The large hall, which was prepared as the lodge room, was besides adorned most tastefully with quantities of beautiful flowers, and thus presented a very pleasing aspect. This, we believe, was due to the forethought of Bro. W. Pile, who must have worked hard to have so successfully decorated the spacious building.

The V.V. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C. of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer.

Among those present to support the Dep. Prov. Grand Master were Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.S.W.; George K. Saxon, P.G.J.W.; Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.G. Chap.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; Charles Greenwood, G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; H. E. Frances, P.G.D. of C.; F. Buckland, P.G.S.D.; Edwin D. Frost, P.G.J.D.; Chas. Greenwood, jun., P.G. Reg.; R. W. Price, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; James Squire, P.P.G.S.B.; G. C. Burry, Prov. G. Org.; F. Frost and T. Vincent, Prov. G. Stewds.; R. Crowe, 569, P.P.G.P. Essex; also Bros. Edward Mitchell, W.M. 720; E. W. Whittaker, S.D. 1790; G. Lambert, J.W. 720; W. Gunner, S.W. 720; W. Rudge, J.W. 1619; G. Mitchell, Sec. 1619; W. Wainwright, P.M. 933; George Holmes, 1619; E. A. Head, S.W. 1619; Henry Gates, 1790; J. H. Hamilton, W.M. 1506; John S. Stretter, S.W. 463; Hugh Robertson, 534; W. P. Catterton, 548; E. J. S. Gillemand, 720; S. P. Catterton, W.M. 548; L. Mesrouze, P.M. 1238; W. T. Folkes, 507; W. H. Hook, P.M. 186 and 1619; G. W. Filmer, 176; J. Goulding, 357; T. Carder, 1619; F. Frost, 463; J. Hooke, J.W. 463; Thos. Bartlett, 1347; J. C. Arlidge, J.D. 1638; J. W. Comb, P.M. 548; R. Davies, 1673; W. E. Williams, P.M. 162; Richard R. Davies, P.M. 256; H. Potter, 1347; C. White, 1790; W. H. Ranson, 1790; C. A. Blogg, Org. 720; and W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211.

The brethren having assembled, a procession was formed. Bro. Arnold requested the Grand Wardens of the province—Bros. Kirchhoffer and Saxon—to take their respective chairs. The lodge was then opened, and the D.G.M. addressed the brethren. He forcibly impressed on them how requisite it was to be certain that those who might express a desire to join the lodge possessed the requisite qualifications to make them acceptable members. Freemasonry, he said, was largely extending, and the time had arrived when General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master, desired to see its further extension checked. He urged the brethren associated with the new lodge to be especially mindful in their selection of candidates. The Charities of the Order were large, but the demands on them were considerably on the increase. Far too many had already joined the Order who had been inspired by unworthy motives, and it behoved them all to be ever on the alert to stop this.

The petition and warrant were then read, and the brethren having signified their approval of the officers therein named, a lodge was formally constituted.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. FOAKES-JACKSON, then delivered the following oration:

The present ceremony is of great importance to every true lover of Masonry. Those who are members of older lodges cannot fail to be interested in the establishment of a

new one—for every lodge that is added to the already large number now existing is a proof of the strength and vitality of Freemasonry. The presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge is a testimony to the interest felt by all Masons in proceedings like those of to-day. There can, in my opinion, be no system more calculated to maintain the bond of Masonic union throughout the country than the present one, by which all lodges in each province are united in the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of England. No lodge is suffered to become isolated, and the interchange of sentiments of goodwill among Masons is encouraged. All the elder lodges in this province unite in good wishes for the prosperity of the Wallington Lodge, and desire that the brethren who have undertaken its formation may carry out the responsible duties they have taken upon themselves. For your work, brethren, is not completed with the labours of to-day. On you the prosperity of the new lodge greatly depends. It is your duty to watch its growth, to see that the true principles of Masonry are taught therein, and that none are admitted save men who are likely to prove worthy members of our Craft and useful citizens of our country. The subject to which I wish to invite your attention is the character of our Institution and the nature of its teaching. There are many popular errors about Freemasonry, for some of which, we must acknowledge, Masons are themselves to blame. The first I intend to mention is very easy for us to meet. It is that our Order, on account of the secrets which belong to it, is in some way connected with the dangerous secret societies which undermine the structure of European society. We need not go far to disprove this statement. One of our leading principles is that we are not a political society, and are pledged not to offend against the laws of the country in which we live. In the times of the outburst of revolutionary sentiments in England, at the close of the last century, when the secret societies were forbidden by law, Masonry was especially excepted. Whatever the private political views of any good Mason may be, we may be sure he would look with abhorrence on a crime like that perpetrated last week. No end could, in a Mason's eye, justify the dastardly murder of a Sovereign, who whatever we may think of his life, proclaimed by the liberation of millions of serfs, the grand Masonic doctrine of the natural equality of man. Masonry is the exponent of no particular political doctrine; men of every opinion may range under her banners, provided they are sincere, upright, and just—men ready to convert others to their views by sound argument and proof of their truth, but not by violence or crime. The next objection is that Masonry is opposed to revealed religion. I have heard it stated that no man can be both a Mason and a Christian. The reason given is that a mere code of morality must be by its nature antagonistic to a religion based on revelation. But a knowledge of the true character of our teaching would prove the fallacy of such an argument. The fact is, Masonry, though never touching on controverted points, leaves us almost on the threshold of revealed religion. No man can be a true Mason who is not earnestly seeking after truth—who does not believe in the existence of a personal God—who does not acknowledge that there is something in man which will endure beyond the grave. We go farther, and in one of the noblest of all our ceremonies profess a belief in a system of future rewards and punishments, and point to a gleam of hope shining even amid the dark clouds of death. And the lofty purity of our morality makes every true Mason feel that he must look for aid from some one stronger than himself. The prayers we are about to offer to the Creator of all during the course of this ceremony bear witness to this; and the high duties of every Mason will be rehearsed in the installation of the W.M. Every step of a Mason's career teaches him to worship the Most High. The helplessness of his entrance into Masonry is a symbolical illustration of his own weakness. The source whence he is told all wisdom proceeds makes him look to the Most High. And at last, when in the darkness of death he stands at the brink of the grave he learns to say in the confidence of the royal Hebrew poet, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of death I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.” Yes, the Mason who has acknowledged God as the source of strength, of knowledge, and of life is not likely to despise the revelations He has given to us, His creatures. The third objection is one with which I regret to say we must reproach ourselves. It is that Masonry is a mere frivolous society, that its principal feature is eating and drinking, that Masons assemble merely for social purposes. Far be it from me to condemn entirely the festive gatherings which often follow Masonic work. I owe too many good friends to such meetings. But I am sure all will agree in discountenancing lodges who meet only for the banquet, and neglect Masonic work. There is no sight more disheartening to a Mason than a half empty lodge—Master, Wardens, and brethren hurrying over their work in a slovenly manner, and then all hastening to a dinner, perhaps disgracing the Order still more by a scene of riot and debauchery. There is nothing more injurious to Freemasonry than such lodges, nothing more certain to bring our noble Craft into discredit. You, brethren, I feel confident, are in no danger of thus acting. Your purpose, I may safely say, is to work honestly at Masonry, and to bring the Craft into honour in this neighbourhood. Let me ask you to remember what great and solemn doctrines Masonry inculcates, what a lofty morality she teaches. There are many who upon first becoming Masons feel disappointed at the apparently simple character of our secrets, but can any older Mason deny that every time he heard a Masonic ceremony well performed he gained some new insight into the teaching of the Craft. The responsibilities too of a conscientious Mason are very great. The great problems which are presented to him suggest the importance of a well spent life. He is bound to live as one who must one day give an account before his Creator. And not only must he do this—he must live for others too. In his prayers he must remember the wants of others, in his work he must find time to help the weak, in his pleasure he must deny himself to comfort the sorrowful. Such a life must you demand of all who become members of your lodge. It is the duty of those in authority to strive to make those under them an honour to the Craft, and a blessing to mankind. This must be your high object if you wish the Wallington Lodge to fulfil its purpose. In all things may God be with you, and guide and keep you in all His ways.

This address, which was delivered with great eloquence, was listened to very attentively by the assembled brethren.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. Sawyer, P.M. 1619, was

Those marked * have served as Stewards.

† The whole of this amount has been appropriated.

then introduced and installed as first W.M. of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892. Having been duly saluted the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. John G. Horsey, 186, and P.M. 1619, as S.W.; Wm. Pile, J.W.; W. Russell Crowe, P.M., Treasurer; E. Dickman, S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, J.D.; Thos. Carder, I.G.; and W. Harwood, W.S.

The W.M. then rose and said that a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him, viz., to propose that the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the P.G. Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Secretary be elected honorary members of this lodge. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried with acclamation.

Propositions for initiation and joining having been disposed of, the S.W. proposed that a lodge of instruction be established in Carshalton, and that the W.M. act as its Preceptor. This was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. A host of brethren having tendered their "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., the lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. G. C. Burry, P.G.O. (the composer of most of the music used), directed the musical arrangements. He was assisted in a very able manner by Bro. W. H. Hook.

The brethren shortly afterwards re-assembled at banquet at the King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton, and we may here speak a word in praise of the very excellent manner in which the proprietor, Mr. Jackson, provided for them. The usual loyal and other toasts followed.

In response to that for "The Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. ARNOLD replied, and said it was an easy task for him to get through the first part of this pleasant duty; mention of the names of the noblemen at the head of the Order was always well received; they were able and willing to fulfil the duties allotted them. For himself, he had been greatly pleased with the day's proceedings. The attendance of so large an assembly had much impressed him. The Wallington Lodge had made a good start, and he trusted it would have a successful career. He could assure the brethren Masonry was very dear to his heart. He forcibly impressed upon them that it must not be looked upon as a Benefit Society. There was much good to be done by those who professed it; it had a tendency to make them better men and citizens. The precepts it inculcated were taught by the symbols in use amongst them, and led up to closer associations, and to the promotion of mutual enjoyment. Bro. Arnold concluded an able speech by thanking one and all for the reception they had given him.

In giving the next toast—"The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B."—the W.M. regretted the absence of the P.G.M., but he felt assured the brethren would give it a hearty reception.

For the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. PAXON replied. He made happy allusion to the beautiful arrangements of the lodge room, and the way in which the business had been conducted. He should carry away with him most pleasant recollections of the day's work.

In giving the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Bro. JOHN G. HORSEY, S.W., spoke of the great impression that must have been made on the minds of the brethren that day by the beautiful and instructive oration of the Provincial Grand Chaplain. He concluded by coupling with the toast the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Bro. C. GREENWOOD, G.C.B., P.G.S., thereupon replied. He much regretted that their esteemed brother had not been able to join them at the festive board. It was his firm conviction that no better Mason than the P.G. Chaplain could be found. The lodge had a good beginning, and he trusted its future might be equally satisfactory. Before sitting down he would beg leave to propose a toast—that was, "The Health of their W.M." He could personally bear testimony to the energy Bro. Sawyer had displayed over the preliminary work in connection with the formation of the lodge. He believed the W.M. was actuated by a desire to uphold the present principles of Freemasonry. The brethren had, indeed, a good Master.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Greenwood for the way in which he had spoken. If he displayed rather too much persistency in the prosecutions of the preliminary work, he would remind the brethren he considered himself but as the mouthpiece of the founders. He had sometimes been under the impression that he was inflicting an amount of boredom on Bro. Greenwood; but he could assure the brethren that he had experienced on all occasions the most courteous treatment from the Prov. Grand Secretary. He could not help feeling that a great compliment was paid him when brethren who had sat under him in another lodge expressed a wish he should be the first Master of the Wallington Lodge. Bro. Sawyer concluded an excellent speech by expressing his thanks to one and all.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. PRICE, MITCHELL, and DAVIS responded.

"The Officers and Founders of the Lodge" were next complimented, and then the W.M. called upon the Prov. G. Sec. to propose the next toast—"The Charities of the Order," requesting him to associate it with "The Masonic Press."

Bro. GREENWOOD eloquently detailed the work being done by the Institution for the relief of the distressed brethren, their widows and children. He also referred to the assistance given by the Masonic Press in recording the same, and associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, whom he called upon to respond.

Bro. MORGAN expressed his acknowledgment of the honour done him in connecting his name with the toast, and the gratification it afforded him to be enabled in his official capacity to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the Masonic Institutions. He complimented all present on the support which the province regularly bestowed on those Institutions. He was unable to say off-hand what Surrey had done for the Schools, though he was well aware it had given freely to both, but he saw from the paper which was published last Saturday that it had been represented at each of the last seven festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the sum of its contributions very largely exceeded £500. Bro. Greenwood had reminded them that the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which had been so signally fruitful of good, was now an event of the past, and that the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was rapidly approaching. He, Bro. Morgan, was most anxious that the great success which Bro. Hedges had had the pleasure of announcing last year should be repeated this. At the same time he felt it to be his duty to say what no doubt had momentarily escaped

the notice of Bro. Greenwood—that there was yet a third festival to be held in the current year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and great as was his desire that the girls should receive their due share of support, he felt it incumbent on him to point out that the Boys' Institution was even in greater need of support, to this extent, at all events, that the number of vacancies is very small, while the number of candidates is overwhelmingly large. Considering, therefore, that it was only last autumn that the Girls' School had been enlarged, he trusted the brethren of the Wallington Lodge would do all they could to assist the Institution with which their energetic Bro. Binckes had been for so many years connected.

The proceedings then terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE HUMPHREY CHETHAM CHAPTER, No. 645.

This chapter was consecrated in the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 18th inst., by Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire, assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: Comps. Clement W. Beswick, Royds, P.G.H.; Franklin Thomas, P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; Henry Thomas, P.G.P.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. 1st Asst. S.; J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.; John Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; Dr. T. M. Bentley, Org.; R. T. Glendinning, Blacker, and F. R. Peel, P.G. Stewards; and Thomas Mitchell, P.G. Janitor. There were also present Comps. J. S. Hine, P.P.G.H.; George Higgins, P.P.G.P.S.; the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G.S.N. Derbyshire; Charles Heywood, Z. designate; Charles F. Matier, H. designate; Carl Johann Götz, J. designate; W. Ashton, J. Crowther, S. Kelly, Stubbs, Harrop, and R. R. Lissenden (Freemason).

At three o'clock prompt a chapter was opened by Comps. Sillitoe, acting Z.; Peel, acting H.; and Lees, acting J. The M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent and Provincial Grand Officers entered the chapter and were received with Royal Arch honours, after which the chapter was consecrated and dedicated in a most impressive manner by Comp. Starkie, who also delivered a most eloquent oration on the constitution and designs of Royal Arch Masonry.

The prayers and extracts from the Scriptures were beautifully read by the Provincial Grand J. (Comp. F. Thomas), and the musical portion of the ceremony was ably conducted by Comp. Dr. J. M. Bentley, who presided at the harmonium. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. 1st Asst. S., installed the Principals designate, viz.: Comps. C. Heywood, Z.; C. F. Matier, H.; Carl J. Götz, J. The following officers were elected and afterwards invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.: Comps. J. Lees, S.E. and Treas.; T. Harrop, S.N.; S. Kelly, P.S.; J. Crowther, 1st Asst. S.; Stubbs, 2nd Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. Asst. S.; J. Sly, Janitor.

A vote of thanks to the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand Officers for their attendance and the services rendered by them was proposed by Comp. Matier, H., who also proposed that Comp. Starkie be elected an honorary member of the chapter, which was cordially and enthusiastically carried, for which mark of esteem the M.E. P.G. Superintendent expressed his gratification. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visitors, the chapter was closed in solemn form. An adjournment was made to the dining hall, where, under the presidency of Comp. Heywood, Z., a most *recherché* banquet was served, which had evidently taxed the best energies and taste of the Steward, Bro. Philips, and his wife, and reflected the greatest credit upon them. The menu cards were printed and illustrated with old English type and blocks, and will no doubt be preserved as a memento of a very happy and joyous evening. The toast list was wisely condensed, there being only six toasts proposed, and all Masonic honours were dispensed with, so that the proceedings, which were of a truly fraternal character, terminated at an early hour.

The M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent during the evening expressed his entire satisfaction with the completeness of the arrangements, and complimented the promoters on the excellence of the menu.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

The usual weekly convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was as usual well attended. Present: Comps. Pounceby, Z.; W. Taylor, H.; Dollridge, J. Walter, N. Green, W. Fraser, J. S. Naser, H. Payne, J. Payne, J. Davis, H. Thompson, Maidwell, Goodchild, Pritchard, J. Burn (Preceptor), and several others.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walter being the candidate, and was most ably performed, all the officers being well up to their duties, and, without disparagement to any one, the very efficient services of Comp. Payne as P.S. ought not to pass without a few words of commendation. It is almost needless to say that the three Principals were the right men in the right places. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following new members were elected: Comps. Goodchild, 749; A. Pritchard, 1538; J. Burn, 907. The following companions were elected for the next fortnight, Comps. Pounceby, Z.; Pritchard, H.; Taylor, J.; R. Payne, N.; Maidwell, P.S. The chapter was then closed and adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., at the usual hour.

Obituary.

BRO. MANOAH RHODES.

Bro. Maniah Rhodes, well-known in Bradford and in West Yorkshire as a most worthy and eminent citizen, and a most energetic and sympathetic Freemason, passed away on Sunday, the 20th inst., at his residence, Norton-lane, Bradford. He was seized with paralysis on Friday, the 11th, and died early on the 20th, deeply lamented by a large circle of friends and brethren. He was initiated November 10th, 1851, though, singularly enough, he was not passed until March 21st, 1859, and became a W.M. on April 18th, 1859. He was a most active and earnest member of the distinguished Lodge of Hope, 302, and was foremost in all charitable work. He became W.M. in 1863,

and was appointed Prov. J.G.W. in 1867. He was one of the founders of "Pentalpha," 974, in 1863, and became its W.M. in 1867. He was exalted in the Chapter of Charity, 302, July 1st, 1861; he became First Principal in 1866, and in 1876 he served as J. in Prov. G. Chapter, and was P.E.C. of Faith Encampment of Knights Templar. He was Chairman of the Charity Committee 1871, in succession to Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and one of its most active members from its formation on the 13th April, 1859. Bro. Rhodes was born on the 7th of March, 1810, so that he had entered upon the 72nd year of his age. Up to Thursday evening, the 10th inst., he had attended to business with his usual activity, which was beyond that of many men of his years. The business concern, which under his management had risen to one of leading importance in Yorkshire, was of his own creation. His father, a slay and head manufacturer, lived at Morley, where Bro. Maniah Rhodes was born, and where he resided until he had completed his twelfth year. On the 9th of November, 1822, he left his father's house, and walked over to Bradford to enter upon an apprenticeship with Mr. John Allott, then a silversmith in Kirkgate, upon the site of whose shop Bro. Rhodes subsequently erected the fine building now standing there. After completing his engagement with Mr. Allott Bro. Rhodes began business upon his own account in premises at the bottom of Westgate. In 1877 these premises, which had been much enlarged during Bro. Rhodes's occupation of them, were vacated for those at present occupied by the firm in Kirkgate, and which, it may be remarked, constitute one of the first establishments of the kind in the provinces. Although Bro. Rhodes did not enter the Town Council until some years after the Charter of Incorporation had been granted in 1847, he took an active part in the agitation for incorporation, few tradesmen being more sensible of the advantages which would follow municipal government than he was. Even when not officially connected with the Corporation, his interest in its affairs was maintained, and his judgment was often referred to in matters of moment. In fact, throughout his career Bro. Rhodes was ever solicitous for the well-being of the town of his adoption. In 1856 he entered the Council as one of the councillors for the North Ward. For some years after his period of office had expired he refrained from again accepting municipal honours, although frequently invited to do so; but in 1871 he again entered the Council as a representative of the North Ward. In November, 1873, Bro. Rhodes was elected mayor of the borough. His proposer on that occasion was Mr. Mark Dawson, who said that Bro. Rhodes was one of the few men who had not made an enemy, either political or religious. It was just fifty-one years the previous day since Bro. Rhodes first entered Bradford. He had prospered with the town, had progressed with its progress, and had succeeded with its success. The public incidents of the year of Bro. Rhodes's mayoralty were sufficiently numerous to test his ability for the position. During the first two months of 1874, Bradford, in common with the rest of the country, passed through the turmoil of a general election, and in this borough party feeling ran high. As mayor and chief magistrate, Bro. Rhodes maintained a strict impartiality throughout the somewhat protracted contest. In the April following the first of the schools erected by the Bradford School Board, namely, that in Bowling Back-lane, was opened, and several other Board schools were completed during the year. In July the mayor opened the St. James's Wholesale Market in Leeds-road. In August, the statue erected in honour of Sir Titus Salt, Bart., was unveiled. Bro. Rhodes had on that occasion the honour of entertaining to luncheon in the banqueting room of the Town Hall, the Duke of Devonshire (who had unveiled the statue), Lord Frederick Cavendish, M.P., the Lord Mayor of York, and a large number of other gentlemen. Shortly after his retirement from the chief magistracy of the borough Bro. Rhodes was placed on the commission of the peace, and continued to discharge magisterial duties up to the time of his decease. To this record of the public offices filled by the deceased gentleman, it may be added that he was a member of the Bradford Board of Guardians in 1865, and was an overseer for the township of Bradford in 1868 and the three following years. He was a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and was a large contributor to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. Rhodes completed his 71st year on the 7th inst. He has left a widow and a family of six sons and two daughters. The funeral was to take place on Wednesday last at Undercliffe Cemetery.

BRO. JAMES PRICKETT.

We have to record the death at Oxford, on the 16th inst., of Bro. James Prickett, in his 89th year. He was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, Oxford, No. 340, in the year 1819, but has not for a long time taken any active interest in Freemasonry, and had ceased to be a subscribing member. Bro. Prickett was the oldest Mason in the province.

THE LATE BRO. R. WEBSTER.

The mortal remains of Bro. Ralph Webster, S.W. of the Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570, meeting in Liverpool, were interred at St. James's Cemetery, in that city, on Friday, the 18th inst. Deceased, who was proprietor of the Royal Park Hotel, North Hill-street, Liverpool, was also a member of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, of the Harmony, No. 220, Garston, and the high esteem in which he was held was shown by the very large attendance at his funeral. He was also well known and highly respected in the "Park," and his death, at the early age of thirty-eight, has caused general regret in a wide circle of friends. Among those present were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; C. Arden, W.M. 1356; J. W. Williams, P.M. 1356; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; S. Hinks, P.M. 1356; R. Roberts, P.M. 1570; Worthington, W.M. 1570; J. Keet, S.W. 1356; E. George, J.W. 1356; H. P. Squire, Sec. 1356; P. Askew, J. Shaw, E. J. Jones, R. W. Lowry, A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; J. O. Rea, J.W. 1182; Messrs. T. Pritchard, R. Jones, W. Dennick, Rimmer, J. Ellis, one of the trustees of the Licensed Victuallers' Association; and Bro. W. Coates, an ex-chairman of the association.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel on the 19th inst. Present: Bros. A. C. Cope, W.M.; E. Zwingler, S.W.; J. C. Howell, J.W.; W. H. S. Cutler, S.D.; E. W. Richardson, J.D.; R. Conder, I.G.; S. G. Myers, P.M.; Treas.; H. Birdseye, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; W. Birdseye, P.M.; W. J. Crossfield, P.M.; J. H. Weedon, P.M.; J. Jonas, P.M.; J. Gale, P.M.; M. Bennett, C.F. Smith. Visitors: Bros. H. Howard, Pythagorean, 79; W. H. Smith, of St. John's, 104. In consequence of the continued illness of Bro. Watts, Bro. A. C. Cope was re-elected W.M. for another year.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned to banquet. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with that natural eloquence which has given so much satisfaction to the members of the lodge in the various ceremonies he has had to perform during his past year of office. Bro. H. Birdseye, in reply to the toast of the P.M.'s, took the opportunity of announcing that Bro. H. Muggeridge's April festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction would take place at Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, on Friday, the 29th of April, and as Bro. Henry Muggeridge was one of the founders of the Panmure Lodge, he hoped all the brethren who could do so would support him on that occasion. The lodge meeting was adjourned to the third Saturday in November.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The March meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday week, the 17th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. Walter Hallett, W.M.; John Welford, I.P.M.; W. Hitchcock, S.W.; E. Arrowsmith, J.W.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; B. Kershaw, S.D.; M. C. Joy, J.D.; C. R. Wickens, I.G.; E. Hart, Org.; W. Drew and C. J. Biorn, Stwds.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M.; P. G. Purst.; H. Reed, P.M.; E. J. Allen, P.M.; James Long, P.M.; Lewis Ascott, P.M.; T. W. Allen, P.M.; E. Collins, P.M.; C. Thomas, Tyler; J. D. Rees, G. Bell, George Lamb, jun., John T. Woodstock, P.M. 749; W. G. Eaton, F. Ridley, W. Unwin, A. Arrowsmith, J. B. Bennett, F. Beckett, J. S. Beckham, Rowland Taylor, W. W. Burne, and many others. The visitors present were Bros. R. Dixon, 131; A. Rawlings, 144; B. A. Groves, 172; J. M. Clelland, 265; M. Hart, 1161; C. J. Craig, 1223; Max Klein, 1319; W. G. Higgins, 1593; C. J. Marviner, 1669; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Walter Hallett, W.M., opened the lodge in due form at five o'clock, when the minutes of the installation meeting in February were read and confirmed. Bros. Drake, Gurr, Warren, and Sothcott were then raised to the Sublime Degree, and subsequently Mr. George Jennings was initiated, both ceremonies being performed by Bro. Hallett in a masterly and efficient manner. The election of Treasurer was then proceeded with, the result being unanimously in favour of Bro. John Welford, I.P.M.

Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to supper. At its conclusion, and after grace, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were given and loyally received. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., having replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Welford proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, in doing so, complimented Bro. Hallett on the very skilful manner in which he had performed his duties; and, considering this was his first attempt, the lodge had every reason to congratulate themselves upon having so efficient a Master. Bro. Hallett having briefly acknowledged the toast, proposed that of "The Initiate," who, in due course, responded. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," who were ably represented in reply by Bro. C. J. Craig. In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Hallett tendered to those worthy brethren his sincere thanks for the kindness they had always shown, and to whom he owed his present position. Bro. Welford having replied, the W.M. proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Officers of the Lodge," which elicited a few words, in acknowledgment, from Bros. Hitchcock, Arrowsmith, S. R. Walker, and others. Between the toasts some capital singing was given by Bros. Hart, Reece, Wickens, and W. Drew.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Present: Bros. Beaumont, W.M.; Geo. A. Cundy, S.W.; John Hughes, J.W.; Hy. Darcy, P.M.; Treas.; Geo. Darcy, P.M.; Sec.; David Hughes, S.D.; H. McClelland, J.D.; H. Harbord, D.C.; E. Harris, I.G.; J. R. R. Laurence, P.M.; Stew.; Woodstock, Tyler; Salisbury, P.M.; Osmond, P.M.; Griffiths, P.M.; and Ginger, P.M.; Stevens, G. Smith, Pritchard, Haylock, Gross, Dance, Bisley, Easey, Prince, Gordon, Harris, F. J. Ford, Walker, Brittan, J. L. Ford, Hughes, W. Venner, Gillard, Taylor, E. Venner, Plater, Torry, James, Vernon Chichester, Barwell, Smith, Cooper, Cundy, Hoddinott, Eade, Whitnall, Clinch, Bater, Roberts, Rubardt, Hosking, Little, Alder, Wharton, Val, Meekham, Whur Stovell, Vears, Corkhill, Churchill, Parker, Lawson, and Huish. Visitors: Bros. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Herts, 1327; Buscall, P.M. 177; Short, 349; Faux, 77; Swift, 1642; and Langman, of Marselles.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Cooper, and he was admitted a joining member. The ballot was also taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Hughes, Huish, and Lawson, and they were duly initiated into our ancient Order. Bros. Walker, Bisley, and Eadey were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. L. Ford, Pritchard, Gross, Taylor, Torry, and Brittan were raised to the Third Degree. The lodge then voted twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, and adjourned to banquet, at which seventy brethren participated.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 19th inst. The lodge was opened at five in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. B. R. Bryant, and there were present during the meeting Bros.

J. R. Richards, S.W.; G. S. Mansell, J.W.; A. Middlemass, S.D.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; John Hernaman, Sec.; A. J. Brinton, I.G.; H. Forbes and W. L. Permevan, Stewards; Past Masters B. Lyon, G. T. Bickerton, J. Sugden, and H. Martin; Bros. W. Andrews, G. P. Britton, G. W. Marsden, R. J. Voisey, T. Heller, D. D. Mercer, T. E. Webb, J. M. Turner, C. Wilson, J. E. Knox, H. Bickerstaff, F. G. Lewin, J. C. Thornhill, R. Irvine, H. Fanner, C. J. Tyrrell, C. Hollingsworth, J. C. Bradley, C. S. Stevens, W. P. Roberts, C. F. Cockle, G. Harrison, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1216 and 1426; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; G. Vaxley, P.M. 463, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; G. J. Earney, W.M. 1658; F. J. Dubois, 142, and T. W. Headon, 1426.

After confirmation of the minutes, Bro. C. F. Cockle was passed to the F.C. Degree, and Mr. Alfred William Hammond was duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were admirably performed, and the work of the W.M., which was concluded by an excellent delivery of the charge in the A.P. Degree, well deserved the encomiums of members and visitors alike. The Masonic Charitable Institutions were remembered, and the W.M. and Bro. Past Master Bickerton agreed to act as Stewards respectively for the ensuing festival of Boys and Girls. Notices of motion for lodge grants in behalf of both lists were made, and after the proposition of further candidates the lodge was closed.

The brethren banqueted in the dining room adjoining the Temple, where a very liberal repast was served. The viands were excellent, and the service reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. George Venables, under whose management the Surrey Masonic Hall appears to be now flourishing. The Stewards, Bros. Forbes and Permevan, vied with each other in their endeavours to make members and guests comfortable, and they well succeeded. After the cloth had been cleared and the usual loyal toasts honoured, the company were invited by the W.M. to enjoy themselves without formality, and the succeeding toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations in rapid succession. In response to "The Visitors," most flattering comments were made by one and all in regard to the good working of the W.M. and his officers in lodge, and their subsequent and most hospitable reception. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a conclusion at a reasonably early hour.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The last meeting of the season was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Side. There were present Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., S.W.; H. Stiles, J.W.; R. T. Kingham, P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M., P.G.P. Kent, Sec.; G. Clark, S.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx., J.D.; G. Edwards, D.C.; J. Raney, W.S.; J. Knight, A.W.S.; J. Daly, Tyler; F. G. Perks, C. C. Cruikshanks, T. Edmunds, and many brethren and visitors. The business of the lodge consisted of raising Bros. Aspinall and Martin and passing Bros. Jones, Beeton, and Cleave. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler was then proceeded with. Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Willing, jun., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Daly, Tyler. About eighty brethren met at the banquet table, and a pleasant evening was spent.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The preliminary opening of the lodge was duly observed by the W.M., Bro. Pennefather, assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. Malthouse, S.W.; T. Butt, W.M. 907, acting J.W.; J. Howes, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. S. Elliott, P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; Mallett, Sec.; Lardner, S.D.; John King, J.D.; J. J. Howes, I.G.; Snow S. Smyth, Tyler; J. Stevens, P.M. Great City Lodge; McKay, McButt, J.W.; W. H. Milton, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Brickdale received the M.M. Degree, and Bros. Thornton, Brasher, and Cooper were advanced to F.C. Ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen for initiation: Messrs. Paterson, Winch, and Chambers, which proved unanimous, and Mr. Paterson being present, was duly initiated. The business of the meeting being ended, the lodge was closed in regular form.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Geo. Kersey, W.M., presided, and he was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. J. E. H. Watson, P.G.A. D.C., I.P.M.; Chas. Fendick, S.W.; Chas. S. Sexton, J.W.; Arthur E. Le Good, S.D.; T. C. R. King, J.D.; W. J. Butler, I.G.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; Jas. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P., D. of C.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; and J. Morse, Tyler. There were in addition to those already named Bros. J. S. Offord, P.M.; O. D. Ray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; F. H. Harvey, R. J. Silburn, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Capt. Clements; E. Pepper, 93; Tunbridge, 100; G. Green, W.M.; J. W. Bateman, T. Winter, 807; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., in a most impressive manner, performed the ceremony of initiating Mr. Breeze (a Lewis) and Mr. Baldwin into Freemasonry, the charge afterwards being given by the I.P.M., Bro. J. E. H. Watson.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a *recherché* supper had been prepared in Bro. E. Wilkins' usual style. The remainder of the evening was afterwards spent in a very pleasant manner, under the gavel of its genial Worshipful Master, Bro. Kersey. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. expressed the feeling of condolence of the lodge with Her Majesty for the loss sustained by her in the lamentable catastrophe which had occurred causing the death of the Emperor of Russia, and expressed a feeling of regret at the event. Bro. O. D. Ray, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," ably advocated the cause of the same, and expressed a hope for the success of a scheme recently proposed for the formation in this lodge of a benevolent fund for its especial use. Several very excellent songs were sung during the evening.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the members of this lodge assembled at the Town Hall for the purpose of installing Bro. H. A. Holbein as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Klatt. The lodge officers elected for the year were as follows: Bros. W. Francis, S.W.; G. Saxby, J.W.; S. Joseph, Treas.; J. Kennett, Sec.; H. S. Roberts, Org.; H. Andrews, S.D.; A. J. Crane, J.D.; G. Harman, I.G.; and Job Baker, Tyler. Bro. Klatt has performed the duties of the office of W.M. for two years in succession, Bro. Robert Baker, who was installed last year, having left the country. The lodge, in recognition of his valuable services, presented Bro. Klatt with a Past Master's jewel, an honour which has not been conferred on any member of this lodge for many years. The pleasing duty of making the presentation devolved upon Bro. H. Stock, who most gracefully performed the task.

After the lodge business had terminated, the brethren adjourned to the Clarendon Hotel, where the installation banquet was provided by Bro. Host Wilton in a manner which reflected great credit upon him as a caterer, and gave the highest satisfaction to all who were present. Among these were the officers mentioned above, and also the following: Bros. Dr. S. H. Knaggs, P.M. 1505; O. H. Wagner, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. W. (Herts), S. Rutter, W. H. Hoard, E. Dane, G. Harman, A. Petts, T. B. Row, G. I. Swoffer, E. Lukey, W.M. 199; A. W. Conquest, 1209; H. W. Schartau, 1549; C. Gosby, P.M. 1436; J. B. Caudell, W.M. 1435; H. Samson, 1436; E. J. Bell, 1319; R. Medhurst, jun., and others. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to in able terms, and after that of "The Masonic Charities," a collection was made realising the handsome sum of five guineas. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. S. Roberts, Organist, who presided at the harmonium and piano, and was assisted by Bros. Schartau and Bell. The Temple Lodge is one of the most prosperous among the many lodges now flourishing in this county. During the past few years it has been greatly invigorated, the number of members has more than doubled, and the funds have increased in a similar degree.

BIRKENHEAD.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The brethren connected with this lodge assembled in strong force at the Queen's Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the annual installation festival. Among the visitors present were the following: Bros. W. Marquis, W.M. 537; John Dutton, P.M. 1576 and 477; J. P. Platt, P.P. J.G.W., 537; Donald Fraser, P.M. and Treas. 477; Fred. Thompson, I.P.M. 477; John Wallworth, S.D. 1576; W. H. Miller, 673; P. H. Dunne, 1620; Joseph B. Sparks, S.W. 1289; W. S. Stanton, P.M. 1289; J. Armstrong, P.M. 148; Henry Martin, P.M. 477; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. E. Coveney, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. Thomas Gregory. On taking the chair, the new W.M. appointed the following officers for the year: Bros. Thomas Gregory, I.P.M.; Joseph Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; M. Bielby, Sec.; S. J. Davies, S.W.; J. R. Simm, J.W.; Owen Jones, S.D.; Alexander Moore, J.D.; T. M. Bleakley, I.G.; G. Grant and A. Judd, Stewards; A. Bleakley, jun., Organist; and C. Clarke, Director of Ceremonies. After the lodge business had been disposed of, a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Pickering on the death of her husband, Bro. C. W. H. Pickering, of New Brighton. The members and visitors then dined together, an excellent repast being provided by Bro. Robert De-Board, of the Queen's Hotel.

FLEETWOOD.—Hesketh Lodge (No. 950).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 17th inst. The lodge was held at the Royal Hotel at 2.30 p.m., there being present Bros. Poole, W.M.; Hainsworth, S.W. (W.M. elect); Ormsby, P.M., J.W.; and a goodly number of the brethren. The visiting brethren were Bros. Capt. Whitehead, P.G.J.D.; H. Gardner, P.G.S.B.; E. G. Stead, I.P.M.; and Gregory, 1476.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. B. Hainsworth, S.W., was presented by Bro. Ormsby, P.M., to Bro. J. A. Orr, the Installing Master, to receive the benefits of installation; the ceremony being gone through in a very agreeable and impressive manner, especially the addresses. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Stanley, S.W.; Horsfall, J.W.; Matier, S.D.; Turner, J.D.; Rennard, I.G.; J. A. Orr, P.M., Sec.; Lofthouse, P.M., Treas.; and Poole, I.P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Lodges 1476 and 703.

The lodge was then closed in harmony at 4.30 p.m., and the brethren adjourned (for special reasons) to the Steamer Hotel, where Bro. C. Cardwell had laid a most sumptuous repast, to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through. In responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Capt. Whitehead thanked the brethren of the Hesketh Lodge, in suitable terms, for the kind and hospitable manner in which he had been received on this and other occasions, and urged the brethren to a continuance of that good feeling which appeared to exist in the lodge. Bro. Gardner was likewise called upon to respond. He said it was unnecessary for him to recapitulate the excellent sentiments of Bro. Capt. Whitehead, but they must accept the will for the deed. At the same time, in a pathetic appeal to the brethren, he stated that eighteen years ago this lodge was founded by their late Bro. Bamber, whose widow was now, through the ready and willing assistance of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in receipt of the usual sum of £32 a year from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He now asked them to support the Provincial Grand Lodge on all occasions by sending to the Provincial Grand Secretary their voting papers for the different Charities, as a slight appreciation of the very valuable services rendered on behalf of the election of Widow Bamber last year. Bro. Orr, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, in reply, promised to the best of his ability to carry out the grand principles of Freemasonry as others had done in times past, and if his officers would only assist they would have a successful year. Owing to the visiting brethren having to leave early by train, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Stead, P.M., responded, and gave the usual invitation. The toasts of "The Installing Master," "The Present and Retiring Officers," and the Tyler's brought a very happy evening to a close.

JERSEY.—St. Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened in due form at a quarter-past six, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. S. St. John Campbell was passed to the Degree of F.C. Ballot was taken for Captain W. H. Chambers, who being unanimously accepted, was admitted to the Degree of E.A., the W.M. working both ceremonies, assisted by Bro. J. O. Flaherty, P.M., P.G.S.W., as acting S.W.; J. Oatley, P.M., acting J.W.; F. Waldron, S.D.; Hatton, J.D.; Bandanis, I.G.; J. G. Pallot, Sec.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and Treas.; and Dowden, P.G.O., Organist. Punctually at eight p.m. Bro. Le Cronier, M.D., P.D.G.M., accompanied by his Grand Officers, Past and Present, entered the lodge room, already well filled as usual by a large number of the Craft. As this was the first visit of Bro. Le Cronier since his return from his charitable mission to the Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, hearty congratulations were tendered and reciprocated. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at nine p.m.

The brethren, numbering about seventy, then adjourned to the refreshment board. The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, in proposing "The Lodge Benevolent Fund," gave very interesting particulars of his experience of charity, and the manner of collecting the amounts, which caused a very successful collection to be made in the lodge charity box. This box is passed round the refreshment board at every gathering "and forms a very useful sum in case of need." The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner. The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., responded to by Bro. General Kelly, C.B., P.M., P.P.G.W., was well received, when the toast of all loyal Masons by the Tyler brought to a close one of the largest gatherings for some time past. Among those present were Bros. T. Kine, R. B. Esnorf, A. T. Cox, E. Vincent, John Hamon, C. A. Woodsford, H. Snowden, Livermore, and J. de Carteret. Visitors: Bros. Le Cronier, M.D., P.P.G.M.; T. Aubin, M.D., G.J.W.; J. O. Flaherty, G.S.W.; J. T. Du Jardine, Treas.; J. O. Le Seur, Sec.; P. E. Lohrer, S.B.; E. Dowden, P.G.O.; Puley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Baal, W.M. 1003; R. Birch, P.M. 1003; G. H. Blampied, 1003; H. Bartlett, J.W. 1003; H. G. Newman, J.D. 1003; E. W. Smith, 245; P. Blampied, P.P.G.D. 245; A. Bralley, S.W. 491; J. Le Seelleur, J.W. 590; E. Brafford, 1003; F. Pearce, 1003; S. Gilley, P.M. 491; and others.

CHORLEY.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Howard Arms Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. James Lawrence, P.M. 730, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Heald and Corbell, P.M.'s; A. Hall, S.W.; R. Irving, J.W.; and upwards of twenty-five members. Visitors: Bros. Jackson, 580, and Isaac Jacobs, 1182 and 1576.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. John Gardner, Atherton, and Bird being desirous of going forward gave proofs of their proficiency, were entrusted, and retired. The above named brethren were then re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very efficient manner, ably assisted by his officers.

The lodge was then closed down and Bro. J. Gardner proposed a gentleman for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the banquetting-room, where a good supper was provided by the hostess. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A number of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening with songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant gathering.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool, where there was a large gathering of the Craft. Bro. W. S. Bennett, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening, and amongst those present were Bros. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; P. Macmudrow, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Houlding, P.G. Reg.; R. Bennett, P.M.; W. Jones, P.M.; W. Crane, P.M.; J. O. Marples, Lee, Dean, and others. Bro. T. G. Fisher was installed W.M. of the lodge in an efficient manner by the retiring Master; and the officers appointed were Bros. W. S. Bennett, I.P.M.; W. Hiles, S.W.; L. Bramwell, J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; C. Ainsworth, Sec. (re-appointed); R. W. Taylor, S.D.; W. Kinsey, J.D.; W. Jones, P.M., M.C.; J. A. Frazer, I.G.; J. J. Ramsay, S.S.; W. Lowe, J.S.; and J. Robinson was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren at the close of business sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rawlinson, and during the evening the W.M. (Bro. Fisher) presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. S. Bennett, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members, and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge during his Mastership. A capital selection of music and recitations was given by Bros. Lee, Dean, Marples, Houlding, Captain Lowe, W. Hiles, and others during the evening.

WALTHAM.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The first meeting of the above lodge after the recess was held on the 17th inst. The brethren present were Bros. J. Knight, W.M.; S. Jacobs, I.P.M.; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.; L. Lacy, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. K. Young, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. Gaskell, P.M., D.C.; J. Fisher, S.W.; W. Bradstock, J.W.; J. Noyes, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; W. A. Sprout, Org.; G. Holdsworth, W.S., acting I.G.; Thomas, Tyler; Belasco, Bilby, Bridgen, Brewster, Cocksedge, Newman, Robin, Sampson, and Woolley.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Cocksedge was then passed to the Second Degree, which ceremony was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Knight; Bro. Young, P.M., giving the lecture on the tracing board. Amongst the correspondence was an application from the widow of a deceased brother for some assistance, which the lodge unanimously voted from the Benevolent Fund. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment, and after passing a pleasant evening separated in peace and harmony, well satisfied with their first re-union after a three months' vacation.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. C. Erwin, W.M.; J. McCarthy, P.M.; Robt. Leason, P.M.; T. Sammons, P.M., M.C.; R. H. Evans, P.P. G.S.D., Treas.; R. J. L. Kynaston (acting), S.W.; J. Pilling, J.W.; M. Callaghan, J.D.; T. Pierrepont, S.S.; R. L. Stockton, J.S.; J. Bartley, Org.; M. Williams, Tyler; N. Thornthwait, L. Johnson, W. T. Oversby, F. A. Rainbow, J. J. Smith, jun., R. Dant, J. Tolmin, F. Airey, W. H. J. Jewell, S.D.; and T. Peddington. Visitors: Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; Dr. A. Soldat, 1547; J. Boyle, W.M. 823; H. M. Davis, 667; W. Hazell, 249; W. H. Bucknall, W.M. 460; D. McFarland, 724; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others.

The lodge was opened at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Johnson and Dant were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a very able manner. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. J. J. Smith, I.G. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment. The charity box having been handed round the table, the W.M. was enabled to relieve a distressed brother.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Dant," who is about to return to the Brazils, and stated that it was seven years since he had been initiated in the Hamer Lodge, and that he had been unable to take the Third Degree till that evening. Bro. Dant responded in suitable terms. Bro. Leason proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Bucknall, W.M. 460 (the newly-appointed Governor of the West Derby Workhouse), returned thanks. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—This lodge held their annual installation, by special dispensation, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Abraham Silverston, J.W., was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Paul Roberts, in a most able manner, giving the greatest delight to the large and influential body of brethren who were present. The new Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. J. Emmanuel, B.A., Chap.; C. Woolf, S.W.; H. Creamer, J.W.; H. Wilkinson, Sec.; P. H. Lawrence, S.D.; J. Creamer, J.D.; S. Sweeting, I.G.; N. Bellman, J. Marks, and A. Cotton, Stewards.

After the lodge was closed the members and visiting brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, which presented a very beautiful appearance from the floral decorations due to the liberality of the Worshipful Master. After partaking of an excellently served banquet, a programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed, and the brethren were much indebted to Bros. Turley, Troman, Hast, and Viguro for their contributions towards an excellent and enjoyable entertainment. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Paul Roberts, I.P.M.

MANCHESTER.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Herbert-street, Stretford. A more truly Masonic lodge in every sense it has not been our privilege to visit. The lodge is still in its infancy, having only been consecrated in 1875, but during the succeeding years the members have worked with such spirit and energy, that at the present time we much doubt if better working could be seen in West Lancashire. Added to this grand feature, there prevails the utmost unanimity and brotherly love amongst its members, and their great study is to promote the comfort and convenience of visitors so that they may feel thoroughly at home, thereby practising the precepts which they profess and are taught to admire.

The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Crosby, W.M.; J. B. Andrews, S.W.; J. E. Boden, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; William Cole, Sec., acting S.D.; F. Avison, J.D.; George Barber, P.M., D. of C.; William Tyers, I.G.; John Worthington, Tyler; Thomas A. Crompton, P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.M.; George Shaw, P.M.; Edwin Bradwell, Arthur Hope, C. Cooper, J. Walter, Thomas Royle, Higginson, E. Stevens, R. G. Parry, W. Amery, C. W. Davies, P. Davies, T. Wallwork, E. L. Littler, Thomas Griffiths, W. O. Bullock, S. E. Roberts, F. S. Faulkner, J. H. Grimshaw. Visitors: Bros. G. C. Williams, W.M. 152; S. Bradburn, 1814; G. S. Myers, 1730; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 4.45, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. John Milne Davidson was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. George Barber, P.M., and on the termination of the ceremony, the W.M., Bro. Henry Crosby, resumed his duties, and initiated Mr. Richard Davison into Freemasonry. The lodge was afterwards called off, and the brethren adjourned at 6.30 to take tea at the Talbot Hotel. At 7.30 the brethren returned to the lodge room, and business was resumed. The J.W., Bro. Boden, delivered the E.A. charge to Bros. Davidson and Davison, and presented and explained the working tools to them in a very satisfactory manner. Bro. Roscoe was raised to the Second Degree. The work throughout was done in a highly creditable manner. This being the night for electing a W.M., the voting papers were delivered to the brethren, and their unanimous choice fell upon the S.W., Bro. J. B. Andrew, who was declared duly elected. Bro. Andrew returned thanks to the brethren in a few well-chosen sentences. Bro. W. H. Wakefield, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, as was also the Tyler, Bro. J. Worthington. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 9.10. At the social board, after the loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Healths of the Initiates and Newly Passed Brother" were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant hour and half was passed, the brethren separating shortly before eleven o'clock.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday the regular meeting of this lodge was held, the W.M., Bro. J. T. Seller, presiding, supported by Bros. C. G. Padel, I.P.M.; I. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; George Balmford, P.M.; G. Simpson, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; and several other officers and brethren. After some preliminary business the lodge resolved itself into a meeting for instruction, and the S.W.,

Bro. Simpson, having assumed the chair, worked the opening and closing in the First Degree and the ceremony of initiation in a very creditable manner. A ballot was taken for a life membership of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. B. Stephenson was declared the winner. The lodge was then closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the gavel of its respected Master, Bro. G. T. Plumbly. There were also present Bros. F. B. Quinton, P.M. 213, 1500, 1808, P.P.G.A.D.C., acting I.P.M.; Alfred R. J. Woolbright, S.W.; G. W. Rogers, J.W.; Donald G. F. Gaul, S.D.; Horace Randall, J.D.; — Webster, I.G.; E. Hollidge, Tyler; C. Barnes, Sec.; G. Brittain, Org.; and a large number of brethren and visitors.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to perform the ceremony of initiating Mr. G. McLean into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which was done in an excellent manner. The W.M. afterwards raised Bro. Dixon to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being admirably rendered.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. P. M. Firman, and the cloth having been removed, the rest of the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner. The success of this lodge is in no small measure due to its indefatigable Secretary, who, at all times, takes an interest in matters connected with Masonry. We congratulate Bro. Plumbly on his successful working, and hope that he may have plenty of work to occupy his attention during the ensuing year.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. William Fraser, W.M.; Rosenthal, S.W.; C. E. Barnett, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Hosken, S.D.; Bué, J.D.; Saunders, I.G.; E. W. Haines, Pocock, Bentley Haynes, A. W. Wells, J. S. Fraser, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. Bro. Bentley Haynes acting as a candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Haynes was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Bué then explained the Second Tracing Board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Rosenthal was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. The following brethren were then elected members of the lodge: Bros. Richard F. Hosken, S.D. 1820; S. T. H. Saunders, 1820; and Alfred Pocock, 263. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—The first convocation of the season of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. Hammond, P.P.A.S. Middx., M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., H.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., J.; E. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treasurer; Faulkner, S.E.; T. W. Ockenden, S.N.; Haslitt, P.S.; Gilbert, Janitor; and others. The chapter was honoured with the presence of Ex. Comp. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.S. of Middx., &c. The ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. F. Smith, 1656, and it proved to be unanimous, but through unavoidable circumstances the candidate was prevented from attending. Several communications having been read, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

The preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Health of the P.G.S. of Middlesex," was proposed in very fluent and flattering terms by the M.E.Z., who congratulated the chapter upon been honoured with a visit from one who conducted the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry in the province with much courtesy and ability. In his reply the Provincial G.S. expressed his acknowledgments for the very warm reception he had received from the members of the "Era." He was glad to hear that the chapter was progressing, which satisfactory state of things he hoped would continue. In conclusion he trusted that the members of the Provincial Royal Arch Chapters generally would spare no exertion in their endeavours to increase the prosperity of the Degree in Middlesex. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in appropriate terms by Comp. Thiellay. This pledge having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. replied. "The Second and Third Principals" followed. Comps. Walls and Baldwin having responded, "The Past Principal" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Comp. Thiellay. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. Haslitt, terminated the proceedings.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Chapter (No. 1496).—A meeting of the above lodge took place at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, on Thursday, the 17th inst. There were present: Comps. H. P. Jones, Z.; W. S. Watson, H.; J. R. Lever, J.; C. J. Gillman, P.Z., acting E.; S. D. McKellen, P.S.; F. Long, J. Hill, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. Barker, P.Z., acting N.; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened at 7.30, and when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Robert White, J.W. Callender Lodge, No. 1052; and George Hurst, Sec. Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, were exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the officers present.

This being the night for electing officers Comp. W. S. Watson was elected Z.; Comp. H. P. Jones descended a step, and was elected H.; whilst Comps. J. R. Lever, and S. D. McKellen, were, at their expressed desire, re-elected J. and P.S. respectively. Comp. George Bensleur, who was unavoidably absent, was elected Scribe E., a very high compliment being paid him by his proposer, as to the able manner in which he had performed the Secretary's duties in the lodge. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed in the usual manner at 9.15.

Masonic Tidings.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House on Monday evening for St. Petersburg. Their Royal Highnesses were attended by Miss Knollys, Bro. Lord Suffield, Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn, Col. Teesdale, and Lieut-Col. Clarke.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James's Palace, on Thursday, the 5th proximo.

Bro. the Rev. G. Dowty, late curate of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in writing for aid in restoring the tower of the church, appeals mainly to the brethren of the Masonic body of the east of London, as an old Past Master and Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Justice Cave has been invited by the members of the joint Midland and North-Eastern Circuits to a dinner in celebration of his recent elevation to the bench. The dinner will take place on Tuesday next, the 29th inst., in the Inner Temple Hall.

Bro. Alexander C. Cope has been re-elected W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, for the second year in succession.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., will preside at the sixty-fourth anniversary festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, on the 29th of the ensuing month.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will open the new Masonic Hall at Nottingham, on June 29th, and the University Buildings on the 30th. During his visit His Royal Highness will be the guest of the Duke of St. Albans, R.W.P.G.M., at Bestwood Lodge.

Rumours of peerage creations are afloat, and amongst the names of probable favourites, that of Bro. Sir W. Harcourt Johnstone is prominently mentioned.—*Cuckoo.*

Bro. Thos. Meekham presided at a dinner given to Mr. Henry Miller, late Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 17th. Mr. Miller was presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service, a silver liqueur-stand, and other articles, as an acknowledgment of the marked success that had attended his Chairmanship of the Asylum during the year 1880.

Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen and E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., were present on Wednesday week at the opening of the Worcester Free Library and Museum.

Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Thursday, the 17th inst.

Bro. W. Pierpoint was installed W.M. of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday week, the 17th inst.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., has given £1000 in aid of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Orphan Fund.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, Junior Grand Warden, and Lady Truscott, have left Cairo for Naples, both, we are pleased to learn, having derived considerable benefit from their tour.

Bro. Dr. Walker, P.G. Mark Sec. of Tunis and Malta, and Bro. Henry Grier, P.G.I.G., have been ordered on duty to the Cape. It will be remembered that the Queen lately conferred the high distinction of the Albert Medal on Bro. Grier for heroically attempting to save the life of Lieut. Graham by removing by suction the dysenteric matter which threatened to render abortive an operation which had been performed. These good brethren will be much missed in Malta. Bro. A. B. Truefitt has been appointed P.G. Sec. in the place of Bro. Dr. Walker.

We learn with much pleasure that Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., is convalescent from his late serious, and even dangerous, illness.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury K.G., among others addressed the meeting held at the Mansion House on Friday week, to consider a proposal, first made nearly two years and a half ago, to erect a memorial to William Tyndale, the first translator of the English Bible in the Saxon tongue.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, which sad event took place on Tuesday last, at his residence, Knoppoge Castle, Co. Clare. Lord Dunboyne, who was in his 75th year, for many years held the office of Provincial Grand Master of North Munster.

The *Keystone* of March 12th says our esteemed Bro. Robert Freke Gould does not seem to set any value upon "Masonic orations." He says, in a recently printed article, "It is, of course, quite possible that Masonic orations may please some hearers, but I am aware of none that are calculated to afford either pleasure or instruction to readers." With all due respect to our brother, we cannot agree with him. In America, at least, valuable and well authenticated facts often appear in Masonic orations; and when they do not, the benefit to hearers to be derived from an earnest presentation of Masonic truth even where no history is related, is undoubtedly of advantage to the Craft at large, as well as to individual brethren. We often need a vivid presentation of old truths to make them felt, as well as known; and a little leaven often leavens the whole lump.

The sixth annual ball in aid of the benevolent fund of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, was held on Tuesday week at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

The *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book*, this year being the eleventh publication, is a comprehensive Masonic book of reference, containing particulars of every Grand Masonic Body in the world, and all kinds of out-of-the-way bits of information interesting and useful to Freemasons. The favour in which this useful compendium is held by members of the Universal Craft is shown by the second edition of this year's issue being nearly exhausted. It is published by Mr. George Kenning, of Fleet-street.—*Illustrated London News*, March 19th, 1881.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—We are happy to be able to state that eleven out of the thirteen girls who attended the Cambridge Local Examination have successfully passed. Full particulars will be given next week.

Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry's loss, consequent on the explosion at the Seaham Colliery, exceeds, we understand £15,000.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has sent a contribution to the expenses fund of the Richmond Industrial and Fine Art Loan Exhibition.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has fixed Monday, May 9th, for the festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, at which His Royal Highness will preside.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Donoughmore, P.G.W., in the absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, presided at the festival in aid of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, when the handsome sum of £900 was collected.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G.O., announces a grand performance of "The Messiah" at the Dome on the 31st of April.

Bro. H. Clay Sudlow was elected the Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, and not "Bro. H. Clay Saunders," as stated in the "Masonic Tidings" of last week.

Bro. W. A. Ellis gave a pianoforte recital from the works of Weber, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Chopin at Brixton Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The numbers comprised—Weber's Sonata in A flat, Op. 39; Allegro Moderato con Spirito; Andante Menuetto Capriccioso Rondo; Mendelssohn's Klingemann Caprice in B flat minor; Andante Cantabile and Presto Agitato in B minor; Schumann's Phantasie Stücke, Op. 12; Abendo Aufschung Warum; Grillen and Chopin Scherzo in E major; Etude in C sharp minor; Berceuse in D flat; and Polonaise in A flat, Op. 53. Bro. Ellis is a pianiste of no mean order, and should at no distant date take a position in the front rank of his profession. His execution of the several items displayed considerable ability, which was fully recognised by the frequent applause of a critical and appreciative audience. The proceedings were agreeably diversified by the singing of Miss Emilie Asman and Mr. Robert Poole, whose efforts met with much favour, Miss Asman receiving a recall for her song, "Beloved again." Mr. H. W. Little, Mus. Bac., filled the post of conductor.

Major George S. Tudor was on Wednesday installed Grand Master of the Province of Staffordshire by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom. The ceremony was performed in the Borough Hall, Stafford, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. A full report of the interesting proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. G. W. Moore, of Minstrel fame, will take his sixteenth annual benefit at St. James's Grand Hall on Thursday next, the 31st inst. There will be two performances, each being of the most entertaining character.

Bro. Sir Patrick Colquhoun, LL.D., Q.C., presided at a meeting of the Royal Society of Literature held on Wednesday evening, when a paper was read by Mr. C. F. Kerry, on "The Genuine and Spurious in the Eddaic Mythology."

The Hon. E. Chandos Leigh, son of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, one of the new Queen's Counsel, was on Tuesday called within the bar and took his seat accordingly in the various Courts of Chancery and Common Law Divisions of the High Court of Justice.

Bro. Lionel Brough has joined Miss Litton's provincial tour company.

Bro. F. K. Bayley, ex-Sheriff of London, was on Monday sworn in as one of the magistrates for Middlesex.

King's Cross Theatre, which was the scene of Bro. Henry Irving's debut, is to be pulled down. The lease expires on the 28th inst.

It is stated that no prosecution of the Rev. Bell Cox, of St. Margaret's, Liverpool, son of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., vicar of St. Helen, Bishopsgate, will take place, as the Bishop of Liverpool was one of the three bishops of the northern province who met their Canterbury brethren last month, when the resolution was arrived at not to take further proceedings pending the report of the Royal Commissioners on the constitution of the Ecclesiastical Courts.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold gave a final sitting for his portrait to Mr. Walter Goodman, at Windsor Castle, on Wednesday.

The Home Secretary has appointed Mr. Horace Smith, of the Midland Circuit, to the Recordship of Lincoln, rendered vacant by the recent elevation of Bro. Justice Cave to the Bench. Mr. Smith was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1862.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., presided at the meeting of St. John's Ambulance Association on Friday, and presented medals and certificates of proficiency to the ambulance classes held in connection with the Metropolitan and City Police.

Bro. Macrae Moir occupied the vice chair at the anniversary dinner of the Highland Society of London, held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday.

Bro. J. C. Dwarber presided at the meeting of the Bartholomew Club on Tuesday night.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, with the Countess, has left town for Biarritz.

Bro. G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623, will preside at the working of the Fifteen Sections in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Monday next, the 28th inst., at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

Bro. Jonas Duckett, P.M. and Sec. 507, gave notice of motion, at the meeting of the United Pilgrims Lodge on Wednesday last, that the joining fee be raised from £2 2s. to £5 5s. This motion will be brought forward at the next regular meeting of the lodge which will be held on the 27th proximo.

Bro. W. H. Beckley was installed W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Wednesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. Grand Master North Wales and Salop, will hold his annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Newport, Salop, on Tuesday, April 26th.

Bro. Frank Uffner, of Piccadilly Hall, has dispatched an agent to British Burmah for the King's Hairy Family, and expects them to arrive here early in May, arrangements having been made with His Majesty the King for them to be exhibited in this country.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., will preside at the ninety-third anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Wednesday, the 18th May.

Bro. the Earl of March, S.W. 38, owner of the Prince of Wales's late yacht, the Hildegarde, has been elected a member of the Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Club.

Bro. C. Woolloton was present on Monday at a meeting held at Bournemouth, under the presidency of Bishop Ryan, and spoke in advocacy of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Bro. Joseph H. Spencer (late of the Bridge House Hotel) on Thursday evening week invited the committee of the Westminster Club, Albemarle-street, of which he is proprietor, to dinner. It seems that the club, which is an old-fashioned non-political and social club, is progressing, as new members are coming in, but there are yet a few vacancies to complete the prescribed number—400.

Deputy Grand Master, of Masonic history states that the office of Deputy Grand Master originated in the year 1721, at the time the Duke of Montagu held the office of Grand Master. Grand Lodge, evidently with the object of relieving a nobleman from the troublesome details of office, authorized the Duke to appoint a Deputy, which appendage has clung to the Order ever since.

MANSSION HOUSE OUTRAGE.—The reward of £100 for information as to the authors of the recent attempt to blow up the Mansion House has been increased by Government to £400.

In the month of July, 1879, a young brother, the initials of whose name are R. T. S., disappeared from a seaport town in the West of Scotland, where he was then residing. A short time previous he had sustained severe domestic bereavements, which had evidently weighed heavily upon his mind and might have induced him to leave without giving his parents and friends any reasons for his strange conduct, or any clue whereby his whereabouts might be traced. Every effort was made at the time to find him—but in vain; ultimately it was ascertained he had gone to Liverpool that month, but after that all traces of him were lost. This paragraph is inserted with the hope that being a member of the Craft it may meet his eye, or that of other Masonic readers, and lead to the opening up of communication between him and his friends. The Editor will be glad to receive any such intelligence, and forward it to their address.

General Tidings.

Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice are expected to go to Osborne early next month.

Lord Colville of Culross, Chamberlain to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, has left London for Copenhagen, to attend the funeral of the late Queen Dowager of Denmark.

The Royal Humane Society has voted its silver medallion to Miss Jennie Coates, of Portumna, county Galway, for courageous conduct in rescuing her sister, who had broken through the ice while skating, and also for endeavouring to save Captain Lewis, of the Galway Militia, who was drowned in his efforts to save the girl who had been immersed.

Mr. F. W. Moody, instructor in decorative art, South Kensington Museum, is designing a large memorial window for St. Paul's Cathedral, to commemorate the restoration of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to health some few years since.

As at present arranged, the Oxford and Cambridge boat race will take place on Friday week, the 8th proximo, at half-past eight in the morning.

The recent recognition by Her Majesty of a Canadian Barony is an exceptional circumstance, and the gentleman, Baron de Longueuil, whose title has been acknowledged, holds the remarkable position of being the only subject of the Queen who is a colonial Peer, and who at the same time has not any precedence. The Feudal Barony is entirely exceptional, and is the only Canadian hereditary title existing. The Patent of Nobility, signed by King Louis XIV. granting this title to Charles Le Moyne for distinguished services, is remarkable as creating not only a Territorial Barony, but also conferring a title of honour upon himself and his descendants, whether male or female. The cession of Canada to England, by the Treaty of Paris in 1763, made no change in the legal right to hold honours; since this period each successive head of the family has, by assumption of right, used the title; but it was not officially recognised by the British Government until December 4th, 1880.—*Debreit's Peerage.*

The Quarterly Communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held on Wednesday evening the 2nd inst., in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Bro. Samuel B. Dick, R.W. Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers were present, and there was an unusually large attendance of District Deputy Grand Master and members, from all parts of the jurisdiction.

It is stated that the Edison Electric Light Company is to have the same privileges for laying tubes and erecting lamp-posts in New York as the gas companies. The company propose to furnish lights for stores and houses, but not to light the streets at present.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 2, 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, MARCH 26.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell (Emergency).
 " 1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
 " 1679, Henry Muggenidge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

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, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
 " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
 " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
 " 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 906, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
 " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn.
 " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1745, Farrington Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.
 " 1838, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-rd.
 Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
 Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 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, 8 till 10.
 British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
 Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY MARCH 29.

- Lodge 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

- Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
 Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Hot.

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 Courts, 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, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 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.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.

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, at 8.
 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 8.30.
 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.
 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, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1.

- Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 Mark 8, Thistle, F.M. Tav.
 " 223, West Smithfield.
 K.T. Precept. 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 2, 1881.

MONDAY, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29.

- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30.

- Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 Alpass Encamp., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanhope Encamp., Queen's Hot., Chester.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

- Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1.

- Lodge 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT D.—

A very good gathering of the members of this encampment took place on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when their were present, Sir Kts. H. Walls, E.C.; A. Williams, 1st Captain; Dr. Sanders, 2nd Captain; R. Berridge, Expert; F. Driver, acting C. of the L.; Gravely, Standard Bearer; J. H. Dodson, Herald; A. Tisley, D.C.; W. Roebuck, P.E.C., acting Prelate; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Recorder; F. Binckes, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Rawles Equerry. The visitors were Sir Kts. A. M. Broadley, P.G.C. Mediterranean; F. Crockford, Melita Encampment, Malta; E. M. Lott, Kemeys Tynte Encampment. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comps. Stohwasser, H. J. Lardner, and T. Adams, and it proving to be unanimous they were duly installed as Knights of the Illustrious Order by the E.C.

Several communications having been read the encampment was closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured, Sir Kt. Binckes, responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" and he immediately afterwards proposed "The Health of the E.C." This toast having been honoured and responded to, "The Health of the Installees" followed. This pledge was respectively acknowledged by Sir Kts. Stohwasser, Lardner, and Adams. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the E.C. expressed the satisfaction it had afforded him in being in a position to extend the hospitality of the Mount Calvary Encampment to their three distinguished visitors. This pledge having been warmly received, Sir Kt. Broadley in reply stated that it had given him a great deal of gratification in being present that evening, more especially as it had given him an opportunity of witnessing the installation ceremony. Coming as he did from one of the ancient strongholds of Christian Masonry, it was pleasing to see that one of the oldest encampments in England was progressing so well. The concluding portion of his excellent speech was devoted to an exposition of the rise and progress of Christian Masonry since the latter part of the 18th century. Sir Kts. Crockford and Lott having also replied the toast of "The Past E.C.'s" was enthusiastically drunk, and Sir Kts. Binckes, Paas, Dewar, Baxter, and Roebuck having responded, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Sir Kt. Williams, 1st Captain, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

Amusements.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE ROYAL.—A new grand opera comique, entitled "Jeanne, Jeannette, and Jeanetton," will be produced at this popular place of amusement on Monday next. It is by MM. Clairville and Delacour, the music by P. Lacombe, and the English libretto by R. Reece. Many of the established favourites of the Alhambra are cast for the principal parts, including Mesdames Constance Loseby, St. Quentin, &c. A grand mythological ballet, entitled "Endymion," will be introduced in Act 2, the music by M. Jacobi, the able and popular conductor, and an important addition to the corps de ballet in the person of Mdlle. Palladino is also announced.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

- COX.—On the 13th inst., at 7, Saumarez-street, Guernsey, the wife of Mr. Arthur Frederick Cox, Madras Civil Service, of a daughter.
 GRAHAM.—On the 19th inst., at 3, Hunter's-lane, Waver-tree, Liverpool, the wife of Mr. George F. Graham, of a daughter.
 GRIEVESON.—On the 20th inst., at 20, Prince of Wales-terrace, Kensington, the wife of Mr. T. Grievson, of a daughter.
 LEGGETT.—On the 20th inst., at Kirkdale, Liverpool, the wife of Major Leggett, late 77th (D.C.O.) Regiment, of a son.
 PIKE.—On the 20th inst., at The Firs, Morley-road, Lewis-ham, the wife of Mr. Henry Roderick Pike, of a daughter.
 WAKE.—On the 19th inst., at Millington Vicarage, Pocklington, the wife of the Rev. B. E. Wake, of a daughter.
 YOUNG-JAMIESON.—On the 20th inst., at Penair, Truro, Cornwall, the wife of Mr. H. Young-Jamieson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BARKER-BERRY.—On the 19th inst., at St. Mary's, Broadwater, near Worthing, by the Rev. Dr. Joy, George Barker, son of Mr. William S. Barker, of Sompington, Sussex, to Ellen, daughter of Mr. John Berry, of Yew Villa, Broadwater.
 PURVES-ADIE.—On the 19th inst., at St. John's Church, Woodlands, by the Rev. John Yarker, M.A., William Laidlaw Purves, M.D., Stratford-place, Oxford-street, W., to Elizabeth Adie, daughter of Mr. Patrick Adie, of Worton Hall, Isleworth.

DEATHS.

- BRAIKENRIDGE.—On the 12th inst., at South Norwood, Blanche Mary, the beloved wife of William Braikenridge, after a lingering illness, aged 26.
 DUNBOYNE.—On the 22nd inst., at Knoppogue Castle, Newmarket-in-Fergus, Co. Clare, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North Munster, Ireland, aged 75.
 PRICKETT.—On the 16th inst., Bro. James Prickett, aged 89.
 RHODES.—On the 20th inst., at his residence, Norton-lane, Bradford, Bro. Manoah Rhodes, aged 71.
 WEBSTER.—On the 18th inst., at North Hill-street, Liverpool, Bro. R. Webster, aged 38.

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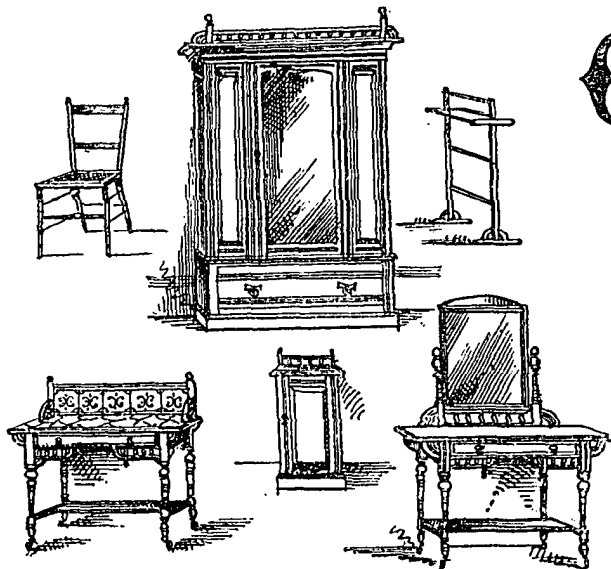
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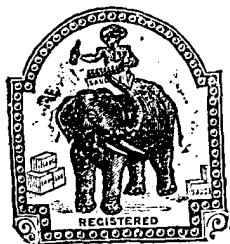
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