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OUR charitable elections are over until May, when our good old friend the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will come before us once again, and when many will seek to avail themselves of the great benefits of that excellent Charity. We trust that we shall not be deemed too pressing when we venture to repeat the expression of our hope that the Governing Body may see their way to a considerable increase of annuitants, in recognition of the remarkable results of the last festival, and in gratitude for the abounding manifestation of Masonic charity then so signally displayed by the Stewards and the Craft. Freemasonry has many claims to our regard and affection, but none, in our opinion, so prevailing as those which demonstrate unmistakably how much the spirit of beneficent charity marks its outcome, and honours its existence to-day.

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SOME considerations must press upon us in respect of our Charities, which, it appears to us, we ought carefully to "make a note of." It may be questioned whether there is not a growing tendency to seek Freemasonry for what it gives, for what it does for men personally, rather than for what it teaches, what it actually is, what it ever professes to be. We all declare that we do not enter Freemasonry from "mercenary or other unworthy motives," but we fear that numerous instances might be given where a lower view of things prevails, and where a realization of Masonic principles cannot honestly be said to be the guiding principles of initiates and "admittees." If so, it is advisable that we should carefully guard the portals of Masonry against all who enter it with the idea of a benefit order, or a hope in a participation of assured grants. Freemasonry itself gives no ground for any such ideas, offers no "colour" to any such aspirations. It nowhere offers grants either in return, or proportion for money paid. What it does give is offered and given in the one true spirit of benevolence to all who truly need help and have a "fair claim" on Masonic charity, intended only for the really and truly needful. And just as it discourages utterly, from first to last, any aspect of the benefit society system, so on the other hand it protests against that trading on Masonry, that Masonic mendicancy and itinerancy, which, in the hands of professional "beggars," constitute a slur and a discredit not only on specific localities, but on our whole Masonic body.

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THE time has come when lodges should sometimes consider a little more carefully whom they admit into their "fold." It is not because a man is well-to-do, or can pay for his "entrance money," or can "afford his subscription," or is wishful to "get into Masonry," that, therefore, he is an eligible, much less a proper, candidate for our lodges. We are admitting many to-day hastily, and admitting them on no known principle of "natural selection," who, neither by taste, habits, or station of life sometimes, can possibly, humanly speaking, tend to adorn or elevate Masonry, or become even working "Bees" in our great Masonic Hive.

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WE may be very dense or very pragmatical, but, we confess, we cannot see the pressing need of increased expenditure at Croydon, until, at any rate, additional annuitants are elected into that excellent Charity. To spend more money on bricks and mortar, which is not absolutely essential in any sense that we are aware of, while we have a large number of deserving applicants "out in the cold," appears to us, we say it in all deference, a very Irish way of exercising Masonic Charity—putting the "cart before the horse" with a vengeance. But as so many brethren do not see the proposal in the light we do, we are quite willing to admit that there are two sides to this as to every other question.

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WE note the increasing tendency in modern works to confound Freemasonry with the "secret political societies," which are both a curse and a degradation to our modern civilization. We beg to protest once more, and once for all, against a mistake so childish and perverse, against a slander of our peaceful and loyal Order, alike unmerited and unfounded.

THE Girls' School Anniversary Festival, which will next in turn attract our attention and sympathy as a "Band of Brethren" animated alike by fraternal goodwill and practical benevolence, deserves the recognition and support of all who are anxious to support a most remarkable and valuable Institution. No establishment for educational purposes seems to us better adapted to the end in view, or more rich in good results. It affords an admirable education to 225 orphan and helpless daughters of Freemasons, and fits them for the practical duties of life, and the struggles of this rough world, in a thoroughly practical and efficient manner. It is impossible, we think, for any of our Craft to pay a visit to the Girls' School without having been both pleased with and proud of that most admirable Institution. Indeed, we may fairly challenge this country to produce its equal in educational value, or actual results, keeping, of course, always clear before us the contracted classes for whom it is intended, and the peculiar nature of the "material" given into our hands to develop and educate. No one, we repeat, when surveying those serried rows of happy, healthy children but must feel persuaded, that the labours of an active House Committee, the skilful and devoted labour of an admirable teacher supported by a staff of effective associates, as well as the superintendence of an experienced Matron, constitute not only a great success, but a satisfactory guarantee that the zeal of the Stewards and the liberality of the subscribers will not be offered or demonstrated in vain. We rejoice to be informed that the present returns point unmistakably to a great successful festival—needed in the best interests of the School to promote its efficiency and extend its almost priceless benefits.

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ALL Englishmen and all Freemasons will deplore the fact deeply of the death of a great statesman, the EARL OF BEACONSFIELD. The "bulletins" for the last forty-eight hours had been unfavourable, and the public would not be quite unprepared for this fatal termination of a protracted illness, which, at the advanced age of the illustrious patient, was necessarily most alarming. LORD BEACONSFIELD will be a missed man amongst us. Though, as Freemasons, we know nothing of the "shibboleths" of factions, or the "colours" of parties, yet it may fairly be permitted to us to lament truly and deeply, in common with all our fellow-countrymen, the extinction of mighty powers and the loss of one of our most "representative" men. The two Houses of Parliament which, first as Mr. DISRALLI, and latterly as the EARL OF BEACONSFIELD, he adorned respectively with his words of fire or his emanations of genius, will long retain a vivid recollection of that gifted and most remarkable personality who held so long a leading position in our public life, and who alternately lead, charmed, amused, and influenced their historic ranks. As a writer, LORD BEACONSFIELD had few equals in his peculiar line, and all England mourns with a common and sympathetic sorrow to-day the death of one whose name will long endure in the proud annals and the steady and matured progress of our great English people. The historical and political party of which he was the recognized leader will find it very difficult adequately to fill up the important post thus rendered vacant. He first entered Parliament as M.P. for Maidstone in the year 1837, and having represented the county of Buckingham from the year 1847, was called to the House of Peers as the EARL OF BEACONSFIELD in 1876. In remembering his long political and literary life, we think, his own words deserve to be remembered: "No one knows better than myself that in the course of an agitated, and now, I am sorry to say, a long political career, I have done many things which I regret, and said many things which I deplore; but a man's career must be judged of by its whole tenour and character. I can say for myself, with the utmost sincerity, that I have always sought to maintain the greatness of my country; that I have never had one thought of a base or sinister character, or of self-interest; and that there is no reward which I more desire, and which I more prize, than the good opinion of my fellow-countrymen in whatever political party they may be ranged." Mr. GLADSTONE, with much kindly feeling, has intimated the wish of the Government to offer a public funeral for the noble and departed statesman.

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WE rejoice to note that Bro. C. E. KEYSER, well-known by his connection with the "St. Alban's Restoration Committee," and for his Masonic zeal and intelligence, will be installed this week as W.M. of the well-known and distinguished Watford Lodge, No. 404. We congratulate the brethren on his selection, and we feel sure that the interests of the lodge over which so many worthy Masons have presided will not fail to prosper under his presidency.

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THE controversy relative to the "Oldest Freemason" continues in our columns. We fancy there are a great many old Freemasons in England unknown to fame, and we shall be happy to receive and record their names,

## FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

BY BRO. H. ECROYD.

*Continued from p. 353 of No. 596.*

Spain, the land of the unexpected, has recently witnessed an eventful revolution, which, almost for the first time in her history, has been brought about by the force of public opinion, and not by the cold steel of a military *coterie*.

The change of Ministry which has just rendered possible a constitutional state of things in Spain has been as unexpected as it has been radical and thorough. The late Prime Minister, Señor Canovas de Castillo, seemed never so firmly in possession of the reins of power as at the very moment in which fate had decreed his fall. He felt himself strong enough to defy any possible combinations that the Dynastic Liberal Party could enter into against him, so long, at any rate, as they did not plot a *Pronunciamiento*, in the true old lawless style. So little chance indeed did there appear to be of the downfall of the Canovas Ministry that the *Punch* of Spain, the *Loro*, had issued a cartoon on the very eve of the change, which depicted the distinguished chief of the Dynastic Liberal Party, our Bro. Don Praxedes Mateo Sagasta, as attempting to climb a greasy pole capped with the effigy of governmental power, whilst Canovas and others of the Ministry of the day enjoyed from below his frantic, but apparently futile, endeavours to approach the figure at the top of the pole.

Canovas, however, presumed, *once too often*, upon the docility of the King, who unexpectedly showed that he has a will of his own, and who refused point blank to give his Royal sanction to certain measures which, if passed, would have conferred upon the Minister a still more assured lease of his already almost dictatorial powers. Trite though the saying has become, yet ever true it is, that "Man proposes, but God disposes," and in very fact the G.A.O.T.U. *disposed* the young and gallant Sovereign of Spain to assert his Royal prerogative to defeat the measures in question. There was then no other honourable course left open for Señor Canovas de Castillo but to offer to resign. He therefore tendered the resignation of the ministry in a body, and the resignation was immediately accepted. Then an official was dispatched to summon Señor Sagasta to the palace, and so sudden was the call that it is said that our distinguished brother was hurried off to wait upon His Majesty without having had time to replace his watch in his pocket or put on his cravat, which he had taken off when preparing for his afternoon siesta!

We need not say that Don Praxedes M. Sagasta was equal to the occasion; he immediately accepted the task of forming a Ministry.

And thus it has come to pass that our worthy brother, His Excellency Don Praxedes Mateo Sagasta, the Sovereign Grand Commander and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Spain, has become the First Minister of the Crown.

Bro. Grand Master Sagasta is a man of great mental capacity and matured judgment. It is through sheer talent, aided by a resolute will, that he has carved out for himself, step by step, the pathway which has finally landed him at the summit of political power.

Truly this is an auspicious year for Freemasonry in Spain! Two short months ago, and our Spanish brethren were barely *tolerated* as individuals, whilst collectively they were constantly exposed to have their lodges broken open, their paraphernalia confiscated, and their persons, when found in lodge assembled, marched off under escort of gendarmes for incarceration in a felon's jail. But now our brethren can meet openly, and practise their rites without let or hindrance from the law, whilst their Grand Master occupies the distinguished position of Prime Minister of Spain.

Our readers of previous chapters of "Freemasonry in Spain" will, perhaps, remember that we have already given expression to our firm belief that the continuance of the monarchy in the person of Don Alphonso XII. is the thing most to be desired by every true friend of Spain and the Spaniards. We have expressed our regret (vide the *Freemason*, page 205, of May the 8th, 1880) that the *Restoration* was not itself accomplished by the constitutional Liberals, instead of by Canovas de Castillo and his reactionary partisans. We ventured to predict "That King Alphonso himself would be the first to rejoice when the then dominant party could be compelled by public opinion, or by a powerful combination formed by the various political parties of Spain, to relinquish its grasp, both upon the King and upon the country, in which case Sagasta would most surely be placed in the responsible post of Prime Minister of Spain"—(vide page 205 of No. 583 of the *Freemason*.) Our prediction has now been fully realised, and we venture further to predict that Bro. Prime Minister Sagasta, supported by the dynastic Liberals in general, and by his Freemasonic brethren in particular, will enable King Alphonso to become a truly constitutional monarch; and that the Reign of Law and the Rights of a People will have no more earnest defender than in the person of the brave young monarch who now sits upon the Throne of Ferdinand and Isabella, *by the right of descent*, as the legitimate King of Spain. We call upon our Spanish Freemasonic brethren to strengthen their young King's hands for the arduous task which lays before him of governing his kingdom constitutionally, for who can better aid the good cause of their King and his constitutional Ministry than the rank and file of our brethren in the peninsula?

Some of our readers may be inclined to call into question the suitability of our appeal to the loyal patriotism of our Spanish brethren through the medium of the *Freemason*, seeing that party politics and sectarian religion must never form the theme of Freemasonic discussion. To such we would say that our counsel and exhortation are strictly non-political, and within the ancient landmarks of our Order. To counsel "loyalty," to call upon our brethren "to respect the powers that be," is enjoined upon us by our own British rules and regulations; and it cannot be too widely known to our younger Spanish brethren that the very foundation upon which British Freemasonry rests is loyalty to the Head of the State, "and the faithful discharge of our civil, as well as social, obligations." Every initiate who enters our Order is emphatically enjoined to *discountenance every act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society*. He is commanded to *render due obedience to the laws of any State which may for a time become a place of residence; and, above all, he is exhorted to render that full allegiance which is due to the Sovereign of his native land*. Every Freemason, who is worthy of the name, is the best of citizens and the most loyal of subjects. If only the despots of the world (past, present, and to come) could appreciate Freemasonry as it deserves to be appreciated, they would come to look upon our Order as the most potent of defences against the revolutionary elements of

Godless intransigentism, instead of closing the doors of their empires and kingdoms against our virtuous Order, with its beneficent influence for good.

Our remarks upon this head are general, and are not directed in any special manner at the worthy young King of Spain, whom we, nevertheless, would urge to cherish his Freemasonic subjects as the very salt of his kingdom, as *the leaven* with which to leaven the whole mass of his subjects with respect for the law, loyalty towards himself, as their constitutional King, and an active desire to faithfully discharge their civil, as well as their social, obligations. Let His Majesty King Alphonso XII. grant a special charter to Freemasons in Spain, and free them, by his Royal hand, from the disabilities under which they have so long laboured. By such a far-sighted act Don Alphonso will do more to strengthen his own throne and consolidate his dynasty, than by any other act that he, or his present Liberal Ministers, are capable of performing; for he will thus secure the loyal gratitude of the most orderly and thoughtful portion of his subjects, and the powerful *moral support* of Free and Accepted Masons all the world over.

Now, in the writer's opinion, is the fit and proper time for such an act to be performed—whilst the King's Prime Minister continues to be the head of the Grand Orient of Spain. It is not to be expected that Bro. Sagasta can much longer remain *actively* at the head of our brethren in the Peninsula. His duties, as Prime Minister, must necessarily result in the substitution of a less pre-occupied brother. Indeed, it has been already decided upon as to who is to take his place as Supreme Grand Commander and Grand Master over the brethren belonging to the Grand Orient of Spain. The brother selected is Don Romero Ortis, Governor of the Bank of Spain, who, both on account of the zeal he has ever shown for the Masonic cause, and on account of his well-known public and private virtues, is eminently fit for the responsible position to which, in all probability, he will be immediately called. As a matter of fact, the name of Bro. Romero Ortis has been prominently before Grand Lodge for several months past, his name having been unanimously selected as the most suitable successor to Bro. Sagasta whenever the auspicious moment should arrive when his King should confer upon him the highest political post in the land. The moment, therefore, has now arrived for the change.

Upon an early date the installation of Bro. Romero Ortis will probably take place at Madrid, and in the next chapter of our articles on "Freemasonry in Spain" we hope to give an account of this interesting ceremony.

*(To be continued.)*

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

There is a very important "point" to look up, and on which a good deal turns, how the words "Royal Arch" came into use in England. The earliest mention so far discovered is in Fifield Dassigny's pamphlet, (1744), but I am inclined to think that an earlier mention of the words may yet be discovered.

It is quite clear, as has been for a long time patent to all students, that Dermott cannot be credited in his claim to the "Royal Arch." It is true he mentions for the first time a "prayer" which he says was used in the Royal Arch Chapter at Jerusalem, to which he gives a Hebrew name, but Dermott's statements are always loose and generally inaccurate, and, therefore, we cannot set much store on them.

The matter now requires a close and careful investigation; as, however, the words came into use amongst us, they appear to me to be purely English, and not, as I have sometimes thought, the translation of "Arche Royale," though that might seem the easiest, perhaps the most natural solution.

I understand from Bro. Gould that the minutes of the Antient Grand Lodge throw no light upon the subject, neither do the Grand Lodge records. Can any one suggest where we can look for such evidence? A good deal more turns on this point in respect of the history of Freemasonry than might appear at first sight, and I shall be pleased if Bro. Gould and others can help us in the matter.

## EXCESS OF ZEAL.

From the "Freemasons' Repository."

Our first thought very likely will be that an excess of zeal in a good cause is not possible. It is a difficulty of an opposite character which is more often encountered in the prosecution of noble enterprises and the carrying forward of those movements which have relation to the best interest of society and the world. Indifferentism is the great obstacle to human progress. There are plenty of people possessed of amiable instincts and generally good purposes, whom it is difficult to rouse into activity however noble the cause or important the crisis may be. We say of such that they have no enthusiasm in their natures—they do nothing heartily and with their might. Perhaps they are saturated with selfishness so that they feel small concern for the interests which relate to the good of society; perhaps they have trained themselves to that passionless indifference which takes pride in showing no emotion, which holds the life to calm and measured forms of expression, repressing the strong tides of thought and feeling which otherwise would flow forth with such mighty power.

From one cause and another men hold back service and love to their fellows, exhibiting a condition of indifferentism which indeed is pitiable to behold. Even when their sympathies are somewhat interested, and their co-operation secured in behalf of a cause or movement, it is only in a languid and half-hearted sort of a way that they engage in the work to which they are thus committed. Their love of ease and of isolation—the habits they have acquired, or their natural torpidity of disposition—restrain them from becoming thoroughly interested in anybody or anything. Moderation, not zeal, is the distinguishing characteristic of those who hold in such careful check their thoughts and feelings, whilst they seem to cultivate an easy and careless indifference even in regard to matters which are of supreme importance.

Masonry has a large class of indifferentists among its constituency. There are brethren who have taken all the Degrees, and who have been advanced to high positions in the Craft, who yet seem to be insensible to the glories of the Institution. They are not roused and thrilled by the teachings of the Royal Art—they show no deep sympathies nor hearty service as the result of their Masonic membership. It goes without saying that these torpid souls are obstructions in the way of Masonic progress, and that every

means should be taken to keep the number of such indifferent ones within the narrowest limits.

There is, however, a danger on the other hand. It is possible to have an excess of zeal—to exhibit a zeal that is not according to knowledge. Addison says “zeal without discretion is like expedition to a man in the dark.” Thus a rash impulse, a reckless purpose, may lead one to intense activity, and yet nothing of abiding good shall be accomplished. An over abundant or unrestrained zeal may lead to the ends of disaster and ruin. Some one has aptly said that zeal is the most proper motive power in the minds of wise men, but the trouble is it is apt to flourish chiefly among fools. This is an exaggerated form of statement, yet it suggests what we know to be the fact, that men of arrant stupidity often push themselves to the front and show the utmost zeal respecting movements and enterprises to which they are allied. The enthusiasts—men who are of furious or fiery natures, and who put their whole hearts into whatever they undertake—sometimes do harm by the very intensity of their devotion for a principle or a cause; at least they fail to illustrate in their lives a well balanced and harmonious character.

We have known brethren who were specially interested and active in Masonry, but whose zeal was not tempered with discretion. It was a zeal not of the right quality; or, being of the right quality, it was yet held in such undue quantity, as to prompt a course of conduct by no means favourable to the interests which were counted exceedingly precious. The devoted and impulsive brother who goes about arguing the benefits of Masonry, being ready on every occasion, both in season and out of season, to proclaim his identification with the Institution, exhibits an excess of zeal. It would be better that he should hold himself in more restraint—that he should be less ready to make expression of his Masonic attachments.

The ardent Craftsman who asserts that Masonry is all the religion which the world requires—who declares that the Masonic Institution outranks all other organisations and systems, being equal to the church of the Living God itself—is carried by his enthusiasm to greater lengths than a wise discretion would determine. His excessive zeal for a grand and beneficent Order may lead him to underrate the claims of other teachings and work which perchance may hold a still higher rank. He fails to balance one good thing with another; he neglects to exercise a wise discrimination in passing upon the varied contributing forces of moral and social good; he allows feeling, prejudice, strong attachment to warp his judgment, at least in some particulars.

Some brethren show an excess of zeal for Masonry by giving to its work and associations too much of their thought and time. Not many, perhaps, make a mistake in this direction, but we have known instances where both family associations and religious interests have been made to give way before the demands that were classified under the Masonic name, but which would never have been called for by a zeal regulated by a wise discretion. Not very long ago we heard a worthy Craftsman speaking of his giving four or five evenings a week to Masonic meetings. Now this man is obliged to be away from home each day and can only be with his family at evening time. Ought he not to allot a part of the evenings during the week to home? If he would live through his whole nature ought he not to attend an occasional public lecture, a religious service, a social gathering of his own friends and neighbours? Surely he ought not to give all his spare time to lodge, chapter, and commandery—nor to the meetings of any secret society in which he holds membership and whose teachings and ministries secure his approval. Masonry does not ask any man to neglect his business, his home, or his moral and religious duties, in fostering its interests. He is indeed required to be devoted to the Institution in which he has taken membership, but let his zeal be according to knowledge; let him learn how to act upon one of the great lessons of Masonry, the right dividing of the time, that so he may attend to all individual and associated duties, giving to each its proper place and regard, thus developing a strong, symmetrical and harmonious character, in which true zeal shall hold concurrent jurisdiction with other faculties that help to make life useful and blessed.

### NOW AND THEN.

From the “Corner Stone.”

Retrospectively, how grand one feels with the knowledge that he is a Freemason, occupying to-day that title which has been honoured and distinguished by such as George Washington, Israel Putnam, Lafayette, Warren, Otis, Franklin, Randolph, Wooster, Montgomery, and Marshal, the greatest of chief justices.

We sit in places once occupied by the conscript fathers of Masonry, our honoured ancestors, the types of Masonic fidelity and of chivalric manhood.

Freemasonry is the representative of the truest and most catholic conservatism the world has ever seen, knowing no nationality—free from all political affinity; the evangelist of religion but untrammelled by the bonds of sect or schism—through the long ages of its peaceful course its mission has been to harmonise and humanise mankind. Recognising the distinction of rank and social standing; yielding unquestioned obedience to the civil laws; always respecting place and power; and ever rendering homage to greatness and to wealth, our Institution has embraced and brought together more of every rank, and class, and clime, and country, and religion, and so mingled and united them from sovereign down to subject up, upon the broad level of the tessellated pavement of her temples, that the rough corners of prejudice and intolerance have broken off and rounded, and the rough ashlar made perfect ashlar of toleration and brotherly love!

But a few years ago a brother, the prospective Sovereign of an empire on which the sun never sets, performed certain Masonic Rites in the distant land of India. Parsee, Hindoo, Mahomedan, Jew and Christian, European and Asiatic, thronged in full clothing of the Craft to participate in the ceremonies of the occasion; and whilst the native princes had been slow to honour the Heir Apparent to a Throne, the native Masons were emulous and eager to pay respect and homage to the Grand Master and Prince of England.

What an illustration of the conservatism of Masonry.

It is a patriotic duty then—something unmeasurably higher than any of the aims of parties or of politicians—to preserve and conserve this great conservator; to purify and make it as perfect as human weakness dare attempt; and this can be done best, if not done only, by guarding the approaches to the citadel of our power.

When a Roman citizen presented himself at the comitia as an aspirant for public honours, and sought the suffrages of the people, he was required

to clothe himself in robes of spotless white, to typify his purity of character—he became *candidatus*, or one clad in white, a *candidate*. Let our candidates for Masonic preferment be *candidati*—clothed in the moral garments of spotless white—and let none enter within the ivory portals of our lodges whose lives may *stain* or defile them.

### MASONIC RECONCILIATION.

The following extract, taken from the archives of the City of London of A.D. 1298 (26 Edward I.), to be found in Riley's “Memorials of London,” p. 351, is of interest to all Freemasons:—

“On Monday, the morrow of St. Laurence (10th August), in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of King Edward, there came before Henry le Galeys, Mayor, Thomas Romeyn, William de Leyre, Geoffrey de Nortone, Walter de Feyngesead, and certain other aldermen, *Master* Simon de Pabinghan and *Master* Richard de Wetham, *Masons*; who were then reconciled as to certain abusive words which had before passed between them.

“And the agreement was to this effect—that the said Simon and Richard did grant, each for himself, that if either of them should be able to give information against the other that he had by the same abusive words, or in deed, committed trespass against the other, and such person should, upon the faith of two trustworthy witnesses, be found guilty thereof, he should give 100 shillings towards the fabric of London Bridge; and they further agreed that in case such person should not do so, the Chamberlain should cause the same amount to be levied.”

We beg to commend this little historical incident to the notice of some brethren of ours who like often to parade irreconcilable differences and hopeless antagonisms, despite the sympathetic and tolerant, and always kindly, teaching of Freemasonry.

### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM 1730.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

The advent of Part 3 of the beautifully-executed “reprint” of the early Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania furnishes an opportunity for drawing attention again to this remarkable work. Artistically and Masonically, these parts are of great value, and the Craft generally is much indebted to my dear friend Bro. Meyer and his colleagues of the Library Committee for producing such a capital account of their distinguished Grand Lodge. Part 1 begins with an introduction on the origin of Freemasonry in America, and several valid reasons are given for the claim that Philadelphia is the premier Masonic city of that vast continent. I do not say it is fully demonstrated, but the position (to say the least) is fairly maintained; and, in the absence of other evidence, as yet (if any) unknown, Pennsylvania comes first in order and Mass. next. The connection of Benjamin Franklin with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is carefully described, and many particulars are furnished respecting the Craft in “ye earlye dayes.” A fine portrait of Colonel Daniel Coxe, by Whitechurch, is appropriately inserted as the frontispiece, that brother having been the *first* Provincial Grand Master appointed for America by the Grand Master of England (A.D. 1730).

Part 2 continues the interesting narrative of the Grand Lodge Proceedings down to 1799, and is enlivened with a characteristic portrait of the great Franklin (Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania 1734), drawn by Cochin in 1777, and engraved by Ritchie. His autograph is also given in fac simile, and these are alone worth the small sum charged for the “reprint.” Part 3 (just issued) proceeds with the work to A.D. 1804, and in many respects is the best number yet published, though each has special advantages. The frontispiece is a fine portrait of the Rev. William Smith, D.D. (once Grand Sec.), First Provost of the College of Philadelphia, engraved by the celebrated Bro. John Sartain (who visited this country lately), from the original painting by Benjamin West. The death of Bro. George Washington, of course, forms a prominent feature of this division of the Proceedings, and I am glad to find that not only has the photograph by Bro. Gutkunst of the old Freemasons' Hall of 1802, been inserted, but the excellent paper read by Bro. Meyer before the Rosicrucian Society of Philadelphia, Jan. 30th, 1880, is also reprinted, the Hall having been “torn down” on the same day. Bro. Meyer has done well to furnish a list of all Pennsylvania lodges from 1730 that are known, and presented subscribers with a good portrait of the beloved Bro. John Thomson, so long Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, engraved in Bro. Sartain's best style. Copies of the warrants of some of the old lodges are given, and also of the patent of Bro. Coxe, as Prov. G.M. in 1730. One more part will complete the series. We have received from Bro. Meyer a few copies of each part (1, 2, and 3), to supply any who may desire to be subscribers in this country at *four shillings* each part, post free.—(Address, J. Hughan, Truro, Cornwall.)

GUGOMOS, GOTTLIEB, BARON VON, or FREIHERR, played the part of a Masonic charlatan, in Germany, toward's the latter part of the last century. In 1776, with this remarkable title, “Theophilus a cygno triumphante, Presbyt., Wit., Nov., Can. Cup. in Ædibus H. Dux. Xm. Conf. Rest. Subdel. Relig. Temp. in Prov. Germ., Dan., Sued., et Pol., Prof. Emer. in Art. Dip., Nat., etc.,” sent to all the members of the Strict Observance an invitation to a Convent at Wiesbaden, as he professed to have extraordinary power from some unknown Superiors in the Isle of Cyprus, under the protection of the Holy See, to promulgate a pure and authentic Masonry. He is said to have been a Mason in a French lodge at Mannheim in 1773, and was at the Convent of Brunswick in 1775, when he declared that his system was different. Bode objected to him as an emissary of the Jesuits, and his “convent” at Wiesbaden happily came to nothing. He had eventually to decamp, though he kept up a correspondence with many distinguished Masons in Germany, who seem to have believed in him. He told somebody in 1786 that he was really an emissary of the Jesuits, though it is far more likely that as he lied in one thing he lied in another, and that he himself concocted, as there seems to be evidence that he did, his patents and papers and everything else. According to Kloss and his own letter to Peter Leonhardi, he was the author of “Linar, oder die Geschichte eines deutschen Grafen,” which appeared in 1788.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia*.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.V.G.M.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL

Will be held on Wednesday, the 27th April, 1881, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards. No Tickets will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival. Dinner at Six o'clock precisely. The Musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. S. JERYLL, Grand Organist. Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing. ROBT. GRESLEY HALL, Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards. 11, Avenuc-road, Regent's-park.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, MASONS' HALL TAVERN, COLEMAN STREET, E.C.

BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE, P.M., W.M.

Friday, the 29th April, 1881, at 5.30 p.m.

THE CEREMONIES OF THE THREE DEGREES WILL BE WORKED.

- BRO. JOHN BAGOT SCRIVEN, P.G. Steward. ... S.W. CHARLES ARNOLD, 1679... I.W. ALFRED SACK, S.D. 1679 ... S.D. EUSTACE ANDERSON, 49... I.D. LOUIS STEINGRABER, I.G. 30 ... I.G. CHARLES ARKELL, P.M. 192 ... SEC. HENRY BIRDSEYE, P.M. 715 ... M.C.

The V.W. Brother THE REV. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, Will Preside at the Banquet, Which will be on the Table at Eight o'clock.

TICKETS, FIVE SHILLINGS EACH.

The Brethren will appear in Full Masonic Craft Clothing.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

BAZAAR BALLOT.

Table with 4 columns of numbers: 2318, 8029, 84, 8346, 6646, 866, 739, 9793, 9101, 251, 6578, 18, 380, 4860, 384, 5116, 9138, 9594, 4140, 9250, 8366, 6785, 127, 360, 8995, 5647, 8561, 9193, 8049, 4493, 4205, 887, 6102, 5892, 6218, 6074, 9273, 2886, 6580, 8577, 883, 6092, 1437, 9564, 2928, 4816, 10350, 9411, 8101, 4023, 1781, 8954, 7289, 44, 464, 552, 6222, 2682, 1000, 6640, 1666, 5112, 3444, 1052, 4268, 8413, 4553, 7783, 1668, 9784, 1665, 1618, 399, 9370, 7405, 3425, 482, 2888, 474, 4494, 2364, 8412, 4326, 7785, 1765, 364, 3680, 260, 9375, 6105, 9007, 470, 9654, 1719, 6645, 8993, 9583, 8504, 8574, 5641, 7298, 1002, 9798, 9896, 6073, 8570, 9167, 2354, 7393, 1440

We certify that the above were drawn the winning numbers,

THOS. MEGGY. JOHN CONSTABLE. FREDK. BINCKES. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL. J. FAULKNER, L.D.S. DICK RADCLYFFE.

Goods delivered on production of ticket between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20th, at 70, Guilford-street, Russell-square.

\*\* In consequence of going to press a day earlier, owing to the holidays, and before the ballot was taken, the above was too late for last week's issue.

WOKING COLLEGE, WOKING, SURREY.

Head Master, the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, late Head Master of the Royal Naval School, New Cross, and formerly Head Master of King Edward's School, Edinburgh.

Second Master, the Rev. A. J. MINTON, M.A., late Scholar of Syd. Coll., Cambridge.

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There are three Resident Masters; detached infirmary; large playfields; good bathing; workshops and gardens or boys. Situation very healthy—on Bagshot Sand. Terms moderate and inclusive. Prospectus and report on application.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1881.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch," "Hull Packet," "Sunday Times," "Die Bauhütte," "Freemason's Repository," "Der Long Islaender," "Masonic Advocate," "Jewish Chronicle," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Masonic Record of Western India," "La Gran Logia Revista Masonica Quincenal," "La Chaîne d'Union," "Voice of Masonry," "The Masonic Age," "The Freemason's Monthly," "Corner Stone," "The Natal Witness," "The Eastern Daily Press."

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.]

A SERIOUS MATTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In further reply to Bro. "P. J. J." will you allow me to state that, according to the old bye-laws of the lodge of instruction referred to (a copy of which I enclose to you) it was quite legal to make a charge upon non-members who attended, but whether this was ever acted upon I cannot say.

I regret that there should have been so much correspondence upon, and that such publicity should have been given to, so trifling a matter; and I had hoped that my last letter was a sufficient reply to Bro. "P. J. J." as to the legality of the charge made.

He now, however, seems to alter his plan of attack, and seems to consider his being called upon to pay as a personal affront. I beg, most sincerely, to state it was done from no such motive; and the reason why the other brother mentioned escaped without paying was owing to his not being recognised as a non-member of the lodge—in short, he is not so well-known as Bro. "P. J. J."

In conclusion, allow me to say I shall take no further notice of any letters on this head. Bro. "P. J. J." is known to us all; and he can, if he desires, discuss the matter personally with us.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN DUCKITT, JUN., Sec. N. C. L. of I. 406.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, April 12th.

Will you add as a postscript to my letter that the brother mentioned in Bro. "P. J. J.'s" letter attended the lodge of instruction this evening, and was elected a member of the lodge? It was quite an oversight he was not elected at the previous meeting. As we have over ninety subscribing members, and some not very regular in their attendance, it is difficult to recognise who are and who are not members.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, J. D., JUN.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was very pleased to see in your issue of the 2nd inst., "Past Master's" particulars as to votes &c., in the Girls' and Boys' Schools. It is a great pity that owing to the arrangement of names, the Benevolent Institution cannot be gone into, and so complete the lists. I would suggest that some of your readers out of each province should take the matter up and go through the names, and by that means you would be able to finish the work. Should this be taken up I shall be glad to do my share towards the same.

I am, yours fraternally,

R.M.B.I.

DEAN SWIFT'S "SKIT" ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The extract given by "Antiquarius" from page 30 of "Oliver's Revelations of a Square" is identical with a passage in the "Letter from the Grand Mistress of the Female Free-Masons," by Dean Swift.

Two of the four pairs of Hebrew letters are described

as "shaped like two standing gallowses of two legs each;" two "each like a gallows lying on one of the side posts;" two "like two half-gallowses or a gallows cut in two, at the crossstick on top;" each pair of letters having a distinct signification. "When one brother orders another to walk like a Mason, he must walk four steps backwards; four, because of the four pair of letters already mentioned; and backwards, because the Hebrew is writ and read backwards."

I cannot find any passage in the "letter" referring to the extract from p. 84. There is a promise that "Next week shall be published the Freemasons' oath, with remarks upon it of a young clergyman, who has petitioned to be admitted Chaplain to our lodge," and the reference may be contained in a further paper I have not seen, but which some other brother may light upon.

Yours fraternally,

T. P., P.M. 1125.

THE OLDEST FREEMASON IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to correct an error in your last week's number relative to the oldest living Mason. That honour is still enjoyed by the Warden of the Royal Masonic Institution at Croydon, now in his ninety-second year, and in full possession of all his faculties. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1812, six years before Bro. Wigginton. Bro. Norris has lately had a severe attack of bronchitis, but has quite recovered.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. STRONG, M.D., Hon. Surgeon to the Institution.

April, 18th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observed in the Freemason of last week a statement referring to the death of Bro. John Wigginton, and describing him as "the oldest Freemason in England, if not in the world, initiated in 1818 in the Etonian Lodge, 209, and the father of the Windsor Castle Lodge, 771."

This is evidently an unintentional mistake as to his priority. Bro. Eliot, the well-known banker at Weymouth, was initiated in the All Souls' Lodge, 170, in 1816, and has continued a subscribing member to the present day; he is, therefore, two years the senior of Bro. Wigginton. I was myself initiated in 1819, and consequently am one year only junior of the deceased brother. Bro. Eliot in 1839 received from the Duke of Sussex the appointment of Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, which important office he held for some years to the satisfaction of all concerned. He still takes a lively interest in Masonry, and continues his friendly advice and assistance on all occasions when required.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J. JACOB, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.

Weymouth, April 19th.

THE ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit me to inform your readers, in reference to a communication from an Hon. Member of 1717 reflecting on all and sundry who venture to dispute the authority of Golden-square—

1. That the Grand Orient of Tunis has also a Supreme Council 33°, A. and A. Scottish Rite, and as such is recognised by the Grand Orient of Italy.

2. The Supreme Council 33° of the Antient Egyptian Rite the Rite is a reduction to 33° of the 90° of the Supreme Council of Mizraim of Naples, and dates from 1805, its Hon. Grand Master ad vitam being Gen. Guiseppe Garibaldi, premier Mason of Italy.

3. The A. and P. Rite having no Craft working, can only communicate in the higher Degrees, and as a Sovereign body is accountable to no Masonic body in the world. In short, your correspondent has found a mare's nest.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES HILL, 33°, G.S.G. A. and P. Rite.

P.S. I enclose you a publication under the seal of the Grand Orient of Tunis, which bears the title of "Guide to the First Symbolic Degree of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite."

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I ask the aid of your valuable paper for the purpose of eliciting a sound opinion on the following question: "Can a brother who is not a member of any lodge and who never held a higher position than that of I.G. be appointed and act as a Preceptor of a regularly constituted lodge of instruction?"

I was recently invited to join such a lodge of instruction, held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, where the Preceptor possesses the above qualification.

To me it appears unconstitutional, and certainly against the interest of Freemasonry, that so young and inexperienced a Mason should be elected, and presume to act, the Preceptor, when there are hundreds of experienced Past Masters ready and willing to accept that position.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

Fulham, S.W., April 13th.

Reviews.

**THE TRUE PRINCIPLES AND PRECEPTS OF FREEMASONRY.** Spencer and Co., Great Queen-street, W.C.

This is a sermon originally preached by our excellent and well-known Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. for Suffolk, at the installation of Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., as Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, and published in 1878. We alluded to it most favourably on a former occasion; we repeat our encomium to-day, as the sermon well deserves praise, and will equally well repay perusal. Indeed in a few pages it would probably be difficult to find a more truthful or animated Masonic sermon, or one that more commends itself to the hearts and minds of its readers. All that falls from our distinguished brother is at all times worth hearing and reading, and we know no more striking proof of his Masonic qualifications and his thorough grasp of the true spirit of Freemasonry than that which is afforded by these lucid and striking passages.

**LE TALMUD. L'HISTOIRE DE LA FORMATION DE TALMUD,** Svo. By Professor Wertheimer, Geneva, 1880.

This is one of the helps to the understanding of the Talmud which are so useful to the now increasing number of students of that remarkable compilation. We welcome all such aids, alike to Masonic and general students.

**SUNRISE.** By Wm. Black, author of the "Princess of Thule," &c. Sampson Low and Co., 188, Fleet-street, E.C. Fourth Edition.

This last novel of a well-known writer comes before us in a fourth edition, and amid a pretty general chorus of commendatory criticism. We confess we hardly share in it, as we think the praise is too unqualified and too "loud." The dialogue is animated, though somewhat wordy, and the speakers are too didactic, moralizing, declamatory, and "preaching" to please us, and we think the view of the actual influence and extent of the secret societies a complete mistake. That they exist is a fact, and a very disagreeable "factor" in the history of to-day,—to-morrow. But that they have "honeycombed" Europe, and are alike cosmopolitan and commensurate with civilized humanity, is, we believe, an entire delusion. We also object to the great mistake of the writer in mixing up Freemasonry, whether with "La Marianne," the Carbonari, Madre Natura, or the Nihilists. The statement is a pure fiction, and such a charge is opposed to the "genius" and actuality of Freemasonry. That there are "Freemasons and Freemasons," is probably true, but that Freemasonry proper has anything to do with Secret Political Associations, was originally a Jesuit libel, and is now a "vulgar error." Undoubtedly "Sunrise" has some strong "positions," and not a few striking characters. To many Mr. Black just now appears to be the "harbinger" of a new novelistic literature, and no praise is too high, no words are too ornate, to use by some in respect of his writings, which have now a very large circle of readers. In "Sunrise" the portraiture of "Calabressa" and "Stephan," as well as "Natalie" and her mother, will be greatly admired by many, though as for the hero, while wishing him all prosperity in his wooing, and all happiness in his wedding with yon "tall Hungarian girl," we cannot but repeat the French line, by whomsoever written, "que diable allait il faire dans cette galère." The story is really a series of tableaux, and though very striking and very sensational, hardly appeals to our sense of the reasonable or the useful. The "end" is hazy, and the moral is very questionable. Those, however, who like a truly sensational novel, may well spend an hour over "Sunrise."

**UNCLAIMED MONEY.** A Handy Book for Heirs at Law, Next of Kin, &c. Fifth Thousand. Allen, 11, Ave Maria-lane.

Mr. Edward Preston's "handy book" has an exceptional interest for many of us. It tells us one or two startling "facts," e.g., that there are about, from various sources, 240 millions of unclaimed funds. We cannot see why in public offices, &c., there should be any reticence in the matter, or why—as in the South Sea Stock, for instance—all the names should not be published by the Bank of England. Indeed, there is no reasonable excuse why the fullest information on such matters should not be afforded to the public, which is greatly interested in all such returns.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**THE QUATUOR CORONATI.**

My friend Bro. Gould asks me about the "Quatuor Coronati" Church at Rome. I find in Donovan's "Rome Ancient and Modern," vol. 1, p. 631, this church thus described.

"The Church of the Four Crowned Brothers is situated on the summit of the Crælian, between the Hospital of St. John Lateran, and St. Clements. It was first built, according to Panvinio, by Pope Miltiades in the fourth century, and its name it derives from the four martyrs, Severus, Severianus, Carpophorus, and Victorinus, who suffered in the persecution of Dioclesian, and whose bodies were brought here by Leo IV., in the ninth century. It has a fine and much worn floor of 'opus Alexandrinum,' (Mosaic work), and has an ancient chapel dedicated to St. Sylvester, which now belongs to the 'Confraternity of Sculptors.' A flight of steps leads down into a 'subterranean chapel, inside the altar of which repose the bodies of the Four Crowned Martyrs.' In the Tribune 'the under range of paintings represents the conversion, martyrdom, &c., of the five sculptors Claudius, Nicostratus, Symphorianus, Castorius, and Simplicius, whose relics are preserved in this church. The second range represents the sufferings, and death, of the Four Crowned Martyrs.' It is important to note the distinction and difference between the Four Crowned Martyrs and the Five Sculptors, as their names are often confounded by others.

**MASONIC STUDENT.**

The Prince of Wales has honoured Mr. H. J. Brooks with sittings for his portrait for his picture of the Benchers of the Middle Temple.

**LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, took the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. G. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, took the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Constable, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, H. S. Somerville Burney, J. D. Collier, Charles Frederick Hogard, W. H. Perryman, Edward Spooner, P.M. and Treasurer 1420; J. W. Matthews, P.M. 143; James H. Hawkins, W.M. 1603; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; William Drake, W.M. 1586; Frederick Brasted, W.M. 1524; Thomas Cheape, W.M. 1389; J. Gardner, W.M. 749; C. F. Matier, P.M. 645; Samuel Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer 902; John Mason, P.M. 1567; G. H. Patmore, W.M. 228; Dick Radclyffe, W.M. 742; W. W. Dean, P.M. 417; Louis Hirsch, W.M. 1818; J. J. Limebeer, P.M. 1275; W. Woodfield Riess, W.M. 186; W. S. Daniel, W.M. 1541; Edward Coste, P.M. 9; B. R. Bryant, W.M. 1329; J. H. Coulson, W.M. 27; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at last meeting to the amount of £465. There were twenty-four new cases on the list. Of these one was dismissed and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total of £535, consisting of one £75 (£75); one £50 (£50); three £48 (£120); two £30 (£60); one £25 (£25); eight £20 (£160); two £15 (£30); one £10 (£10); and one £5 (£5).

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

**CONSECRATION OF THE CHAPTER OF LOYALTY, No. 897.**

On Thursday afternoon, the 14th inst., there was a goodly congregation of companions at the Masonic Buildings, St. Helen's, near Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at the consecration of a new chapter, to be henceforth known as the Chapter of Loyalty, No. 897. The event was viewed with much interest, and there is every reason to believe that complete success will attend the existence of the new Masonic combination.

The chapter was opened by Comp. H. S. Alpass, 680, P.G.S.E., acting Z.; Comp. J. T. Callow, 673 and 86, P.P.G.T., P.Z., acting H.; and Comp. Robert Wylie, 292, P.P.G.H., acting J.; supported by Comps. J. R. Goepel, 86 and 216, P.P.G.P.A.S., acting S.E.; S. N. Harrison, 86, P.Z., acting S.N.; and Reginald Young, 86, P.Z., acting P.S.

The members present were Comps. Chas. C. Wilson, Rev. C. F. Mermagen, W. J. Thomson, J. 86; W. J. Marrow, W. Leather, W. P. Robinson, J. S. Dunn, H. C. Oppenheim, R. G. Brook, and P. Ball, P.G. Janitor.

The visitors, besides those already named, included Comps. Fredk. Smith, S.E. 86; L. H. Hartley, 86; John Twist, P.Z. 86; J. Skeaf, 216, P.G.O.; Henry Ashmore, Z. 823; Thos. Armstrong, 216, P.P.G. Soj., P.P.G. Treas.; Chas. Haswell, 216; H. Vollmer, P.G.J., P.Z. 1375; W. Harrison, 86; and Joseph Wood, 249 and 1094 (Freemason).

Comp. ALPASS addressed the members of the new chapter, exhorting them to be specially careful in admitting new companions among them, as harmony was most essential; and advised them to use the experience they had already gained in Craft Masonry in making their selections. He then called upon acting S.E. to read the authorisation, petition, and also warrant from the Grand Chapter; and afterwards, assisted by the other acting Principals and officers, proceeded to perform the impressive ceremony of consecration, which was carried out to the satisfaction of all present. The incidental music, composed by Comp. Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., was effectively rendered by Comps. Thos. Armstrong, P.P.G.P.S., P.P.G.T.; Henry Ashmore, Z. 823; Charles Haswell, 216; and J. P. Bryan, 203.

Comp. W. J. THOMSON, acting as P.G.S.E., read the warrant; Comp. Goepel officiated as M.C.; and the corn, wine, oil, and salt were borne by Comps. Alpass, Wylie, Callow, and Thomson.

The Three Principals designate—Comps. W. Leather, M.E.Z.; W. J. Marrow, H.; and J. G. Dunn, J.—were presented by Comp. J. R. Goepel, and efficiently installed by the acting M.E.Z. The following companions were then elected and invested: Comps. Thos. Morris, S.E. (by proxy); R. G. Brooke, S.N.; Rev. C. F. Mermagen, P.S.; C. Wilson and W. R. Robinson, A.S. Comp. W. Thomson was elected Treasurer. Several brethren and companions were proposed for admission and joining, and the chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

The majority of the companions afterwards dined together at the Fleece Inn, where an excellent repast was served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially received.

**BRO. GRAHAM, OF QUEBEC.**

We copy the following flattering tribute to one of our citizens from the report of the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont for the present year. It is well known among the Craft here, that although Dr. Graham is Scotch by birth, he was initiated into Freemasonry while sojourning in Vermont, and it is also worthy of remark, as showing the cosmopolitan character of the Fraternity, that many of the chiefs of the Order in England, including the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., were made Masons under foreign jurisdictions:

"We are happy to note the fact that our distinguished and well-known Bro. John H. Graham, LL.D., has again ascended the throne as Grand Master of Quebec. He received his Masonic light in our jurisdiction, and the Fraternity in Vermont have ever taken great pride in his advancing footsteps in Masonry, until for the third time after a lapse of many years, he presides over the Craft. He has gained a world-wide fame as an eminent Craftsman, and we assure our sister Grand Lodge that Vermont takes just and honourable pride in the distinguished rank her Masonic son occupies around the globe, and may his labours ever be blessed by the Divine Grand Master and approved of man. So mote it be."—*Richmond Guardian, U.S.A.*

**THE PRINCE OF WALES AND PRINCE LEOPOLD AT NORWICH.**

The ceremony of opening the first of the National Fisheries' Exhibition, held at the Drill Hall, St. Giles, Norwich, took place on Monday, the 18th inst., under the auspices, and performed by, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., under circumstances of a most favourable nature. The day was beautifully fine, and all that could be desired for so favourable an occasion, and thousands of persons from all parts of the city and county availed themselves of the opportunity of paying homage to so important an event by assembling together and lining the route designed for H.R.H. to take in coming from the Thorpe Railway Station to his destination, anxious for a sight of, and to welcome him with his lovely consort; H.R.H. Prince Leopold and other distinguished personages accompanying them.

To Masons especially the presence of H.R.H. was an extremely pleasurable one, and it was regretted that occasion did not offer whereby they might have taken part as such, and received the M.W. Grand Master in due form. However, H.R.H. is with every one in this city, more especially with Masons, a welcome visitor, and the pleasure of Masons was enhanced by the presence of Prince Leopold, the P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, P.G.W., in whom no little interest was felt. This was his first visit to Norwich, and a keen desire was manifested by all for a sight of Her Most Gracious Majesty's youngest son, and so distinguished a Mason. The city generally was gaily decorated with bunting and devices suitable to the occasion. Among others, by leave of Lord Suffield, P.G.M., the banners of the following lodges were hung outside the Masonic Club, St. Giles's-street, by which the procession passed, viz.: Union, 52; Social, 93; Perseverance, 213; Cabbell, 807; Sincerity, 943; Walpole, 1500; and Suffield, 1808; and received the marked notice of the G.M. as well as of Prince Leopold. A number of brethren assembled themselves at the Club anxious for, and gave H.R.H. and company hearty and loyal cheers as they passed them.

The Royal party arrived in the city shortly before noon, and was received by the Mayor of Norwich (S. Grimner, Esq.), the Sheriff (P. Eade, Esq.), and the Deputy Mayor (Bro. Harry Bullard), who all wore their municipal robes and insignias of office. The P.G.M., Lord Suffield, K.C.B., was also present on their arrival, and took an active and important part in the ceremony of introduction.

The Royal and distinguished visitors consisted of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales; Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Lord President of the Council; Earl Spencer, and the Countess Spencer; the Home Secretary, Sir Wm. Harcourt, and Lady Harcourt; His Excellency Count Dannesckjold-Samsøe; Count Frijs-Frijsborg; Lord and Lady Charles Beresford; the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Mundella, M.P.; Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen; Mr. C. Hall; Lieut.-Gen. Probyn and Col. Teesdale, in attendance upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Dr. Royle, in attendance upon Prince Leopold; the Rev. F. Hervey; Mr. Holzmann; Miss Knollys, and Mr. F. Knollys. As the *cortège*, which was a formidable one, proceeded from the station along Prince of Wales's-road, London-street, Market-place, St. Giles, to the Drill Hall, escorted by a detachment of the third Hussars, a very hearty reception was everywhere given them. Upon arrival at the Exhibition a distinguished company awaited them to add grace to the occasion. Among those present were the Earl and Countess Leicester, the Lord Bishop of Norwich and the Misses Pelham, Bro. Sir W. F. Folkes, P.G.J.W. Norfolk; Sir T. and Lady Beevor, Sir W. and Lady Foster, J. J. Colman, Esq., M.P., and Misses Colman, R. P. Gardon, Esq., M.P., J. H. Tillett, Esq., M.P., Bro. Hamon Le Strange, P.P.G.J.W., P.G. Treas. Norfolk; W. A. T. Amherst, P.P.G.S.W. Norfolk; Bro. Col. Bignold, P.P.G.R. Norfolk; and many other distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the county.

The hall, which had been very prettily decorated, presented a very animated and brilliant appearance, and their Royal Highnesses were received with enthusiastic cheers. An address was then read to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by E. Birkbeck, Esq., M.P., the President of the Exhibition, and an illuminated copy of the same presented to him.

H.R.H. in a few words thanked the President for his address, and immediately opened the exhibition. H.R.H. and company were then conducted round the building, and inspected the various articles exhibited with considerable interest. From the Drill Hall the party next proceeded, via Chapel Field-road, St. Stephens-street, the Market-place, Exchange-street, to St. Andrew's Hall, where a *dejeuner* had been prepared, given by the Mayor, a numerous company being present, but which our space prevents us to particularise. The menu was of a most sumptuous character.

After luncheon was over the Mayor, amidst loud cheers, gave "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." The Mayor then gave, amid enthusiastic cheering, "The Health of the Illustrious Guests, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and the rest of the Royal Family" (much cheering.)

H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, who was received with prolonged cheering, expressed, in returning thanks for the toast, the pleasure of himself and his distinguished guests at being present at the inauguration of the exhibition in the county. He highly commended the interest taken in the exhibition of life saving apparatus, and expressed a hope that a National Society might be instituted to maintain the Widows and Orphans of those drowned at sea. He also thanked the Fishmongers' Company for the support given by them to the exhibition. Before sitting down H.R.H. proposed "Success to the National Fisheries Exhibition" (cheers), and coupled with it "The Health of E. Birkbeck, Esq., M.P., the President," to whom he offered his congratulations for the success of the exhibition. (Prolonged cheering.) E. Burbeck, Esq., M.P., then suitably replied at some length.

After which H.R.H. Prince LEOPOLD, amid considerable cheering, proposed "The Health of the Mayor," and in the course of his remarks expressed the pleasure he felt at his first visit to the City of Norwich, and concluded by saying that his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, was only from obvious reasons unable to be present at the day's proceedings, otherwise he would have attended. H.R.H. resumed his seat amid loud cheers.

The MAYOR having replied, H.R.H. and company took their departure for Sandringham. A detachment of the 3rd Hussars, the 1st Norfolk Artillery Volunteers, and the 1st Norfolk Volunteers took part in the proceedings of the day. The exhibition will remain open day and night during the week.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF FIDELITY (No. 3).**—At the last meeting of this lodge, held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, a very interesting event occurred. One of the oldest members of the lodge, Bro. James Squire, P.M., has fulfilled the post of Honorary Secretary of the lodge for nearly thirty years, and as the lodge is numerous, these duties are correspondingly heavy, and have been performed with considerable tact and ability by the brother alluded to. Some of the older members of the lodge, who necessarily are more fully acquainted with the labour attending the duties of the post, thought that an opportunity presented to recognise these services, and on consultation with the Master and officers of the lodge, the matter was very warmly entered into by them, and on the lodge being taken into confidence, a very substantial sum was subscribed, and in the result it was determined to present the Honorary Secretary with a gold watch and chain, which through the instrumentality of Bro. Peacock was purchased for presentation. At the before mentioned meeting the W.M. took an early opportunity of proposing "The Health of Bro. J. Squire, the Secretary," and in doing so very deservedly alluded to the excellent manner in which the duties of the office had at all times been performed, not only ministerially but with great benefit to the well-doing and harmony of the lodge. He then in a formal manner made the presentation as from the members of the lodge to their old friend and brother, accompanied with their good wishes and hopes for his continued health and happiness for years to come. The watch bore the following inscription, "Presented to Bro. James Squire, P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, to record their high appreciation of the manner in which he had fulfilled the duty of Secretary of the lodge for a period of twenty-eight years. April 13th, 1881." The W.M. then proceeded to say that the members of the lodge desired that their appreciation of the services of the Secretary should be further recorded, and with that view requested the Secretary to convey this feeling to Mrs. Squire, and with it to ask her acceptance of a silver tea and coffee service, in order that his worth might be held in daily remembrance in his own household. Bro. Squire, in a very touching and feeling reply, accepted the proffered gifts, and in doing so thanked the brethren, in the name of Mrs. Squire and himself, for their substantial and brotherly recognition of his labours, and assured the lodge that the time and thought he had bestowed upon the work connected with the lodge had been to him a pleasure, and not a task, the more so as at all times he met with the approval and support of the lodge.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).**—The regular meeting of this good old lodge was held at the White Hart Tavern, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, S.E., on the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Skirving, and his Wardens, Bros. Robinson, S.W., Jenaway, J.W. The reading of the minutes and their confirmation followed, and the W.M. proceeded with the examination of Bro. Coleman, and finding him worthy passed him a stage higher. The W.M. again resumed, and took successful ballot for the following gentlemen, Messrs. Carter and Lynch, who, being present, were regularly initiated. The W.M. rose and made enquiries for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Stuart, P.M., Secretary, informed the W.M. that he had received three letters from poor brothers, and no doubt worthy, to the fact of which vouchers were handed in. The brethren at once considered the applications, and on the proposition of the Treasurer, P.M. Whiting, who truly observed that it was better they were all equally assisted than that one worthy brother should go away unrewarded, the best way would be to empty the charity box on their behalf, which goodly sum was divided amongst them, the charity of this lodge to its indigent members and to the Masonic Institutions generally being proverbial, they at the present time being Vice-patrons of the Institutions for Widows and Aged Freemasons, also Vice-Presidents of the Boys' and Girls' Schools (a good example to the Craft).

The business being over the lodge was closed, and the W.M. headed the brethren to the banqueting hall, where a most excellent and well served repast was in waiting, doing great credit to Bro. Carrington, the proprietor, as a caterer, and under his own superintendence was all that could be desired. The W.M. rose and intimated to the brethren that he intended to do honour to all the Masonic toasts. So much had been said in all lodges as to their just merits, and they all knew the usual deference that was paid to their exalted rulers and Royal Patron, in all of which he fully concurred, that he was sure the brethren of the Vitruvian Lodge would join with him in doing honour to the toast of "Queen and Craft," which he now proposed to them, and the brethren would echo his words by a good fire. The same was heartily responded to. Then followed that of the "Royal Grand Master, Prov. G.M., D.G.M., Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present," all of them being fully demonstrated to by all present. The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," and observed that the newly-admitted ones that evening, by their great attention to the ceremony, inspired him with strong hopes for their future progress, and he could assure them if they only remained true to Freemasonry they would find it true to them, and he called on the brethren to drink their healths. The toast received true Masonic reception. The initiates made suitable replies. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors;" they had several among them that evening, consisting of P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and others. He felt the highest gratification at there being present brethren who had borne the heat and burden of office in its varying progress from D.C. to P.M., and they were certainly worthy of their notice, and he hoped to have visitors on all occasions during his year of office. He would, therefore, call on the Vitruvians for a good fire, which was most heartily responded to. The visitors severally returned thanks, stating the great enjoyment they all felt at the very excellent working they had witnessed in the lodge, and the happy welcome accorded them by all, and were sure if the W.M. was provided with plenty of labour he would prove his efficiency in discharging any Masonic duties they were likely to require of him, and for the very flattering reception they had received begged to hope for health, and prosperity to the members of the Vitruvian

Lodge. The toast of "The P.M. of the Lodge and those present" came next, to which Bro. Whiting, P.M., replied, thanking the assemblage that evening for again showing their respect towards them. He would like to say he felt very gratified at the friendly criticism of their visitors, more especially to that part referring to their working; he only hoped that those who were in office, and those who were looking forward for appointments, would pay visits to the lodge of instruction, and learn—and perfect what they did learn—as their W.M. had done. Those who had spoken so well of his working knew something of Masonry, and would agree with him in what he had said. It was highly satisfactory to his feelings to know that the little assistance he had rendered had helped to produce such excellent fruit, and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner the toast had been received. Other toasts were given and acknowledged. To that of "The Officers" several replied. The S.W., speaking for himself, said he felt equally with the P.M. the high compliment paid by the visitors to the W.M., and he was doing his best to fit himself for similar acknowledgments. He was unable to attend their lodge of instruction, owing to distance, but he was regular in his attendance at another one, close to him. The W.S. replied with a few remarks, and hoped to fit himself for higher office next installation. This officer worked very hard for the comfort of all present. Bro. Lee having given the Tyler's toast, the remainder of the evening was spent in sociality and mirth. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Robertson, S.W.; Jenaway, J.W.; Nott, I.P.M.; Hopkins, P.M.; Ross, P.M.; Timothy, P.M.; Jolly, P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Knight, S.D.; Ball, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; Minstrel, D.C.; and Birch, W.S. Visitors: Bros. Paton, Organist Israel Lodge; Black, 1158; Sibley, 201; and others. Amongst the lay members were Bros. Knowles, Warlerer, Wallerton, Goodall, Chamberlain, Issac, Lambourne, Lovelock, Woolfiffe, Watson, and others, in all about fifty being present.

**COSMOPOLITAN LODGE (No. 917).**—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday week, under the presidency of Bro. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M. In addition to the above named there were present Bros. W. Rowley, S.W.; F. W. Jones, P.M., Treas.; L. Stean, P.M., Sec.; Lovell Keays, P.M.; G. M. Taylor, P.M.; T. W. Jones, P.M.; G. Redding, S.D.; J. Field, J.D.; George Edwards, W.M. 1816, I.G.; A. G. Winsor, D. of C.; C. F. Goodenough, Steward; J. Marsh, Tyler; J. King, Thomas Burdett, W. Nash, R. Prime, L. James, W. T. Yates, J. Blondel, R. Abbott, N. Sprule, and the following visitors: Bros. S. P. Labouchere, of the Frederick Royal Lodge, Rotterdam; G. Allison, 1298; R. Howland, 1366; R. Newman, 1445; R. B. Greenwood, 1623; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was opened at six o'clock, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The next business was the balloting for two candidates, Messrs. Jules Blondel and Alfred Sprules, for initiation. This being declared in their favour, they were duly prepared and subsequently initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being performed in a very creditable manner by the W.M., Bro. Van Raalte.

After a few matters of minor importance, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rand, and genially presided over by the W.M. At the conclusion of banquet, grace was given from the chair, and the customary toasts followed. The first toast, that of "The Queen," the W.M. said was loyally received in all companies of Englishmen, and never more heartily than by foreign gentlemen residing in England. The same remarks applied to the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," whose good qualities, both as a Royal Prince, and as Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity, endeared him to all. The next toast was that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." This having been duly honoured, the toast that followed was that of "The W.M.," in introducing which Bro. Keyes said, that such a toast, like good wine, needed no bush. He had had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Van Raalte, and naturally felt great pleasure in seeing him in the position he now occupied. The W.M. in returning thanks, acknowledged that it was with pride he remembered that to Bro. Keyes he was indebted for Masonic light. At that time he felt it impossible ever to reach the chair, but having succeeded his aim was to fulfil his duties in a proper manner, so that at the expiration of his year he would retain the same good opinion of the brethren as he thought he at present possessed. The next toast was that of "The Initiates," which, after being acknowledged by those newly-enlightened brethren, was followed by "The Visitors," the W.M. wishing them a hearty welcome, and expressing a sincere hope that they would visit the lodge again. Among the visitors, the W.M. continued, was a member of the Grand Lodge of Rotterdam. He could not be called a foreigner, as there was no such distinction known in the Cosmopolitan Lodge. Bros. Labouchere, Allison, and others having replied, the W.M. next gave in able terms "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Keyes, who made an eloquent speech in reply. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Stein, Taylor, Keyes, and Jones replied; the first named, in the course of an interesting speech, said that, as the oldest founder living, having been connected with the lodge since 1862, he could, with some authority, speak as to the career of the lodge, which, he could truly say, had been somewhat chequered. But a brighter career was now before it. It was, he might say, in the right groove, and with careful management would prosper. It was his sincere wish to be spared long enough to see each Master of the lodge a Vice-President of each of the Institutions, a wish he had every hope of seeing fulfilled. The Treasurer, Bro. F. W. Jones, also replied, giving some interesting facts as to the prosperous condition of the lodge funds. The next toast was that of "The Masonic Press," which the W.M. proposed in eulogistic terms, acknowledging that to the Press he was indebted for most of the Masonic learning he possessed. He was exceedingly pleased to see the *Freemason* represented, and he would call upon the brethren to drink to the toast in bumpers. This being done, and our representative having acknowledged the compliment, the remaining toasts were given and duly responded to.

**STANHOPE LODGE (No. 1269).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, when there were present Bros. S. T. Kingston, W.M.; A. S. Harrison, S.W.; J. A. Smith, J.W.; J. C. Ring, P.M., Treas.; H. Wood, P.M., Sec.; D. M. Murrow, S.D.; W. C. Page, J.D.; W. C. Canton, P.M., D.C.; B. G. Frampton, I.G.; A. B. Church, Tyler; J. W. Lassam, A. W. J. Wellington, R. Thorn, F. Lassam, H. H. Marten, T. Swan, W. B. Salter, S. Digby, and R. Ludgate.

Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Marten, Thorn, and Swan were passed to the Degree of F.C., and the lecture on the second tracing board delivered by Bro. Wood, P.M. and Sec. The lodge was closed. There was no banquet, but all the brethren, except Bro. Page, remained for a plain dinner, and spent the evening enlivened by harmony from several brethren, who separated in perfect accord.

**ERA LODGE (No. 1423).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday week, the 6th inst. The brethren present were: Bros. Augustus F. Loos, W.M.; E. W. Devereux, I.P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M.; John Faulkner, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; J. Beresford Ryley, M.D., S.D.; E. F. Henman, I.G.; George L. Wingate, D. of C.; Wm. Lane, Tyler; John Fixter, C. H. Glover, L. W. Mitchell, and the following visitors: Bros. R. J. Smith, W.M. 34; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1512; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; Thomas Kingston, P.M. 862, 1612; W. A. Simmons, P.M. 1559; Frank Elmore, 12; J. W. Long, 569; J. Robinson, 784; George Jenkinson, 1329; Charles Hornby, 1556; G. A. Williams, 1642; F. A. Smith, 1669; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been regularly opened in the various Degrees, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, the Installing Officer, assumed the chair, when Bro. John Faulkner, W.M. elect, was presented, and having given assent to the Ancient Charges, all brethren below the chair retired. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. Baldwin in a most efficient and impressive manner, eliciting high praise from those fairly entitled to judge of good working. The brethren having been re-admitted the W.M. was proclaimed, and saluted in regular form. The following brethren received the honour of office: Bros. Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; E. T. Henman, S.D.; G. L. Wingate, J.D.; R. Chipperfield, I.G.; F. P. Jenkins, D.C.; W. A. Simms, W.S.; and C. H. Glover, Org. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, the brethren reassembling together, after a brief interval at the banquet table. After banquet, grace was said by the W.M., who subsequently proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which, owing to the lateness of the hour, were creditably brief. To the toast of "The R.W.G.M. of Middlesex, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," Bro. J. T. Moss replied, and in doing so said that it was a matter of great regret to the brethren that the gallant colonel was not present among them, and he was sure something of great importance had kept him away, as he had promised to attend. It was extremely gratifying to see with what unanimity the Grand Officers of Middlesex worked together, and the kindly welcome they always received from the many lodges in the province. "The Health of the W.M.," proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Moss, was duly acknowledged by Bro. Faulkner, who next gave, in happy terms, the toast of "The Visitors," coupling with the same the names of Bros. T. W. Long and Kelly, who, with others, replied. The next toast was that of "The Installing Master," in proposing which Bro. Faulkner paid just tribute to Bro. Baldwin's efficiency in that office. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Baldwin briefly replied, expressing the great pleasure he experienced at installing Bro. Faulkner, whom he had had the honour of knowing for many years, and who he felt sure would fill the chair with credit both to himself and the lodge. Several other toasts were proposed and duly acknowledged.

**DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when the following brethren were present: Bros. T. C. Corpe, W.M.; J. W. Brooke, I.P.M.; Dr. W. G. Bott, S.W.; A. Stokes, S.D., acting J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas.; Dr. J. C. Wilkins, J.D.; Capt. W. Furse, W.S.; Rowe, Tyler; W. B. Marcus, C. H. Cox, H. Cattermole, F. Gent, H. S. Trego, J. Da Silva, J. R. H. Miller, H. Jakins, F. Quoadt, A. T. Baschinski, and W. Gaspey. Visitors: Bros. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; Payne, 192; J. Cattermole, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. H. S. Trego, F. Gent, and J. Da Silva were passed to the Degree of F.C., after which a ballot was taken for Mr. Albert Thomas Baschinski, a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous, and he being in attendance, he was duly initiated. The next business on the agenda was the election of the following officers for the ensuing year, the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, with the following result: Bro. Dr. W. G. Bott, S.W., W.M. elect; Bro. J. W. Dewsnap, Treasurer; and Bro. R. W. Goddard, P.M., Tyler, the election in each case being unanimous. An Audit Committee was next appointed consisting of the following brethren: Bros. H. Cattermole, W. B. Marcus, and F. Quoadt. A Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. on the proposition of Bro. Dr. Bott, W.M. elect. A candidate, Mr. Augustus Sidney Passmore, was proposed for initiation at an emergency meeting to be called in the month of May. Bro. J. W. Brooke, I.P.M., announced, by permission of the W.M., that it was his intention to form a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the lodge, and formally requested permission for the title the "Duke of Cornwall" to be used by the R.A. chapter, which on the motion of the W.M. was unanimously granted. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The members of this lodge held their regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Nicholl, W.M.; Mark Vickers, I.P.M.; H. Walmley, S.W.; Robert Tomlins, J.W.; John Smethurst, P.M.

Treas.; W. J. Cunliffe, Sec.; Jas. Wilson, S.D.; P. Holmes, J.D.; Eckersley, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; R. R. Lisenden (Freemason) and R. B. Harper, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M.; J. G. Elderton, Edward Smith, Bates, Hughes, Samuels, Church, and others. Visitors: Bros. Frank A. Hult, S.W. 1009; P.P.G. Purs. Staffordshire; J. G. Bromley, W.M. 1375; W. J. Sowter, W.M. 815; H. Bracewell, S.D. 1633; J. N. Squirrell, 1387 and 1633; J. Aldred, P.M. 1140; and others.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. H. Burry was balloted for, and being unanimously elected, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. This ceremony completing the business of the evening, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at eight o'clock. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, at the conclusion of which a very pleasant evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by songs and recitations, ably rendered by Bros. Walmsley, Eckersley, Bladon, Lever, H. Bracewell, and Daniel Donbavand.

**NORWICH.**—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday the 31st ult., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. George Green. He was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W.; James Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Henry Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne (Freemason), J.D.; Thos. Winter, I.G.; Wm. Murrell, Tyler; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; Robt. A. Madge, Organist; and Chas. Payne, and W. N. Cooper, Stewards. In addition to those already mentioned there were among others present Bros. J. W. Bateman, Charles Holborn, M. J. Bailey, George J. Berry, E. Wilkins, H. J. Wade, M. Knights, Robt Jeary, and E. M. Scales. Amongst the visitors were included Bros. Capt. Clements, J. Smith, 45; George Kersey, W.M.; O. D. Ray, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C.; James Offord, P.M. 213; W. H. Moss, 943; and W. R. Tidnam, 1500.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then performed the ceremonies of passing Bro. Mark Knights, and of raising Bro. Chas. Holborn in a very impressive manner, and with singular correctness. Bro. Reeves, J.W., as Secretary to the Masonic Club, then reported to the lodge that twenty-five shares in the company had been allotted to the lodge, which sum had been raised by contributions made among the brethren, a course it was hoped would be followed by other lodges. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed with peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, and upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to the fact that the W.M. had that day been elected by a large majority as a Guardian of the City, and congratulated him upon his continuing in such office, he also congratulated him upon his successful working. The W.M., in responding to his health, thanked the brethren for their kind wishes. Several very excellent songs and recitations were given by the brethren, notably two recitations, one given by Bro. Payne, entitled "Duty," and the other by Bro. Wilkin, entitled "The Jew and the Sailor," which were admirably rendered.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—There are few lodges in Liverpool which have so long and honourably upheld and manifested the best principles of Freemasonry in respect to pure charity and the fraternal feeling which ought to subsist in all Masonic assemblies than the Temple Lodge, No. 1094; and therefore the annual installation meeting of the members on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was as interesting and pleasant as the most exacting could have desired. The brethren were summoned for four o'clock prompt, and very shortly after that hour the business of the afternoon was commenced by Bro. Thomas Birch, W.M., who was assisted and supported by Bros. D. W. Winstanley, P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. Crane, P.M.; R. Washington, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; Harrison B. Jones, S.W. (W.M. elect); John Alexander, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, P.M., Treas.; T. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; H. Horspool, S.D.; Evan J. Callow, J.D.; Thomas Carr, I.G.; R. N. D. Johnson, P.M., M.C.; J. Skeaf, Org.; R. Bethel, S.; F. E. Boustead, S.; E. W. Boulding, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. R. Ellinger, G. Pringle, Joseph Wood (Freemason), M. Yeaman, W. Jones, R. J. Ingham, R. Morris, P. Reed, A. Critchley, T. Duman, E. Baldwin, T. S. Winstanley, B. Smith, E. Sepleton, Callow, and others. The visitors who were present included Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; L. Guinard, 1035; H. Worthington, W.M. 1570; Dr. Costine, P.M. 216; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M. 1609; T. Fraser, 1264; T. Davies, P.M. 1182; J. Davies, 325; H. C. Ashmore, P.M. 823; G. J. Davis, S.W. 605; H. Jones, 1576; J. Humphries, 724, and others.

Bro. Harrison B. Jones was most effectively installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., and the officers subsequently invested were Bros. Birch I.P.M.; J. Alexander, S.W.; H. Horspool, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Thomas Marsh, Secretary (re-appointed for the fifteenth time); Evan J. Callow, S.D.; Thomas Carr, J.D.; R. Bethel, I.G.; F. E. Boulding, F. E. Boustead, and R. Ellinger, Stewards; J. Skeaf, Org.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler for the sixteenth time. After the transaction of other business, the W.M. presented Bro. T. Birch, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, referring to the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge while he had occupied the chair.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting-room, where, after dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

**MANCHESTER.**—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Street-ord. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Crosby, W.M.; J. B. Andrew, S.W.; J. E. Boden, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; W. Cole, Sec.;

J. Cole, S.D.; W. Tyers, I.G.; J. Worthington, Tyler; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. W.L.; G. Shaw, P.M.; G. Barber, P.M.; W. Greatorex, P.M.; C. Cooper, C. W. Davies, J. W. Davies, A. Hope, H. Smethard, W. O. Bullock, E. Stevens, W. Waller, and Edwin Bradworth. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Pead, 993; W. Nicholls, P.P.G.P.; J. Beresford, P.M. 104, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Nield, P.M. 163; Dr. H. Davis Marks, W.M. 1798; George Board, S.D. 1798; A. Ingham, 1565; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened shortly before three o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was reported on by Bro. Shaw, P.M., who, in regretting the same was not in such a satisfactory condition as he would like it to have been, explained to the brethren that during the past year several sums of money had been devoted to the cause of charity, and this fact, added to that of several unpaid subscriptions to come in, would give a different complexion to the matter. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., having assumed the chair, the installation ceremony commenced. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Bake Andrew, was presented to the Installing Master, and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. was saluted by the brethren in the customary manner, after which Bro. Goodacre delivered the addresses, which concluded the ceremony. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Henry Crosby, I.P.M.; John E. Boden, S.W.; W. Cole, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; J. Cole, Sec.; T. Avison, S.D.; W. Tyers, J.D.; Alfred Lewtas, D.C.; Henry Smethard, Org.; C. Cooper, I.G.; and John Worthington, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.15.

An omnibus was in waiting to convey the brethren to Urmston, and having been conveyed thither, they proceeded to Bro. John Walton's Victoria Hotel to celebrate the festival of St. John. A most recherche banquet had been prepared for them by Bro. Walton, and to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proceeded with, and in response to that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bros. S. W. Bowden, P.P.G.S. West Lancashire, and J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire, returned thanks. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Henry Crosby, I.P.M., said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, and trusted Bro. Andrew might have as pleasant a year of office as he had had. He was well deserving of the honour that had been conferred upon him, and he thought the brethren might look for great things from their new W.M. during the ensuing year. Bro. Crosby concluded by wishing Bro. Andrew a prosperous year of office, and asked the brethren to join with him in drinking a bumper to the toast. The invitation was cordially responded to, after which Bro. Nathaniel Dumville sang "Here's to his health." The W.M. in reply said he thanked Bro. Henry Crosby for his kind remarks and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast. The brethren, he said, had that day placed him by their unanimous vote in the proud and honourable position of W.M., and as he thought that no brother should take that position without having first shown some little proficiency in the working of the lodge, and betraying and earnest desire for its prosperity and welfare, he presumed the brethren had noticed those qualifications in him, and he would do his utmost to merit their confidence. Bro. Andrew said that the unanimous vote which the brethren had accorded him would be an incentive to him to do his work to the best of his ability. He knew he had an arduous task before him to keep up the status which the Prince Leopold Lodge enjoyed for its working, which had been ably done by several Worshipful Masters in the past. He trusted he should leave the chair in the same unsullied condition in which he had found it from his Immediate Past Master, Bro. Henry Crosby. In eulogising the manner in which that excellent brother had performed his duties during the past year, Bro. Andrew said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Crosby in the name of the lodge with a gold P.M.'s jewel, to mark the appreciation and high esteem in which he was held by every member of it, and in doing so he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. might long spare him to look upon that jewel as a reminder of the love and esteem he had gained, and that when he was called away to the Grand Lodge above it might descend as an heirloom to his children. Bro. Crosby in a few well chosen words thanked Bro. Andrew for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their handsome present, which he should value as long as he lived. Bro. Crampton, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," who had so ably and impressively performed the installation ceremony that day, and regretted very much that Bro. Goodacre was unable to be present with them at the banquet owing to indisposition. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. William Cole proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in laudatory terms, and Bros. the Rev. Harwood Cooke and Rev. H. Davis Marks responded. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable and memorable evening was spent by all present, the proceedings being enlivened by some excellent glees and songs, finely rendered by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, N. Dumville, and Alfred Lewtas, whilst Bro. W. Cole lent valuable aid at the piano. We cannot conclude this notice without conferring upon Bro. John Walton, the amiable and obliging host, and also upon his good wife, our unqualified admiration for the manner in which they catered for the brethren. The tables were tastefully and artistically laid out with an abundance of choice flowers, whilst the quality of the viands provided and the attendance left nothing to be desired by the most fastidious.

**ALFORD.**—Hamilton Lodge (No. 1600).—The installation meeting of this Lincolnshire lodge was held on Monday afternoon last, the 11th inst. W. Bro. T. C. Johnson took the chair, in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, M.A. The P.G.M. for Lincolnshire, W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, honoured the lodge with his presence. Bro. F. D. Marsden, the esteemed P.G. Secretary for Lincolnshire, was present, as was also Bro. T. G. Tupholme, W.M. 712, and Bro. T. H. Spry, Steward 712. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. A. Young, S.W., was duly presented, and the ceremony up to the Board of Masters was conducted by the acting W.M. W. Bro. Chas. Smyth, P.P.G. Purs., thereupon installed Bro. Young into the chair of K.S., according to

ancient custom, and gave the proclamations, addresses, and working tools in the various Degrees. The D.C., Bro. W. N. Mason, conducted the processional portion of the ceremony, and Bro. J. E. Mason presided as Organist. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. A. Handsley, S.W.; G. Bosson, J.W.; W. Bro. T. C. Johnson, Treasurer; Chas. Smyth, Secretary and Almoner; Bros. J. E. Mason, S.D.; R. Lanphier, J.D.; W. Bro. R. Garfit, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Bros. W. N. Mason, I.G.; and H. Christian and J. Nutsey, Stewards. The following brethren were appointed, and will receive investment at the next lodge meeting: W. Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, I.P.M.; and F. Higgins, Organist. Hearty congratulations were given by the P.G.M., who remarked that he was glad of the opportunity of again visiting the Hamilton Lodge, of which he was a member, and was, indeed, pleased with its working. It was the duty of every officer to do his work well, and of every member to thoroughly understand the principles of Freemasonry. A word as to punctuality might be opportune. It was a rule of the Old Witham Lodge that unless the officers were in attendance within five minutes of the hour named in the summons, the lodge was not opened on that occasion. Congratulations were also given by Lodges 712 and 262. The newly-invested officers closed the lodge in the various Degrees in a manner that showed their efficiency in Masonic work, and there is no doubt but that the prestige this lodge has so justly earned will be maintained during the ensuing year. Refreshment was served, and a thoroughly Masonic meeting was thus brought to a close.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**SAINT LUKE'S LODGE** (No. 144).—A very large number of brethren assembled on Good Friday at their lodge house, the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, the subject of attraction being the working of the Fifteen Sections—an old custom of the lodge on the Good Friday in each year. Bro. Pope, comprehending the tax on resources at his disposal, had made ample arrangements for their comfort; all usual ceremony of opening the lodge, &c., was duly observed. The presiding Lecture Master was the Preceptor of the lodge, who himself arranged as follows the Principals: Bros. Arden, W.M.; Stuart, S.W.; Markland, J.W.

**FIRST LECTURE.**

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Byrnes
2nd "	...	...	" Alexander
3rd "	...	...	" Sedgwick
4th "	...	...	" Burton
5th "	...	...	" Hemmings
6th "	...	...	" Bley
7th "	...	...	" Paul

**SECOND LECTURE.**

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Cox
2nd "	...	...	" Burgess
3rd "	...	...	" Smith
4th "	...	...	" Cleghorn
5th "	...	...	" Stuart

**THIRD LECTURE.**

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Markland
2nd "	...	...	" Carlstrone
3rd "	...	...	" Paul

The working was of a very commendable character. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Arden, P.M., for his able working, who returned thanks, stating the pleasure he had felt at presiding over them. Compliments were also conveyed to the Wardens and brethren working the Sections; they in their return expressed gratification that their efforts to please had been crowned with success. The regular closing ceremony was observed, and thus terminated one of the pleasantest evenings common among the Saint Luke Lodge workers, which ended in thorough success.

**Royal Arch.**

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER** (No. 192).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. There were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Charles Arkell, H.; H. Muggidge, P.Z. J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; James Lorkin, Charles Lorkin, Thos. Cohe, Cheese, H. Birdseye, P.Z.; James Copestick, Holland, Taylor, John Kent, and Benard. Comp. W. T. Rickwood, W.M. Preston Chapter, was a visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no further business, the companions adjourned to the usual banquet.

**BRIGHTON.**—Yarborough Chapter (No. 811).—A convocation of this notably improving chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion on Saturday, the 9th inst. There were present Comps. S. B. McWhinnie, Z.; V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732, as H.; G. Smith, Z. 315, as J.; W. T. Clarke, P.S.; S. Peters, Scribe E.; T. H. Moseley, N.; T. Hughes, Janitor; and H. Cheal. Visitors: Comps. E. Bridges, 311, and A. Burrows, 315.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken, and Comp. W. Newsome was elected a re-joining member. The occasion was improved by the excellent working of the exaltation ceremony by Comps. V. P. Freeman, as M.E.Z., and W. T. Clarke, as P.S., the candidate being Bro. T. Hardy, M.M. 1029, who expressed the pleasure he felt in becoming connected with so exalted a body as the Royal Arch Masons. The exaltation of Bro. R. B. Higham had to be deferred, in consequence of his inability to attend. Bros. T. Swails and R. V. B. Powell, M.M.'s 1829, were proposed for exaltation. The Scribe E. read a notice from Comp. V. P. Freeman, P.Z., acting Prov. Scribe E., informing the chapter of the establishment of a Prov. Grand Chapter in Sussex, to be consecrated at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at four o'clock p.m., when (D.V.) M.E. Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Z. 1466, will be installed Grand Superintendent, and the other officers invested. This speaks volumes of the increase and interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry in the county.

**LIVERPOOL.**—De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).—The periodical meeting of the members of this chapter took place on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Lindo Courtenay, M.E.Z., the work of

the First Principal was most effectually performed by Comp. B. B. Marson, P.Z., who was supported by a capital complement of officers. Bros. E. Graham, 1609; J. H. Smith, 1182; Joseph Fineberg, 1609; J. J. Monk, 1609; and W. Hildyard, 1609, were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., who received valuable help from the Second and Third Principals and officers.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.**—The weekly meeting of this chapter of improvement was held on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present: Comps. Brown, Z.; Taylor, H.; J. S. Fraser, J.; R. Payne, N.; J. Payne, P.S.; W. Fraser, Gillard, G. Brown, W. Chickler, Goodchild, M'Donell, Briggs, Walker, Turner, Burns, and H. Thompson (*Freemason*). The ceremony of exaltation was ably worked, Comp. J. Steingreber being the candidate. All the officers were well up to their duties. The chapter was then closed.

The members of this chapter again assembled at the Jamaica Tavern, on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., but in consequence of being holiday week the attendance was not so numerous as usual. Comps. Catterson, Z.; Taylor, H.; J. R. Fraser, J.; Walker, N.; and Turner, P.S. There were also present Comps. Kirke, Veal, Thompson, R. Payne, Pulman, and W. Fraser. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. W. Fraser being the candidate. Comp. Pulman, of the Bedford Chapter, No. 157, was elected a member of this chapter of improvement. The election of officers for the next fortnight then took place as follows: Comps. Thompson, Z.; Pulman, H.; J. S. Fraser, J.; W. Fraser, N.; M'Donell, P.S. The chapter was then closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—*Florence Nightingale Lodge* (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge took place on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, when Bro. Major E. S. Gordon, R.A., Assistant Superintendent Carriage Department Royal Arsenal, was placed in the chair of the lodge as its ruler for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Smyth, Bandmaster Royal Artillery Band, W.M. 226, and P.G.J.O. Kent, and after the usual lodge business had been duly attended to, Bro. W. F. Catchside, 1063, was balloted for, and approved, as a candidate for advancement. Bros. R. King, P.M. and P.G.A.D.C. Tunis and Malta District, and R. Pidecock, P.M. and P.G. R. of M. Sussex, were admitted as joining members. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. D. Dewar, P.M. and Asst. G. Sec. Grand Lodge; and the new W.M. having been saluted, invested his officers as follows: Bros. Eugene Swyny, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, S.W.; J. J. Donolly, Or.Mstr. and Adj. A.S.C., J.W.; J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.G. Officer Kent, M.O.; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, M.D., R.A., P.G. Officer Kent, S.O.; Sydney Clarke, J.O.; J. C. Mathams, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; G. Risch, J.D.; Baron De Worms, M.P., R. of M.; T. Alexander, Treas.; K. Uglund, Sec.; E. Denton, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The W.M. then proposed "That a Past Master's jewel, of the usual value, should be presented to Bro. Smyth, P.M., for the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the past year." The S.W. seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Smyth, P.M., suitably returned thanks. A cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Dewar for his services as Installing Officer that day, and it was resolved that the vote should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Dewar thanked the brethren, and said he felt as much pleasure at having the opportunity of installing their Master as they had at his performance of the ceremony.

Among the brethren present not above mentioned were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 226 and P.P.G.S.O. Kent; A. Penfold, S.W. 226 and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; T. Kirkbride, Lieut. R.A., 226, and P.G.O. Kent; and C. Jolly, 226 (*Freemason*).

The brethren then sat down to a superb banquet, served by Bro. William Moulder, of Woolwich, who certainly deserved credit for the elegance and taste with which the whole affair was carried out. The toasts after dinner were commendably brief, but to the purpose. After "Our Sovereign Queen and Mark Masonry" had been honoured, the toast of "The W.G. Mark Master and Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Dewar, who said it was so difficult a thing to do honour to the toast, as they had such a glorious phalanx of good and worthy Masons in charge of the destinies of Mark Masonry, that he felt himself utterly inadequate to tell them one-half of the value of those officers or of the vast amount of work they did for the success of the Order. What the Grand Lodge always looked to in the selection of its officers was to have serviceable brethren, who were not afraid of work, and the results of that selection were shown in the eminent strides Mark Masonry had made under their guidance. As one of the executive officers, he could only say that he at all times did his best to ensure the prosperity and progress of the Degree; and in such a genial and excellent lodge as this—*Florence Nightingale*—he felt that the Grand Master and Grand Officers had not only warm supporters, but worthy and constant friends. The next toast was that of "The Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Kent," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, who, after expressing his opinion that the toast had better be coupled with the name of the W.M., said that at the present time they had eleven lodges in the province, and he felt it an honour to be present that night to see the success of the *Florence Nightingale Lodge*. Both that and the *Excelsior Lodge*, of which he had the honour of being a Past Master, were well representing the "purple" of Provincial Grand Lodge. He trusted as they went on that many more honours would fall to their lot. He thanked them for the hearty reception the toast had met with at their hands. Bro. Sweny then, by permission of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the two distinguished Brethren who had joined their ranks that day, Bros. King and Pidecock," and the toast was drunk with honours. Bros. Pidecock and King briefly returned thanks, expressing their pleasure at being able to join such a lodge and to meet such distinguished Masons as the brethren of it. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and eloquently eulogised Bro. Smyth's efforts in the cause of Mark Masonry, especially in reference to the *Florence Nightingale Lodge*. Bro. Smyth, in reply, said that during this, the first year of

office of the lodge, he had received the most ample assistance from every member, and had also a most indefatigable Secretary. So that, while he could not claim all the credit for the prosperity of the lodge, he could say faithfully that nothing he could do had been left undone in the past, and in the future he had but one object in view, so far as Mark Masonry was concerned, and that was the success of the lodge. When he was made the first Master of the lodge he was the only living member of the old *Florence Nightingale Lodge* in the district, and he did not hesitate to say that it afforded him great pleasure to be placed in such a position now. The good old ship was rebuilt, and launched forth on the stream of Mark Masonry; and he would almost speak in the spirit of prophecy, and say that as years rolled on she would increase, both in numbers, influence, and position, and take such rapid strides to the front that she would become a power and a shining light among her fellows, and carry onward the great and glorious principles of the Order with honour to the end. He concluded a long and eloquent speech, in which he reviewed the objects of Mark Masonry, by cordially thanking the brethren for the toast. "The Health of the W.M." was, by special permission, placed in the hands of Bro. Alexander, who, in giving it, said that the gallant W.M. was one of the best Masons in the Province of Kent. Bro. Gordon returned thanks, and promised to so rule and govern the lodge that his successor would, if possible, receive it from his hands more powerful and prosperous than it was at the present moment. The toast of "The *Excelsior Lodge*" was responded to by Bro. Smyth. Bro. Uglund responded for "The Banquet Committee;" and after Bro. Jolly had replied to a very flattering mention of his services in connection with the "Masonic Press" and as a visitor, the meeting broke up.

#### BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the purpose of electing Bro. H. A. Swan, M.M.M. 54, a joining member; also Bros. W. Roe, M.M. 1636; H. Anscombe, M.M. 1821; and Capt. H. Morgan, M.M. 1829, for advancement, and all were unanimously elected. Bro. W. Roe being in attendance he was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. according to ancient custom. The W.M. moved very feelingly a vote of condolence to Bro. T. Cable, J.W., he having lost his wife since the last meeting of the lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M., &c.

The following brethren were present: Bros. T. J. Pulley, W.M.; W. T. Clarke, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; H. W. Charrington, I.P.M., as M.O.; R. Paige, S.O.; T. Packham, J.O.; J. Braithwaite, as Chap.; G. Smith, P.M., Treas., I.G.; W. G. Bayliss, Sec.; A. Burrows, R. of M.; E. Bridges, S.D.; R. Y. B. Powell, as J.D.; T. Holloway, Steward; and T. Hughes, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. J. Pearson, P.M.; W. Collins, I.G. 235; and W. D. Lemmon, 272.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, North-street, where a splendid supper was prepared by Bro. Paige, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present: Bros. Capt. Sewell, W.M., P.G.S.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.W.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O.; W. Shilton, J.O.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.G. S.D.; W. F. Lamonly, P.M.; P.G. Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org., P.P.G. Org.; T. Mason, Secretary and Reg. M.; T. Bird, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; I. Evening, I.G.; and Uewson, Tyler, P.G. Tyler. Bro. T. Weatherston, S.D. Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, was present as a visitor, and kindly assisted in the subsequent ceremony. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. E. L. Waugh, Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, and he being unanimously elected a candidate, was admitted, and regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree by Bro. Lamonly, P.M. For the first time in this lodge, Bro. E. J. Crow's music incidental to the Degree was given in full, and greatly embellished the interesting ceremony. Bro. Mason's adjourned notice of motion, "That no part of the lodge funds be spent for the purposes of the installation, except for the entertainment of visiting brethren, unless there be a clear balance of £10 in hand," was unanimously agreed to, Bro. Capt. Sewell, in seconding the motion, remarking that was the only way to provide surplus funds for the charities. Upon the proclamation being put, Bro. Capt. Sewell presented the lodge with a framed facsimile of a tombstone (13th century) in Dearham Parish Church, on which are discernible at least one Masonic emblem. On the motion of Bro. Lamonly, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., a vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his interesting gift, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

A very pleasant evening's work was brought to a close with the customary parting address by a P.M.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**YORK.**—*Eboracum Conclave* (No. 137).—The installation meeting of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., when the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. C. G. Padel, S.; Rev. W. Valentine, H.P.; G. Simpson, V.; M. Millington, 1st G.; A. T. B. Turner, 2nd G.; T. Humphries, P.; R. Walker, S.B.; S. F. Bousfield, H. The ceremonies were performed by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.S., and J. S. Cumberland, P.S.

### Scotland.

**PAISLEY.**—*St. Mirren Lodge* (No. 129).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Moss-street, on Monday, the 18th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. Alex. McPherson, R.W.M.; Matthew Jamison, S.W.; John Caldwell, J.W.; D. Orr, Treas.; T. Blackley, S.D.; William Craig, I.G.; Alexander, Tyler; Geo. Fisher, P.M.; G. Bible Beacer G.L. Scotland, and Prov. G.S.W. Renfrewshire; H. S. Edmonds, P.M., P.G.J.D. Renfrewshire; and about twenty other brethren. Visitor: Bro. R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at eight o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Duncan was afterwards balloted for to become a member of the lodge, and was declared unanimously elected, and was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. George Fisher in such a style as has not been given good fortune to witness for a considerable time, and which comes exceptionally surprising to us after being as it were schooled to think that nothing can be surpassed by what is done in our own province. The ceremony was a much longer one than we have before seen performed, and took something over an hour, but long as it was, it was done with the greatest exactness and never-failing memory, and reflected the highest credit on Bro. Fisher, whom, we afterwards found, the brethren of his lodge are truly and justly proud of. The ceremony having concluded, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.40.

### South Africa.

#### MASONIC BANQUET AT NATAL.

A joint banquet was given by the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, and the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1729, in the Masonic Hall, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, on Tuesday evening, March 15th, in honour of R.W. Bro. Giddy, 33°, D.G.M. Giqualand West, &c., on a visit from England. W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, P.M. and W.M. elect 1665, occupied the chair; R.W. Bro. Giddy sitting on his right hand, and W. Bro. R. Stewart, General Manager Standard Bank, on his left. There were also present Bros. J. Roseveare, P.M.; S. Stranack, P.M.; C. J. Harmsworth, P.M.; W. Cook, P.M.; E. S. Stantial, P.M.; W. Bros. W. F. Stanton, W.M. 956; E. H. Wiltshier, W.M. 1867, and a considerable number of other members of the Craft. The first toasts were "The Queen and the Craft," by the Chairman; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," by the Chairman; and "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the officers of the Grand Lodge," proposed by the Chairman.

R.W. Bro. GIDDY, in thanking the brethren for the way in which the latter toast had been honoured, said he was greatly pleased that, although the services of the Grand Officers were necessarily not so well known here as they are to brethren in England, yet the toast had been very warmly received. He referred, by name, to individual members of the Grand Lodge who had rendered and are rendering valuable services to Masonry, and more particularly to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Bro. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, a very good man and good Mason, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the present Grand Secretary, a personal friend of the speaker, and a worthy successor to the late Bro. Hervey. They were all the best men who could have been chosen to fill their several positions in the Order.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Health of the Guest of the Evening, R.W. Bro. Giddy." Bro. Giddy was, he said, well known to all Freemasons in Natal as a zealous and enthusiastic member of the Craft, one who had done a great deal for the brethren in that colony, and one to whom they had been in the habit of looking for help in any Masonic difficulty. Their all recognized and appreciated most heartily the good service which our guest had done for Masonry in general, and for South Africa in particular. He need only add that R.W. Bro. Giddy was now endeavouring to bring about the establishment of a Grand Lodge which should include the Natal lodges, under circumstances favourable to the colony, and he was glad that the joint committee of the City Lodge had agreed to the principle contained in the proposal of the Grand Lodge on this subject.

R.W. Bro. GIDDY: I desire very heartily to thank the Masons of Maritzburg for the cordial reception which has been given me on my first visit to the city. I felt specially your kindness in receiving me at the train on my arrival, which caused me to feel at once that I had come amongst friends. The honour conferred upon me by the invitation to this banquet also shows how much my small services for Freemasonry in Natal have been appreciated by the B.B. here. With regard to the proposed establishment of a District Grand Lodge to include Natal, on which a circular letter has been sent to all the lodges of this colony, I may mention that some six or eight months ago a distinguished brother in Natal addressed me on the subject of a District Grand Lodge for Natal. I submitted the letter to the Grand Secretary. That officer's idea was that the time had scarcely come for Natal to move in that direction, but thought I might hold out some hope for Natal in the future. Resolutions were subsequently passed by certain lodges in Natal expressing their desire for a District Grand Lodge; these were referred to me for report, and I was reluctant compelled to report against the proposal. The decision was thereupon arrived at that no further District Grand Lodge should be granted in S. Africa, at any rate, for some years to come, as the requirements were considered to be fully met. But since that time circumstances, with regard to Kimberley, the present seat of a District Grand Lodge, have changed; Kimberley is no longer the capital of the colony, and it has been suggested to Grand Lodge that Giqualand West as a district should cease to exist, and that a new district, the Northern District of South Africa, should be formed, including the lodges in Natal, Free State, Giqualand West, and the Transvaal. The M.W. Grand Master has asked the several lodges in those provinces to state whether they are willing to join in this movement. I have attended a meeting of a joint committee from the city lodges this afternoon, and I am glad to find, by a resolution adopted thereat, that there is a desire to join in this proposal; and I sincerely and heartily trust, as far as the interests of Masonry in Natal are concerned, that this movement will be carried to completion, because I know full well that the Masons of Natal must benefit very largely indeed by the carrying out of such an arrangement.

R.W. Bro. GIDDY: I rise again with very great pleasure to propose "Prosperity to Freemasonry in Natal." I may say that, from what I have heard and now seen of the doings of our Craft in this colony, and especially in this city, I think I may commend the Masons of Natal for their zeal in the cause of Masonry. I think I am right in saying that five years ago there was only one Craft lodge in Maritzburg, and the higher Degrees were unknown in this city. The extent of your zeal in the cause is shown by the fact that you have now three lodges in the city, and a very



good thing too, for whenever a lodge becomes so large that its members cannot meet in one room, it is good, for emulation's sake, as well as for convenience, that two lodges should be formed, and when these are not sufficient, three, and so on, until you come to a city like London, where they have 200 lodges. During the last five years I have been in correspondence with several of the brethren here relative to the establishment of chapters in the colony, and I am very pleased to see that Masonry here, not only in the Craft, but in the higher Degrees, is very prosperous. I can only say, go on as you have begun, and Masonry in Natal need never be ashamed of itself.

W. Bro. ROSEVEARE responded for the senior Craft lodge, Prince Alfred, No. 956. He alluded to the rise and progress of Masonry in the city from the establishment of the first lodge, in 1863, to the present time, when, he said, there were lodges all working under the same roof, and with the best feeling one towards the other. Beside that, this handsome temple, erected only six or seven years ago, is now nearly paid for, and is a very valuable property. We have also established a Benevolent Institution representing all the city lodges. It must be interesting to strangers to know that our chapters, as well as our lodges, are well worked, and that the lodges contain a total of about 150 members. From the Maritzburg lodges there had sprung lodges in Greytown and Richmond, and an application had also been recently sent home for a lodge at Ladysmith.

W. Bro. COOK responded for the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665; W. Bro. STRANACK for the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1729; and W. Bro. WILTSHIER for the Umvoti Lodge, No. 1867.

After "The Health of the Chairman" had been proposed by R.W. Bro. GIDDY and duly honoured, the company separated, after having spent an exceedingly pleasant evening.

**PIETERMARIITZBURG.**—Natalia Lodge (No. 1665).—This flourishing lodge held a regular meeting in the Masonic Hall, for the election of W.M. and Treasurer, and general business, on Friday, the 4th ult. There was a large number of members and visitors present. W. Bro. W. Cook, as I.P.M., took the chair (the W.M., W. Bro. Major Terry, 60th Rifles, having left the colony), and was supported by a considerable array of P.M.'s, including W. Bros. R. I. Finnemore, P.M., P.M.M., P.C.N., P.M.W.S., 30°, Preceptor of the Temple, &c.; S. Ford, W.M. 1729; S. Stranack, P.M. 1729, P.M.W.S.; E. S. T. Stantial, P.M. 956; E. Homersham Wiltshier, W.M. 1867, and others.

The minutes of former meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation into Freemasonry, and proving unanimous in their favour, it was announced that they would be received at an emergency meeting to be held in about a fortnight. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous election of W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, who stated that, having previously served in the chair not only of the Craft lodge, but of all the lodges and chapters of other Degrees, and having a great many duties and engagements both Masonic and non-Masonic, he had hoped that their choice might have fallen on some other candidate, but in deference to the unanimous wish of the lodge and to the private solicitations of individual brethren he felt that he could no longer refuse to take the chair again for the ensuing year. He would exert his best endeavours to maintain the present efficiency and popularity of the lodge, and he had no doubt his efforts would be ably seconded by the officers he should select. He might inform them that Bro. the Hon. C. B. H. Mitchell, C.M.G., Colonial Sec. and Deputy Governor of the Colony, had consented to take a Warden's chair under him, and as the other offices would be filled in a highly satisfactory manner, there could, he thought, be no doubt as to the continued success of the lodge. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in re-electing him as W.M., and proposed Bro. W. R. Hartes as Treas., who was unanimously re-elected. Bro. E. Keywood was unanimously elected Tyler. Bros. Hannay, A. Otto, and Turner, three candidates for the Second Degree, were then examined, and having shown their proficiency were regularly passed, the work being divided amongst the P.M.'s, W. Bro. Cook doing the preliminary part; W. Bro. Shanack administering the O.B.; W. Bro. Ford imparting the secrets; W. Bro. Wiltshier presenting the working tools; W. Bro. Finnemore delivering the charge; and W. Bro. Stantial the lecture. R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, 33°, D.G.M. Griqualand, W.D.G.M.M., Prov. Prior for South Africa, having intimated his intention of paying a visit to Pietermaritzburg before returning to England, a committee was appointed, consisting of Bro. Finnemore, the acting W.M., and Wardens to arrange with the sister lodge for a suitable reception being provided. A communication was read from the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, proposing the establishment of a fund for the relief of sufferers by the Transvaal war, and was referred to the general Benevolent Committee.

It was intimated that the Grand Lodge of England had issued a circular to the different lodges in Natal, although through some mischance the Natalia Lodge had not received a copy, proposing the combination of the different lodges in Natal, Griqualand W., Griqualand E., the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal under one District Grand Lodge. This matter was then discussed, but the general feeling seemed to be that Griqualand W. (which already has its own Grand lodge) is too remote and difficult of access to enable the Natal lodges to join with any prospect of usefulness or satisfaction. The matter, however, stood over, so that Bro. Giddy might be conferred with and the wishes of the Natal brethren for a District Grand lodge of their own might be laid before him.

"Heartly good wishes" having been conveyed from the representatives of sister lodges, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which, and after the customary toasts given, speeches made, and songs by musical brethren, the brethren parted, well pleased with the result of the meeting.

**India.**

**BOMBAY.**

We are glad to learn that the Alexandra Lodge at Jubbulpore has, after being in abeyance for about three years, again started working. Bro Blackburn is the W.M. what we know of this worthy brother we anticipate a good future for the Alexandra Lodge.

**MASONIC PRESENTATION AT CALCUTTA.**

On the evening of the 15th December there was a goodly gathering in Lodge St. David in the East, No. 371, S.C., Calcutta, in consequence of a presentation that was to be made to R.W. Bro. H. G. A. Heath, P.M., who for the last three years filled the E.C. with great credit to himself and much advantage to the lodge.

The presentation consisted of a handsome and complete suit of Masonic clothing, valued at Rs. 300, or thereabouts, being the gift of the members of the lodge for the great interest that Bro. Heath had evinced for the lodge in particular, and Scottish Freemasonry in general.

The R.W.M. presiding, in presenting the gift, remarked that though it may appear costly to many, but in the opinion of the members it was considered not so, because the services rendered, for which this return was made, were a great deal more valuable, and that he was glad in handing it to Bro. Heath, who so justly had attained it.

R.W. Bro. Heath, in receiving it, made a suitable reply. He thanked the brethren for their kindness, and remarked that what he had done was nothing more than his duty. "Every Mason," he said, "was bound to uphold the interest of his lodge, and in doing so, he would be upholding the interest of the Craft, which was incumbent upon all to do."

Such presentations, it need hardly be observed, possess a two-fold interest. They are pleasing to those who do their work well, as they are commendable to those who are not unmindful of such work done, but demonstrate their appreciation in a manner worthy alike to givers as receivers. Perhaps it is yet left to a higher authority to mark its sense by the bestowal of some honour on Bro. Heath, which may encourage others to do the same. "The hope of reward sweetens labour."

We have known Bro. Heath long, and esteem him highly, and hope that what he has earned so well may he be spared to wear them long.—*Masonic Herald.*

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND COUNCIL OF MALTA AND TUNIS.**

A meeting of the Meleta Council, No. 10, was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., when the following companions were elected to fill the three chairs: Comps. A. Ewing, I.I.M.; C. Bannister, D.M.; and Starkey, P.C. of W. A ballot was taken for Comp. Leader, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was received, and greeted as a M.E., R.S., and S.E. Master. The newly-elected officers were then installed, and the I.I.M., Comp. Ewing, nominated Comps. Truefitt, Recorder; Blackwood, Treas.; Leader, Capt. of Gd.; Ford, C. of C.; J. May and Read, Marshals; and Watson, Warder.

The council was then closed, and a Prov. Grand Council opened by the D.P.G.M., Comp. Coffey, and the following appointments made:—

Comp. Starkey	...	Prov. G.I.M.
" Read	...	Prov. G. C. of W.
" Backhouse	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" May	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Truefitt	...	Prov. G. Recorder.
" S. Lessing	...	Prov. G. M. of C.
" W. Watson	...	Prov. G. Lecturer.
" Legend	...	Prov. G. C. of Gd.
" J. A. Bindley	...	Prov. G. C. of C.
" Bassotti, Bannister, and Blackwood	...	Prov. G. Marshals.
" Ford	...	Prov. G. Warder.
" Beck	...	Prov. G. Sentinel.

The council was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the refreshment table.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. W. H. BICKERTON.**

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of our esteemed Bro. Bickerton, which took place at his residence, Buccleugh-street, Glasgow, from heart disease, on Thursday, the 17th inst., at eight o'clock p.m. The deceased brother had managed Bro. George Kenning's business in Glasgow for the last seven years, and during that period had won the respect and high esteem of all who knew him. Bro. Bickerton was initiated in the St. Augustine Lodge, Canterbury, in the year 1868, and during his sojourn in Glasgow had become P.M. of Lodge No. 442, Androssan. He was Past Grand Steward of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, and at the time of his death held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, which appointment was conferred upon him four years ago, and which he has since held with distinction, being ever ready to assist with his advice and counsel all who stood in need of it. Bro. Bickerton was also a companion of the Royal Arch, a member of the Rome and Constantine, Knights Templar, Rose Croix, Royal Order of Scotland, &c. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., was attended by his bereaved widow, son, and two daughters, and the following members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges: Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary Scotland; George Fisher, Grand Bible Bearer and Provincial Grand Senior Warder Renfrewshire; J. D. Duncan, Substitute Pro Grand Master Glasgow; Col. J. Stewart, Provincial Grand Senior Warden Glasgow; Jno. Morgan, Provincial Grand Treasurer Glasgow; David Rea, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Glasgow; Jas. Balfour, Resident Provincial Grand Steward; Holmes, Provincial Grand Inner Guard; Gardiner, Provincial Grand Tyler; also Bros. John Dick, P.M. 33; R. R. Lisenden, 317, Manchester (*Freemason*); and several private friends of the deceased. The cortege started at two o'clock from the residence of our late brother, and proceeded slowly to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where it was joined by several other members of the Craft, and, on entering the church, was preceded by the Rev. F. E. Ridgway, who read a portion of the funeral service, at the expiration of which the cortege re-formed, and proceeded to the cemetery at Sight

Hill, where the remains of our respected brother were interred, the remaining portion of the service being read by the curate of St. Mary's, the Rev. Douglas E. Denham. Bro. Bickerton was ill rather less than a week, and died at the early age of forty-five years.

**BRO. JOHN M'KELVIE, P.M., &c.**

We have to announce the death of Bro. John M'Kelvie, a prominent member of the Craft in the maritime town of Whitehaven, after a short illness. Bro. M'Kelvie was a P.M. of Lodges 119 and 872, and P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. He was also Treasurer for many years of Chapter 119, and on the 8th inst. only was appointed P.G.S.N. He was also a member of Lodge No. 213, Mark Masters. Socially speaking, our departed brother held an important position in Whitehaven. A native of Whitehorn, in Scotland, he went to Whitehaven, when a boy, and ultimately served his articles as a solicitor. In due course of time he commenced practice, and speedily made himself a name, whether as an advocate or in private business. He held various important offices of public trust in the town of his adoption, including that of director of the Bank of Whitehaven. Of his professional ability and private character the *Whitehaven News* thus truly remarks:—

"He was a most successful pleader in the County Court, where his cause list was always the largest. He made a point of never taking a case unless he saw his way through it, and his advocacy was distinguished by a quiet, imperturbable manner, good humour, lucidity of statement, and a presence of mind and equanimity of temperament which nothing could ruffle. It was these qualities, added to a comprehensive knowledge of his business and the confidence it inspired, and a will and capacity for hard work given to few men, which made Bro. M'Kelvie so popular, and in a few short years placed him in the front rank of his profession. In private life Bro. M'Kelvie was kindly, genial, generous, and of a lovable disposition. He had a keen sense of humour, and lived much within himself, in a quiet, unobtrusive way, which made his company all the more enjoyable to the limited circle to which it was as a rule confined." The disease to which Bro. M'Kelvie succumbed on the 12th inst. was diabetes. He was in his fiftieth year, and leaves a widow and five children. The funeral, which took place on Saturday last, the 16th inst., was largely attended, and included the brethren and companions of the lodges and chapter to which the deceased gentleman belonged.

**FUNERAL OF BRO. WHEWELL.**

On Saturday last the members of the "Limestone Rock" Lodge, No. 369, paid a last tribute of respect to their departed brother, the late W. Whewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of East Lancashire. The deceased brother was an old Mason, initiated in the latter part of the year 1860, and after having served the usual offices of the lodge, was installed Master on the 3rd January, 1866. He was a regular attendant at the meetings of the lodge, and his genial manner and smiling face will be sorely missed by his surviving brethren. A dispensation had been obtained from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Starkie, for the brethren of the lodge to attend the funeral and perform the usual ceremonies of the Order. The W.M., Bro. George Cockshott Hargreaves, having summoned the brethren, the ceremonies customary in such cases were conducted in the Masonic Hall, from which place the brethren walked in full Masonic costume to the house of the deceased, where they took up a position in front of the hearse, and proceeded in order of seniority to St. James's Church, the place of interment. The cortege was headed by a mourning coach, containing the Rev. G. Fielden, rector of St. James's, and the Rev. E. H. Thomas, vicar of St. Mary's, succeeding which were the following brethren, members of the lodge of which the deceased was a member:—Bro. G. C. Hargreaves, W.M.; J. E. Anderton, S.W., P.M. 401, P.P.G.R. East Lancashire; W. A. Dewhurst, P.M.; J. Rawsthorne, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Bailey, S.D.; Arthur Briggs, P.M.; Giles Collinge, Sec.; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; T. Bourn, P.M.; L. W. Whalley, P.M.; E. H. Thomas, Chaplain; Arthur Carlisle, Wine Steward; Edmund Alston, Past Master; E. F. Bleakley, P.M.; J. J. Fraser, I.G.; G. Lofthouse, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. East Lancashire; succeeding whom were the following brethren from other lodges: Bros. R. C. J. Duckworth, P.M. 345, P.P.G.A.P.; J. J. Pemberton, 345; D. Towers, P.M. 296, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Charles Porter, 345; H. A. Spurr, 159, P.M. 939; P. Dickinson, J.W. 401; J. Higson, S.W. 401; and W. Ellison, Tyler 401. Next in order came the hearse, followed by the coach containing Mrs. Whewell, Miss Whewell, and Mrs. Thomas (daughter of the deceased), and Mr. G. W. Whewell (son of deceased). The coach succeeding contained Mr. Henry Whewell and Mrs. Whewell, of Bolton; Mrs. Whewell, and Mr. Cowpe. The occupants of the remaining coach were Dr. Garstang, Mr. James Garstang, and Mr. Luke Garstang. The procession was terminated by a carriage from Browsholme Hall, the residence of E. Parker, Esq. The employés of the deceased walked by the side of the hearse, as did also Mr. J. Carr and Mr. C. Carr. The procession, which along the route had passed through streets thickly lined with spectators, assembled to pay a last mark of respect to the deceased, on arriving at the churchyard gate, opened out in two lines to allow of the body and the friends of the deceased passing between them, the insignia of the deceased being placed upon the pall ere the body was carried into the church. The Rev. Mr. Thomas read the lesson, but the rest of the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fielden, and opened with the singing of the 90th Psalm, by a choir procured for the occasion. Bro. Denis Towers, with his usual kindness, gave his valuable services also. The service within the sacred edifice was concluded by the singing, in a most impressive manner, of the anthem, "Vital Spark." At the side of the grave the solemn service was further continued by the Rev. Mr. Fielden, after which Bro. G. C. Hargreaves performed the Masonic service with appropriate solemnity, and in a very becoming manner the choir responding to the supplications offered. The responses were all choral. The ceremony terminated with the rendering by the choir of "It is decreed in heaven above" (Bach). Bro. L. W. Whalley officiated at the organ. The Masonic ritual was performed on this occasion for the first time in Clitheroe.

## Masonic Tidings.

Bros. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott and J. L. Toole are the subjects of biographical notices in the April number of "Celebrities of the Day."

Bro. John E. Walford has been presented with a handsome testimonial for services rendered last year as Chairman of the City of London School Committee.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, held at the Harp Tavern, 19, Jermyn-street, on Friday, the 29th inst., at seven o'clock. Bro. J. H. Watts, P.M. 1201, W.M.; Bro. C. A. Wood, S.W. 145, S.W.; Bro. J. E. Scott, P.M. 759, J.W.

## FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. Levi, 1017.  
2nd " ... " H. Cohen, 1017.  
3rd " ... " J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563.  
4th " ... " W. Mole, 1687.  
5th " ... " C. Smith, 1563.  
6th " ... " J. W. Collens, S.D. 766.  
7th " ... " E. Farwig, P.M. 180.

## SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. J. E. Scott, P.M. 749.  
2nd " ... " J. Paul, 1287.  
3rd " ... " J. Hemming, 1287.  
4th " ... " C. A. Woods, S.W. 145.  
5th " ... " J. B. Docker, W.M. 1687.

## THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. W. J. Burgess, W.M. 1472.  
2nd " ... " G. P. Festa, 834.  
3rd " ... " W. H. Richardson, S.W. 1848.

Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, Preceptor; Bro. J. B. Docker, W.M. 1687, Hon. Sec.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will deliver an address at the annual meeting of the parochial charities of the City at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 4th proximo. The Lord Mayor will preside.

Bro. Thomas Beard has been presented with a handsome coffee service, by the Gas and Water Committee of the City of London, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held and for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Chairman during the past year.

Bro. George Augustus Sala has written a romance of modern society and civilisation, entitled "A Party in the City," for the pages of *Pan*.

Bro. Edward Terry, the celebrated comedian, was on Thursday week elected a member of the Richmond Board of Guardians, to represent the district of Barnes, with the Rev. H. R. Wakefield, curate of the parish, as his colleague.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, assisted by Bros. Fowler, M.P., and Waterlow, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, will open the second exhibition in connection with the City of London Society of Artists, to be held at the Skinner's Hall on Monday next. The public will be admitted on Tuesday and following days.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., has fixed Tuesday, May 3rd, as the day on which he will lay the foundation-stone of the City and Guilds of London Technical College at Finsbury.

Bro. Henry Irving has received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the Trinity College, Dublin.

Bro. Albert E. Fradelle has just published an excellent carte-de-visite portrait of the late chairman of the London School Board, Sir Charles Reed. This photograph forms one of the large collection of celebrities to be seen in the National Photo-Mezzotint Gallery at 246, Regent-street. Bro. Fradelle has brought artistic skill to the aid of photography, and the result is that his portraits present a very high degree of finish, combined with life-like fidelity. He is now engaged in adding a series of portraits of distinguished Freemasons to his interesting gallery, which already contains over a thousand portraits of men of mark.

The Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was consecrated at the East Dulwich Hotel, Dulwich, on Thursday, the 21st inst. Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., was installed W.M., and the consecration and installation ceremonies were performed by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. D. Biddulph Martin, M.P., presided on Monday evening at a meeting of the Statistical Society, at King's College, Strand, when a paper was read by Mr. H. R. Droop on "The Methods of Electing Representatives."

Bro. S. White, of Cannon-street, has been solicited to become a candidate for the representation of Bread-street Ward. According to a contemporary there is little doubt of Bro. White's success.

Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, G.M. Derbyshire, arrived from Paris on Tuesday morning, and after transacting some official business at the India Office, left town for Newmarket.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P.'s, installation as R.W. Grand Master of Gloucestershire will take place on Thursday, the 12th of May. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, in the Shire Hall, Gloucester, the use of which has been kindly granted by Bro. Dorrington, Chairman of the County Magistrates.

Bro. Henry Irving will preside at the festival in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund in July.

Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M., P.Z., was on Tuesday last appointed Churchwarden of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Barnabas, Homerton.

Books.—"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1881" is received with thanks. This annual has been frequently consulted by us, and we have personal reasons, as well as Masonic ones, for liking it. It was through this book that we were enabled to put ourselves in communication with W. Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, Past Master of Falcon Lodge, at Thrisk, Yorkshire, England, and learn from him more than we ever knew before about the home of our ancestors. A glance at its contents will satisfy the Masonic reader of its usefulness to any and every Mason who seeks a knowledge of the Craft.—*Liberal Freemason.*

REPRESENTATIVE PEER FOR IRELAND.—Tuesday night's *Gazette* announced that writs have been issued for the election of a temporal peer of Ireland, to succeed to the vacancy created by the death of Bro. Lord Dunboyne.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will we understand inspect the Norfolk Artillery Militia at Great Yarmouth in June. The Duke of Cambridge is also expected to be present.

Bro. Major Bond, chief of the force, presided at the second annual tea and public meeting in connection with the Birmingham Police Total Abstinence Association on Wednesday evening, which was attended by 200 members.

Bro. W. E. Franklin, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has issued a list of views of Scottish scenery, collected by himself. They have been collated into volumes, which he offers to "admirers of Scottish scenery" at a very moderate price. One of the volumes, which contains four hundred choice views, arranged geographically, as the traveller would view them, is described as unique.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 8a, Red Lion-square. The W.M. and Treasurer will be elected on this occasion.

Among the many interesting papers which will attract notice in this month's *Masonic Magazine* is one by the editor, on the present position of Masonic history and criticism; and another in which the question is discussed, Was Shakespere a Freemason? The writer of this article quotes largely, and certainly proves his contention, that Shakespere possessed not only a thorough knowledge of the symbolic teaching conveyed, but an equally thorough appreciation of the lessons taught by Masonic emblems.—*Broad Arrow*, 16th April.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened the National Fisheries Exhibition at Norwich on Monday last. He was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and Prince Leopold.

The Prince of Wales has promised to visit Swansea in October, when the new Docks are to be opened.

Lord Hartington has been spending the recess at Nice.

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon arrived at their Hampshire seat, Highclere Castle, near Newbury, last Wednesday, from Hampton Lodge, Farnham, where they had been on a short visit to Mrs. Howard, of Grey-stoke.

Bro. Edmund Yates announces that the *Cuckoo* is not now under his direction.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, held at Brisbane on the 1st December last, has just been issued. It contains an interesting record of Masonic work in that far-off colony.

Bros. W. Potter and F. Peel, of Lodge 813, on account of the very cordial welcome accorded them, and also for the pleasure of seeing such excellent working (the initiation being particularly interesting), would advise all brethren going to Boulogne to visit the *Amitié Lodge* there, held under the presidency of M. Lagache St. Gest, a member of the Council of Grand Orient of France.

In consequence of going to press, owing to the holidays, before the Bazaar Ballot of the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was taken, the advertisement announced to appear in the *Freemason* of April 16th was too late for insertion. It will be found in this week's issue.

A new three-act comedy, entitled "Mother-in-Law," by Bro. G. R. Sims, will be produced at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool, this (Saturday) evening.

An excellent lithographed portrait of Bro. Magnus Ohren, Asst. G.D. of C., has just been executed by Mr. George Pickworth, of 6, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster. Bro. Ohren is a well known figure in London Masonic life, and as he is equally well known among the associates of the Institute of Civil Engineers, we have no doubt that both Masons and Scientists will be pleased to possess a copy.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Junior Grand Warden, with Lady Truscott have been for some little time past in Rome. We regret to learn that Sir Francis has again been troubled with the gout.

Bro. A. Rosenthal was on Wednesday evening last installed as Worshipful Master of the Loughton Lodge, No. 1673, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

THE LAST CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS.—Bro. Sir Patrick de Colquhoun, Q.C., LL.D., of the Parliamentary Bar, attained his 66th year on the 13th inst., having been born on April 13th, 1815. He is the son of the late Chevalier James de Colquhoun, LL.D., Agent and Consul-General of the Hanse Towns, &c. (who died in 1855), and grandson of Dr. Patrick Colquhoun, of Kelvin Grove, Lanarkshire, who was sometime Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a well-known writer on statistics, police, &c. Sir Patrick de Colquhoun, who was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1838, was Chief Justice of the Ionian Islands from 1861 till the cession of those islands to the Crown of Greece in 1864, after which he returned to London and resumed his practice at the Parliamentary Bar. He is the author of "Colquhoun's Summary of the Roman Civil Law."

The anniversary festival dinner of the Lambeth Pension Society will be held on Monday, May 9th, at the Guildhall Tavern. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has consented to preside, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow are expected to be present. Mr. S. Hayman, of 45, Holland-road, Brixton, is the Secretary.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the annual meeting of the Open Air Mission to be held on Tuesday next in *Ston College*, London-wall. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Mr. John Macgregor, ("Rob Roy"), the Rev. Canon Richardson, and others, are expected to attend and address the meeting.

## General Tidings.

Dr. Richardson delivered an address on Wednesday evening week at a meeting of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain on the subject of the best mode of dealing with small-pox and other infectious diseases. He condemned the existing large fever hospitals.

So successful are the ministrations of the Rev. Dr. McAuslane (late of Finsbury Chapel) at Approach-road Congregational Church, that it has been determined to enlarge the worshipping accommodation by throwing open to the body of the church the entrance lobby, thus gaining fifty-two additional seats.

A humorously applicable menu was provided by a Transatlantic host at a recent business dinner party. Each guest, the *Parisian* tells us, was provided with a bill of fare expressly prepared for his individual use, on which was painted a small oil sketch of his particular calling. Thus the President of a sewing machine firm found an old lady closely scrutinising one of his machines; while the principal of a telephone company recognised himself receiving a message in a grotesque position, with his successful subscription-book under his arm. A railroad official could hardly deny the impeachment that he was a "ladies' man" when brought face to face with a bewitching damsel; and the physician, who beheld the suffering patient with the legend proceeding from her mouth, "Go away from me, doctor, doctor, and I shall get well," felt for an instant that he would like to number the author of the design among his transient clients.

Seventy-five thousand four hundred and ten persons visited the Alexandra Palace on Easter Monday.

Mr. Millais is said to have commissions for portraits of which the money value is £40,000.

Madame Menter, the well-known Viennese pianist, has accepted a few engagements, and she will be heard for the first time to-day (Saturday) at the Crystal Palace.

A marble bust of the Duke of Sussex has been executed by Mr. Theed, 12a, Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square, W., for the corridor at Windsor Castle, but the dimensions were found too large for the situation. Her Majesty commanded another bust to be made of smaller size, which has been executed. The large-sized bust is, therefore, now to be disposed of, and can be seen at Mr. Theed's studio. The work, but for the size, has met with the approval of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The first annual International Temperance Exhibition is to be held at the Agricultural Hall, London, from the 22nd August to the 3rd September next.

The Earl of Rosebery has intimated a subscription of £500 for the purpose of the Scottish Musical Society.

At the Crystal Palace on Easter Monday the total number of visitors was 47,295.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Henrietta Johnson Sewell, which occurred on Thursday week, at Hillesden-villas, St. Leonards, after a lingering and painful illness extending over a period of two years. The deceased lady was sister to Bro. Major T. D. Sewell, with whom sincere sympathy is felt in the City, this being the third severe domestic bereavement he has sustained since December of last year.

At the Zoological Gardens (on Easter Monday 33,614 passed the turnstiles.)

## Amusements.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SONS.—Madame Tussaud and Sons, as usual keeping pace with the times, opportunely offer this Easter to their numerous visitors a most correct and impressive representation of the late Emperor of Russia lying in state. On entering the "Hall of Kings" there stands to view some thirty feet, a massive canopy of gold, lined through with ermine, and surmounted with a handsome baldachin. The catafalque, elevated on four steps covered with crimson cloth, and over which the canopy stretches in bold outline, is most artistically adorned with ermine, silver cloth, wreaths, choice flowers, &c., and on it rests in solemn dignity the modelled resemblance of the late Czar, clothed in the uniform of the Preobrajenski Guard Regiment, the lower part of the body being covered with a rich cloak of gold and ermine, and at his side is placed his sword. Around the body stand life-like figures of the present Czar, the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Grand Duke Michael, and other personages of note. The steps on either side of the catafalque are decorated with tall, elegant palms, giving an effective relief to the large mass of gold and silver hangings, ornaments, &c. The undertaking has, doubtless, been most carefully and perfectly carried out, evidently without regard for expenditure, and, indeed, reflects great credit upon the members of the firm. Amongst many other recent additions, there may, without hesitation, be recognised, on entering the large room, the features of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Mr. Ashmead Bartlett, and Sir Francis Burdett, a most life-like and picturesque group. The baroness, a sitting figure, is attired in a handsomely brocaded silk dress, Mr. Bartlett standing in a natural position behind her chair, while Sir Francis, dressed in the costume of his age, reminding one of the illustration of the "fine old English gentleman," stands to the front of the group, as if addressing his relatives, creating in all a pleasing effect and leaving nothing to be desired.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Diphtheria, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—[ADVT.]

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS**  
For the Week ending Saturday, April 30, 1881.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23.**  
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.  
Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Allied Masonic Degrees—Metropolitan Council, Sa, Red Lion-square, at 3.

**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, APRIL 25.**  
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.  
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
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.  
Tredgar, 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.  
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, APRIL 26.**  
Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.  
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., 8, Air-st.  
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.  
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Lower Clapton.  
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix Chap. 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.  
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 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.

Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas-st., Borough, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.**

**GRAND FESTIVAL.**  
Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.  
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
" 868, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.  
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.  
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Ho., Pimlico.  
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.  
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, 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.  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28.**

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.  
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 358, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.  
" 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1563, City of Westminster, Regent M.H., 8, Air-st., W.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.  
Chap. 534, Polish National, 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 29.**

**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 30.**

Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.  
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
" 1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Queen's-rd., Teddington.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.**

For the Week ending Saturday, April 30, 1881.

**MONDAY, APRIL 25.**  
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, APRIL 26.**  
Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.**  
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.  
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale, H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Liscard.  
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28.**  
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.  
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29.**  
Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

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

**BIRTHS.**  
DAVIS.—On the 6th inst., at Kokstad, East Griqua Land, South Africa, the wife of the Rev. Humfrey Davis, of a daughter.

KINGHAM.—On the 7th inst., at Parkleigh, Farnham, Surrey, the wife of Mr. Robert Dixon Kingham, of a daughter.

LAKE.—On the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. Edward W. Lake, Westgate-street, Bury St. Edmund's, of twins—son and daughter.

WARD.—On the 8th inst., at 63, Cromwell-road, the wife of Mr. W. H. Dudley Ward, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**  
FLINN—MCLEAN.—On the 7th inst., at Grosvenor-square English Presbyterian Church, Manchester, by the Rev. Hugh Rose, M.A., Walter Flinn, of Manchester, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Crawford McLean, of Richmond House, Manchester, and Buenos Ayres.

GREVES—SOUTHAM.—On the 7th inst., at St. Giles's, Shrewsbury, by the Rev. R. L. Burton, assisted by the Rev. Loftus Owen, Edwin Hyla Greves, M.B., C.M., 27, Oxford-street, Abercromby-square, Liverpool, son of Mr. E. T. Greves, 31, Carlton-road, Maida-vale, London, to Agnes Emily, daughter of Mr. Thomas Southam, The Hollies, Shrewsbury.

**DEATHS.**  
BICKERTON.—On the 17th inst., at Glasgow, Bro. W. H. Bickerton, aged 45 years.

BROWNE.—On the 6th inst., at Townsend House, West Cowes, Admiral William Cheselden Browne, aged 76 years.

GARDINER.—On the 6th inst., in London, Jessie, wife of the Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro.

MC'KELVIE.—On the 12th inst., at Whitehaven, Bro. John Mc'Kelvie, in the 50th year of his age.

SEWELL.—On the 14th inst., after a lingering illness, at Hillesden-villas, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Henrietta Johnson, the fifth surviving daughter of H. W. Sewell, late Sword-bearer of London.

TEBBITT.—On the 14th Feb., at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Bro. Henry Stanton Tebbitt, son of the late Dr. Tebbitt, aged 28 years.

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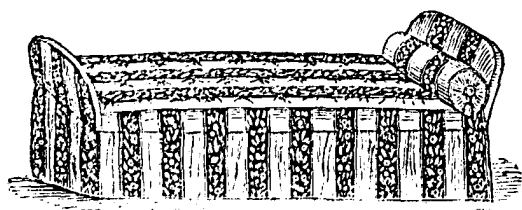
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