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THE numbers polled at the last Boys' and Girls' Schools elections are very remarkable in themselves, and deserve careful notice and consideration. The votes for the Girls election were 3,390, brought forward, and 28,568 issued,—in all 31,958. Of these, 23,615 were polled by the successful candidates and 4673 by the unsuccessful candidates,—in all, 28,288, leaving 3670 votes unaccounted for. Of the Girls' election, nine were first applications, six only had had votes previously recorded for them. Indeed, No. 4 on the poll, No. 18 on the list, GERTRUDE MAY HARE, a first application, had the large number of 2115 votes, (the highest figures); the second on the poll, who had 1155 votes recorded, received 554, making her second on the poll. As we observed before, the highest number reached was 2115, the lowest for the successful candidate was 1260. These are very high figures, and much above the average of previous years. And while it is something wonderful to think how so many votes can be "manipulated" in so short a space, it is still more surprising and remarkable that 3670 votes were not recorded at all. What becomes of them? Neither is our surprise diminished nor our attention less needed when we turn to the Boys' School list. In that Institution, as we before remarked, 17,643 votes were brought forward, and 37,181 votes issued,—in all, 54,824 votes. Of this large amount the successful candidates polled 24,828 votes, and the unsuccessful 27,618,—in all, 52,284 votes. Again we note 2540 votes unaccounted for. In both these cases a large margin must be allowed for deaths, removals, and even "duplicate entries," but still the "fact" must strike all as very curious in itself. The highest successful candidate polled 2227 votes—the lowest, 1948. These, we believe, are unexampled high figures.

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It is much to be wished, in the interest of the Boys' School, that the preparatory school, as announced, may be favourably received by the Craft. This addition to the School is greatly to be desiderated in its best interests educationally. It will tend, moreover, materially to lessen the ever increasing list of "unsuccessful candidates," and to meet the equally increasing needs of our constantly expanding Fraternity. The figures above mentioned will convince the most sceptical or hesitating, we think, that this increase of school accommodation and teaching power is alike a very sensible and seasonable resolution, and one which deserves the sympathy, and asks for the support of the many friends of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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WE are often met with a fallacy in respect of such questions as these, which deserves, we think, a passing notice. It is said "the more we provide for the more we shall have to provide for," and that it is "unwise to keep increasing our Schools, as one increase only leads to another, one augmentation only calls for another, and that the larger the number of children—girls and boys—the larger number of candidates we shall inevitably have." But such a statement is in itself a pure "petitio principii," a complete assumption, and the consequence predicted is by no means necessarily a case of "æquatur" to the premise "laid down." There is no doubt just now a very great demand for the admirable education afforded by our great Schools. It was not, however, always so; it may not always be so in the future. At the present moment, no doubt we must all confess, for some reason or other, the "demand" exceeds the supply, but the period may come when the "supply" is sufficient for the demand. And even if it be not so, is that any reason why in our Schools, as in other associations, willingly or unwillingly it matters not, we should not seek to follow the natural law of progression and development? It is undoubtedly equally true that it is unwise to extend the Schools too largely without a corresponding "endowment fund." We agree with this argument to some extent; but because there is even no endowment, that is no reason, as we see it, why we are not to endeavour to place our Schools on a level

with the educational requirements and arrangements of the day. We should rather seek alike to raise our Schools up to their truest educational "status," and, at the same time, increase the "endowment funds" within, however, reasonable limits. The recent movement to give a Junior School to the Girls', and the fresh one to afford the same great advantage to the Boys' School, seem to be dictated by a wise and commendable spirit of realism and practicality.

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WE always regret to note at our elections the too great proportion of those who come up over and over again, and at last must go disappointed away. Some poor candidates are apparently without friends, and some without a hope or chance of success; and if we place ourselves in their position for a moment, we may fairly ask ourselves, Is there no remedy for such a state of things, trying in itself, and often afflictive in its results, to many? At present we are ourselves unable to suggest any relief for such helpless and disappointed candidates,—disappointed, too, time after time; election after election. Perhaps some of our able correspondents may be enabled not only to "point the moral," but suggest a seasonable alleviation of so stern and touching a reality.

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A GREAT crisis in Ireland has commenced, and the thoughts and sympathies of all true patriots must be centred in the support of law, order, and good government, and devoted to the aid of those entrusted with upholding the Constitution, and defending and preserving alike the rights of property and the true liberty of the Irish people. We are happy to note the testimony, universally borne, to the loyal attitude of the Masonic Order in Ireland in such supreme difficulties, and we think it but fair to our esteemed brethren in Ireland both to offer them our humble meed of admiration, and to commend their unswerving adherence to the unchanging tenets and teachings of Freemasonry. Loyalty and charity are its unfaltering watchwords! We are always glad to hear, (which is not often, alas!), of Irish Freemasons and Irish Freemasonry.

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WE commend to the perusal of our readers the subjoined remarks of our esteemed contemporary, the *Observer*, on a great nuisance and a growing evil. Those of us who peruse our daily journals must be sensible of certain mysterious announcements in what has been termed the "agony column." What they really are, what they purpose to accomplish, it is very difficult to say. They seem to be certain "resources" of modern civilization for the weak, the foolish, the conspirator, and the criminal. Some of them specially are said to be "thieves' lingo," and we commend them, one and all, as either insane nonsense, or profuse criminality, to the notice of our friends in Scotland Yard. The *Observer* remarks: "During the past week there has been a more than usually liberal number of advertisements in what is commonly termed the 'agony' column. 'E—— S——, who, it is believed, was making enquiries for a lady in Margaret-street, W., in November, 1879,' is told where he can get the required information. 'Barnacle' is warned in the following mysterious terms: 'Let A. stand for the place you are sending your letters to. I left A. a month ago, and, after given up the business that took me there, I naturally resumed my former occupation, which I found at B. What does B. stand for?' We confess ourselves unequal to solving the mysterious enigma, 'What does B. stand for?' 'NELLIE' was 'disappointed' on Wednesday, the 28th, and begs 'EDWIN' to 'appoint meeting or send address.' 'Mrs. SMITH' has not been interchanging communications with Mrs. JONES; or, in other words, the trade of receiving goods which are the proceeds of burglary has been slack of late. But, to compensate for our temporary loss of 'Mrs. SMITH' and 'Mrs. JONES,' we have the following advertisement:

'BRXU ohwvhr zdv qrw whfhlyhg.—JHUDOQ.'

There are misprints in it—as is usually the case in a cipher advertisement. None the less, it can be easily interpreted:

'Your letter was not received.—GEORGE.'

GEORGE must be a very silly fellow. The cipher he has chosen is one which a schoolboy could unriddle. It is the old story of the displacement of the letters of the alphabet."

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ALL Freemasons will be greatly pleased with reading the account of the visit of the Prince and Princess of WALES to Swansea, and realizing their loyal and enthusiastic reception by the inhabitants of the Principality. It is, indeed, wonderful to think what an amount of public duties, real hard work too, the Royal GRAND MASTER goes through day by day so thoroughly, so genially, and so well. His reply to the Freemasons at Swansea, which will be found in another column, must have been not only most gratifying to them, but will be eagerly and gratefully read by the Order at large.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The President's chair was occupied by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President; the Senior Vice-President's chair by Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master of Surrey; and the Junior Vice-President's chair by Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China.

Amongst the other brethren present were: Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; George P. Britten, P.M.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; William Stephens, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Constable, P.M. 185; E. A. Wells, W.M. 15; C. Woolmer Williams, P.M. 1275; John Wyr, P.M. 1314; Cleaveland Phillips, W.M. 820; Joseph Harling, P.M. and Treasurer 30; Robert Forster, W.M. 1441; John E. Shand, W.M. 1563; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; W. Gibson Bott, W.M. 1839; Charles Pulman, P.M. 720; Henry J. Reynolds, P.M. 101; W. Stewart, W.M. 1158; Adolphus Clark, W.M. 1227; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; Henry Norman, P.M. G. S. Lodge; W. Goodacre, P.M. 1588 and 1730; W. Buchan, W.M. 1259; Richard Eve, P.M. 395; A. Darch, W.M. 72; G. Goodwin, P.M. 749; T. C. Roden, P.M. 755; W. Hammond, P.M. 201; W. Clifton Crick, P.M. 1733; James Griffin, P.M. 933; F. W. Koch, P.M. 1381; John Houlding, P.M. 823, P. Prov. G. Reg. West Lancashire; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last Lodge of Benevolence, amounting to £335. There were thirty-four cases on the new list. In the course of a sitting, which lasted for four hours, four of these cases were deferred and six were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £810, which was made up as follows: One £100, (£100); two £75 (£150); three £50 (£150); two £40 (£80); four £30 (£120); three £25 (£75); four £20 (£80); three £10 (£30); and one £5 (£5).

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE DRIFELT MARK LODGE, No. 291, AT DRIFFIELD.

On Tuesday last the R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire, consecrated a new lodge at the market-town of Driffield, under the name of the Drifelt Lodge, No. 291—"Drifelt" being the ancient method of spelling the name of the place according to Domesday Book. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall at 2 p.m., and a Mark Lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. W. Lukis, the W.M. of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), the Senior and Junior Wardens Chairs being taken by Bros. A. P. Wilson, W.M. of the Beverlac Lodge, 281, and S. Chadwick, J.W. of the Fitzwilliam Lodge (Malton); the M.O. by Bro. S. Middleton, P.M. Star in the East Lodge, 95; the S.O. by Bro. A. T. B. Turner, of York; and the J.O. by the J.O. of the Humber Lodge, 182. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. of the York Lodge (T.I.), acted as S.D.; and Bro. M. M. Reynard, as J.D.; and Bro. Cheeseman (Hull), Organist. The lodge having been opened the R.W.P.G.M. was received and duly saluted.

A ballot was taken for several candidates and joining members, and four candidates were advanced to the degree.

The oration was delivered by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who gave a brief sketch of the history of the degree, and appealed to the brethren to carry out the teachings of the Order.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with by the Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O., acting Prov. Grand Secretary; Rev. W. C. Lukis, acting Prov. Grand Chaplain; J. Barker (Mirfield), P.G. Steward; and S. Middleton, acting Provincial Grand D.C.; and this having been completed, the W.M. designate, Bro. S. Chadwick, was installed in the chair of A. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and afterwards appointed and invested to offices the following brethren: Bros. M. M. Reynard, S.W.; J. Highmoor, J.W.; Walker, Secretary; Wilson, Reg. of Marks; Elgee, M.O., &c. J. Redfear acted as Provincial Grand Tyler. The Prov. Grand Master and Bros. Whytehead, Lukis, and Middleton were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Subsequently the visitors were entertained at tea at the Bell Hotel.

It was arranged to hold the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at York on the 15th of November, under the banner of the York Lodge (T.I.).

THE ROYAL VISIT TO SWANSEA.

On Tuesday last the new docks at Swansea, which have been constructed at a cost of about £300,000, were formally opened by the Prince of Wales. The day had been looked forward to with great rejoicings by all classes of the community, it being the first visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Principality from which they derive their names. Amongst those bodies who assembled to attest their loyalty, the Freemasons were conspicuous; among those present being: Bros. Sir George Elliot, M.P., Prov. G.M.; M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; H. Rich, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Whittington, P.P.G.W.; Morgan, P.G. Registrar; John Jones, Prov. Sec.; W. T. Canton, P.P.G.T.; George Allen, P.P.J.G.W.; Roland Thomas, P.P.S.G.W.; J. E. Price, P.P.S.G.W.; D. M. Watson, P.P.J.G.W.; T. D. Daniel, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Daniel, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Innes, P.P.G.D.; T. Thomas, P.G. Registrar; Whittle, P.P.G.D.; Evan Davies, P.P.G.D.; Whittle, P.P.G. Pursuivant; H. Simmons; Col. C. Lyne, P.G.M. (Monmouthshire); Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. (Mon.); W. Watkins, P.P.G.W. (Mon.); J. Thomas, P.M. 587; J. R. Higham, P.M. 587; Rev. S. Bowen, P.G. Chaplain, 587; Rev. E. Jones, P.G. Chaplain, 587; Major Pearson, P.P.J.G.W. (Mon.); Andrew McMaho, P.G. Sec. (Mon); Sir P. Price, (Googerdden), P.P.G.W. (Western Division of South Wales); Rev. J. Huntington (Tenby); Rev. J. Marsden (Carmarthen); J. B. Phillips, P.P.S.G.W. (Western Division); R. Margrave, P.P.S.G.W. (West. Div.); J. V. Harding, P.P.G. Organist (West. Div.).

Most of the brethren wore their regalia, which put the dresses of the ladies, who, for the most part, were attired in garments suited for cold weather, completely in the shade. Just before the procession came in sight, one of the side pieces of the masonic arch gave way, and came down with a

crash among the bystanders, causing for the moment considerable consternation, but as the Royal carriage came up the shock was forgotten, and the Prince and Princess experienced a most cordial reception. The visitors did not alight, but Sir George Elliot and Bro. M. Tennant advanced to the carriage and presented his Royal Highness with an address on behalf of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division) and the members of the fifteen lodges of the province. The address contained the following passages:—"We submit that the welcome we accord is conspicuously different from any which has been, or which at any future time may be, tendered from any other part or division of the United Kingdom, inasmuch as we emphatically welcome your Royal Highness to your own distinctive home. This proud distinction Wales may justly claim; and through the long centuries, from Edward of Carnarvon's time to our own, not only has Wales been so regarded but it has been pre-eminently distinguished by the fidelity and loyalty of its people, the unchanging peacefulness of its annals, and its unalterable attachment to the Crown. We are fully mindful of the honour conferred upon the Principality by the presence on this occasion of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and we should not do justice to those earnest feelings of respect and admiration which are implanted in our hearts, for the Princess, if we neglected this opportunity for giving the heartiest and most loyal expression of attachment and devotion to her, and prayer for her welfare and happiness."

The address was bound in roan morocco, with gilt illuminations, and it contained the copies of the seals of the fifteen lodges represented arranged in order according to the seniority of the lodges.

His Royal Highness cordially shook hands with Sir George Elliot, and both he and the Princess expressed their approval of the Masonic arch. The reply given by the Prince to the address was as follows:—"I thank you with the warmest feelings of fraternal friendship for your address and for your expression of loyal brotherhood towards me as your Grand Master. It is especially gratifying to us to be so well received by a body of Welshmen belonging to an order with which I am intimately connected, and in whose prosperity and welfare I take so deep an interest. I can assure you that I am very sensible of the distinction I enjoy by being enabled to bear the name of a country which, like your Principality, can boast of associations and ancient traditions of so varied and interesting a character, and which has always been so conspicuous for the loyalty of its inhabitants. I will not fail to convey to the Princess of Wales the kind words in which you have alluded to her. We have both experienced great pleasure in the opening which has been afforded to us of becoming acquainted with the inhabitants of this part of Wales, and we trust that future opportunities will be given to us of renewing our visit."

The proceedings throughout were of the most enthusiastic nature, and concluded by a ball at the Music Hall, at which their Royal Highnesses were present.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

As a good deal of attention has been lately directed to the Roman Industrial Colleges by Mr. Cornelius Walford's interesting book on guilds, and other contributions on the same subject, especially Mr. Cootes's, I think it well to send a few "Notes" on the same interesting question, of no little importance to the true understanding of Masonic History. For I have long felt certain myself that the Roman Colleges are not the "ultima Thule" of the system of operative sodalities with secrets of trade and mysteries, and receptions and organization, but that we must go through them through Greece to the original Oriental sources of such confraternities. It is, I think, a matter of no dispute that, according to Dionysius of Halicarnassus, the Romans were forbidden by Romulus to pursue mechanic or manual arts, as he wished to create a nation of soldiers, but that all such pursuits were left to "slaves" and "foreigners." Numa Pompilius undoubtedly, however, according to Plutarch, formed the trades into "companies," and the company of carpenters, "fabri tignarii," claimed to be among the oldest of all.

Both Reinesius, in his collection of inscriptions, and Heineccius, in his learned essay "de Collegiis et Corporibus opificum" point out to us, that these fraternities underwent a variety of fortunes, and were alternately favoured and proscribed, abolished and resuscitated.

This work of Heineccius, though often quoted, is very rare, and it may be doubtful whether it is a separate publication, though some say so. It undoubtedly forms part of his great work, Opera omnia juridica et alia: Geneva, 1771. Reinesius's Syntagma Inscriptionum Antiquarum: Lipsiæ, 1682, fol., is well known to students.

For a long time the current of Roman thought was adverse to these "art and work colleges." Livy tells us they were called "servile," and at one time were mainly composed of "slaves" and "foreigners," or of the humblest classes of freed men, and it is the old idea of military service and utility which ever affects Cicero where he says (de offic. i. 42), "Opificum vulgus et sellulario minime idoneum militie genus;" and again, "Opifices omnes in sordida, arte versantur." Pancirollus, however, points out (de jure immuni: lib. vi.) that as in Greece such arts and artists were held in high estimation, many exemptions and privileges were given to the companies of artists at Rome, and their social "status" was gradually raised.

Frequent references are made to the fabri lignarii, centonarii, dendrophori, dolobarii, scalarii, lapidarii, in the "marbles" mentioned by Gruter, Reinesius, Spon, and others, as well as the time of holding their assemblies, making bye-laws concerning their trades, and regulating the affairs of their companies.

These companies seemed to have had a sort of patron saint or genius, and the carpenters are said by Heineccius to have had "Sylvanus" as their "genius," on account of an inscription to "Silvano Dendrophoro." Reinesius records an inscription to Genio Colleg. Cent., the genius of the college of carpenters, and one also to Genio Colleg. Peregr., the genius of the college of foreigners, probably Foreign artists in stone, wood, and metal.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.—Of our late Bro. Garfield, President of the United States, it has been beautifully and truthfully said: "Heaven was kind to his fame to take him when it did. He ascended to its glory out of an apotheosis of affection, sympathy, and exaltation that covered the whole land and made him even on earth but a little lower than the angels. He could not have lived on here at such an altitude. He must have descended to the level of ordinary men, to have acted with them and for them. A new illustrious name is given to American history. A new martyr is bestowed upon the lovers of country for all time. A new inspiration to industry, to patience, to heroism, to faith descends to the youth of the future in the name of Garfield."—Keystone

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Durham was held on Friday, the 14th inst., in the Borough Hall of Stockton, when a very large gathering of Prov. G. Officers and members took place. The P. G. Lodge opened at 2.30, when the P. G. M., the Most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., and the Provincial Officers and visitors were received by the brethren. The Prov. G. Master was supported by Bros. the Rev. Canon Cundill, P.G.T.; W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; and the Prov. G. Chaplain; W. H. Craven, P.G.S.B.; H. Lawrence, Grange, Leamside; H. B. Wright, Seaham; N. W. Apperly, Durham; F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Capt. Young, West Hartlepool; G. Dodds, M.P.; and amongst those present were Bros. I. G. Smith, W.M.; J. Wood, I.P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; A. D. Davis, P.M. 48; R. Kinmond, W.M.; J. Lowes, P.M.; J. Dobson, P.J.W.; F. Madison, P.M.; J. E. Nelson, S.D. So; G. C. Watson, W.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.M.; J. H. Leech, S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D. 97 (Freemason); E. Sutherland, W.M.; G. R. Smart, S.W.; J. Hudson, J.W. 94; G. Porteous, W.M.; R. Shadforth, P.M.; A. T. Munro, I.P.M.; J. Eggleston, P.M.; A. Gray, P.M.; J. G. Kirtsley, S.D.; H. Horner; W. Liddell, P.M.; R. W. Halfnight, P.M. 949; W. Brandt, W.M.; T. Tillman, S.W.; Rev. J. Brown, 1389; W. Coxon, W.M.; T. Bell, I.P.M.; S. Finney, P.M.; J. Carter, T. 124; Rev. J. T. Wilson, W.M.; T. Coulson, P.M.; J. Denham, P.M.; J. Rodham, P.M.; G. S. Shotton, S.W.; J. H. Thompson, I.W. 240; J. Ayre, P.P.S.B.; W. Forster, P.P.S. of W.; R. Candlerish, P.P.S.D.; J. Sinclair, W.M.; H. W. Emerson, I.P.M.; J. A. Wells, P.M.; S. Cockburn, P.M.; J. Richardson, T.; T. Shepherd, J. Slaine, D. Smith, T. Taylor, J. S. Henry, G. Judson, 661; E. D. Brown, W.M.; T. Brayshay, I.P.M.; Dr. D. H. Watson, S.W.; A. G. Rudd, J.W. 509; J. Scarth, W.M. 940; George E. Pybus, W.M. 1480; and Cameron, W.M. 1862.

The whole of the lodges in the province were represented. The lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. the Rev. Canon CUNDILL, read his report, showing the receipts to have been £620 os. 11d., including a balance of £368 ss. 11d. brought forward from the previous year, and after the payments of the past year a balance remained in hand of £357 ss. 9d.

The report was adopted. Bro. W. H. CROOKES, the Prov. Grand Secretary, read the report of the Fund of Benevolence Committee, that several grants had been proposed to be made to brethren needing relief, and that 100 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the grants altogether amounting to £280.

Bro. R. HUDSON, Chairman of the Charities Committee, read the report of that Committee, which referred to the labours of the Committee during the past year, and reported that a new scheme was being promoted to advance the education of the children of deceased Masons in the province, to supplement those educated at the Masonic Institutions.

Both reports were passed. Bro. the Most Noble the Marquess of LONDONDERRY, P.G.M., then rose to address the lodge, and referred to the diffidence he felt on the occasion of his installation as Prov. G.M. last year, but if anything could dispel that diffidence, it was the fact that on this, the first time he had held the Provincial chair after the office had been conferred upon him in the neighbourhood of his home and of his early associations—at Stockton—he saw such a large number of brethren assembled. (Applause.) If spared in years to come to preside over the lodge, he should do his best to perform the duties to their satisfaction. He was glad to hear the reports of the Committees which had been read, and he thought they might congratulate themselves that during the last year the Craft had not in any way deteriorated. (Loud applause.) It was a source of very great regret to himself that circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him from consecrating the Whitworth Lodge, and that it was inconvenient for the Deputy P.G.M. to attend, owing to indisposition. He had, however, every reason to be highly indebted to Bro. Fawcett for the kind manner in which, at short notice, he undertook the duties. Referring to the part he took as Chairman of the Masonic Boys' School Festival, he said he took the opportunity to call down at the Schools, and he was accompanied by the Marchioness. (Loud applause.) He took a great interest in what he saw at the Schools, and the Marchioness was embued with the same feelings as himself. He was extremely pleased with them, the arrangements were very good; as far as the education was concerned it was efficient; and the whole of the undertaking was such that he conceived it to be one of the best Institutions it had ever been his fate to see. (Loud applause.) He was also proud on taking the chair at the festival at Brighton at the large numbers of members and gentlemen who attended the celebration, where it was a great satisfaction for him to find that the whole accumulated sum given to the fund of the Boys' Masonic Institution amounted to something like £11,000, and he was peculiarly gratified because of the large contributions from that most important county of Durham. (Loud applause.) He trusted that they would always find him ready to support any question which would be for the benefit of the county in general, and the Craft in particular. (Loud applause.)

Upon the motion of Bro. GROVES, seconded by Bro. WILSON, Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundill was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and acknowledged this renewed token of their confidence.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:

- Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart. ... Prov. D.G.M.
Cameron Stranton ... Prov. G.S.W.
McCulloch ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. J. Brown ... Prov. G. Chap.
J. Forster ... Prov. G. Reg.
W. H. Crookes ... Prov. G. Sec.
Iley ... Prov. G.S.D.
Bradley ... Prov. G.J.D.
J. J. Clay ... Prov. G.S. of W.
R. Hudson ... Prov. G.D.C.

- Bro. Greenwell ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. T. Munro ... Prov. G.S.B.
R. Dickinson ... Prov. G. Org.
Sinclair ... Prov. G. Purst.
J. Thompson ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The investment of these brethren was greeted with loud applause.

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, acknowledged the gift of one hundred guineas that day to the School by the Fund Committee, and the great interest that the Most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry and the brethren of the province had taken in the School, the administration of which, he trusted, would always merit their esteem.

The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and an adjournment made to a sumptuous banquet, served at the Freemasons' Hall, at which the P.G.M., the Marquess of Londonderry, presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of this, the largest Provincial Grand Lodge in the kingdom, comprising as it does eighty-one lodges, was held on the 12th inst., at Blackpool Winter Gardens. Soon after one o'clock p.m. a Craft lodge was opened in the Skating Rink of the Winter Gardens under the banner of the Clifton Lodge, 703, Blackpool, as follows: Bros. H. D. Croft, W.M. 178, acting W.M.; W. Newsome, P.M. 86, acting I.P.M.; Edgar Humphries, W.M. 220, acting S.W.; W. H. Vernon, W.M. 249, acting J.W.; Jonathan Philips, P.M. 178, acting S.D.; Sam Tickle, P.M. 220, acting J.D.; and C. B. Holmes, P.M. 178, acting as I.G. The brethren were then admitted and ranged under their respective banners, and when all were present the scene was very impressive, over 800 being in attendance, clothed in the full insignia of their rank.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham, P.G.M. of the province, was then received in due form, amongst those accompanying him being Bros. the Hon. F. A. Starley, D.P.G.M.; Rev. C. S. Hope, P.G. Chap.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; James Platt, P.P.G.S.D.; A. H. Whitehead, P.G.S., J.D.; H. Longman, P.G.S. of W.; E. Simpson, P.G. Purst.; W. Harrison, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Longmire, A.D.C.; H. Gardner, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.D.; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; Edmund Thompson, P.P.G.P.; Samuel Wylde, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Remington, P.P.G.J.W.; John Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O. East Lancashire; W. J. Newman, P.P.G.R.; R. W. Woodhall, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; Captain Hargreave, P.G.J.W. East Lancashire; James Blackie, P.G.P. East Lancashire; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Edward Sewell, P.P.G.O.; J. C. Hunter, P.P.G.P.; P. Ball and W. H. Ball, P.G. Tylers; E. Hartley, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Baldwin, P.P.G.S.R.; Edward Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; Thomas A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Houlding, P.G.R.; T. Salter, P.G.S.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B. of Eng.; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.S.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C.; Alexander Levi, P.G.J. Griqualand; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; John Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; Reuben Pearson, P.P.G.R.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Leather, P.P.G.A.D.C.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; and J. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W.

The roll of lodges was afterwards called over by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, when it was found that the whole of the eighty-one lodges in this Masonic division were represented, several of them very largely. The minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held 1880 at Chorley, were read and confirmed.

The accounts of the PROV. G. TREASURER (Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241) showed that during the year ended the 30th September last, with previous balances, the sum of £428 11s. 10d. had been received for the Charity Fund, £780 7s. 6d. for the Prov. G. Lodge Fund, £1705 15s. 11d. for the Fund of Benevolence—total £2914 15s. 3d. The payments included the sum of £105 for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and £105 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. It appeared that the sum paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution up to date was £2249 5s. The balance at the end of the year was £2388 14s., invested in dock bonds, the Savings Bank, and the North-western Bank (Limited).

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, P.P.G.S.D., seconded by Bro. Dr. SMITH, P.G. Reg., the accounts were unanimously passed.

Bro. Dr. SMITH then proposed the re-election of Bro. R. Brown as the P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and in doing so he said that Bro. Brown had unfortunately been seriously ill for some time—which must be his excuse for absence that day—but while he had been able to perform his duty everyone must have been satisfied with the manner in which Bro. Brown had done his work—(hear, hear)—and he thought it would be a well deserved compliment if they again elected him that day.

Bro. JOHNSON, P.G.S.D., seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. the Earl of Latham afterwards appointed his officers as follows for the ensuing year:

- Bro. the Rt. Hon F. Stanley ... R.W.D.P.G.M.
N. Beswick-Royds ... Prov. G.S.W.
W. A. Clayton ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. T. B. Spencer ... Prov. G. Chap.
R. Brown (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
T. Buxton ... Prov. G. Reg.
H. S. Alpass (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
R. Young ... Prov. G.S.D.
R. Washington ... Prov. G.S.D.
T. Forrester ... Prov. G.J.D.
T. Salter ... Prov. G.J.D.
H. A. Tobias ... Prov. G.S. of W.
J. Duncan, jun. ... Prov. G.D.C.

- Bro. J. Preston ... Prov. G.D.C.
W. Brackenbury ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. Bath ... Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Org.
H. Crosby ... Prov. G.P.
Dr. Bailey, Mycock, S. Mattison, Bulmer, and Cotham ... Prov. G. Stwd.

Bros. R. Young, P.M. 86, P.G.S.D.; Dr. Bailey, P.G.S.; A. C. Wylie, P.M. 1264; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D.; M. Hart, P.M. 724; J. F. Newell, P.P.G.J.W.; Robertson, T. Evans, W.M. 1675; and W. Newsome, P.M. 86, who had served the offices of Stewards to London Masonic Charities, were voted charity jewels in recognition of their services.

The sum of £80 was voted in aid of the widows and children of deceased Freemasons.

The P.G. SECRETARY then stated that he had nothing special to report with regard to the province during the past year, but he would point out the necessity of the lodges recognising the importance of their securing as many votes as they possibly could in connection with the Masonic Charities, especially as the other provinces were now wide awake with regard to the matter.

On the motion of Bro. A. WYLIE, seconded by Bro. H. S. ALPASS, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of 100 guineas should be voted from the charity fund or the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the widows of Freemasons. It was also agreed that, on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, to vote 100 guineas from the charity fund or Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; and it was resolved that this amount should be vested in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The sum of £25 was voted in aid of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. S. ALPASS, P.G. Sec., then proposed the following resolution:—

That the charity Committee of the province shall be re-constituted, and in future consist of twenty members, six of whom shall be the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Prov. Grand Wardens, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary for the time being; the remainder shall be Past Masters, elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge at the annual meeting, not more than seven of whom shall be from Liverpool, or within a six miles radius of Liverpool; and seven, members of lodges in other parts of the province, for the purpose of recommending to Prov. Grand Lodge grants of money from the Charity Fund and Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Masonic Charities, and for promoting the election of candidates from the province on the various Metropolitan Masonic Institutions. The Committee at its first meeting after each annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge shall appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the P.G. Sec. for the time being shall be Secretary to the Committee. Past Masters who are to be proposed as members of this Committee, must be nominated by their lodges to the P.G. Sec. ten days previous to the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Committee shall appoint at its first meeting a deputation, consisting of two of its members, to be approved of by the Prov. Grand Master, to attend if necessary the election of candidates on the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions, and their expenses shall be paid out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The motion, after considerable discussion, was adopted.

On the motion of Bro. GOODACRE, P.M. 1588, the sum of £15 was voted from the funds of the P.G. Lodge to assist the election of a child of a brother of No. 1588, on the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Five P.M.'s were then elected members of the Committee of the Hamer Fund of Benevolence, and the Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditors were also appointed. The Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was then held, and the usual business was transacted, after which the P.G. Lodge was resumed and closed.

At the close of the business about 500 brethren dined in the Pavilion Theatre of the Winter Gardens, Bro. the Earl of Latham, P.G.M., presiding, supported by Bro. Colonel Stanley, P.D.G.M., and the other officers of the P.G. Lodge.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening, and in proposing "The Health of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, R.W.G.M.," Bro. the Earl of Latham said he hoped that in connection with the guild meeting in Preston next year the Prince of Wales would be able to attend, and the Masons of West Lancashire would then have an opportunity of showing what the true standing of the Order was in that part of the kingdom. (Loud cheers.)

The toast of "The P.G.M." was received with immense enthusiasm, and, in response, his lordship said that in no province in England was there to be found a more united and unanimous body of Masons than that which existed in West Lancashire.

Other toasts followed, and during the evening a choice musical programme was given. The meeting throughout was of a highly successful character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the above province was held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on the 12th inst., at the close of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, under the presidency of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Latham, First Grand Principal. The following appointments were subsequently made:

- Comp. the Hon. F. A. Stanley ... Prov. G.H.
W. A. Clayton ... Prov. G.J.
H. S. Alpass ... Prov. G.S.E.
John Houlding, 1393 ... Prov. G.S.N.
Henry Longman Lancaster, 1051 ... Prov. G.P.S.
J. W. Ballard, 823 ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
John Wray, 703 ... Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
William Leather, 897 ... Prov. G. Reg.
Thomas Tunstall, 148 ... Prov. G. Swd. B.
John Settle, 1225 ... Prov. G. Std. B.
John Wells, 580 and 1086 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
Joseph Skeaf ... Prov. G. Org.
John Bowes ... Prov. G. Treas.
Alexander Cotter ... Prov. G. Stwd.

NOTICE.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book" for 1882 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursday.

It is, therefore, requested that all communications intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Advertisements and short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "Der Long Islaender," "The Nautical Gazette," "Islington Gazette," "Public Ledger" (Philadelphia), "Die Bauhutte," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Jewish Chronicle," "La Tolerance," "The West London Advertiser," "The Hull Packet," "Caygill's Tourist's Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "New York Dispatch," "Masonic Advocate," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Montreal Daily Star," "Montreal Herald."

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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.]

THE STATUS OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A question has been asked me several times of late by some of my younger brethren, which I have experienced great difficulty in answering, and I should be glad of an opinion from yourself, or from some of your eminent correspondents on the point. This is: What is the status of the present Senior Grand Warden of England?

This worthy and amiable young nobleman, against whom personally I am sure no brother can have anything to say, has been installed in his high office without ever having been installed W.M. of a regular lodge.

In number IV. of the Ancient Charges we find: "No brother can be a Warden until, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a lodge." Why has this excellent rule been disregarded; and why has a brother, necessarily of but slight Masonic attainments, been placed in so responsible and dignified an office, against the spirit, if not actually against the law, of the Craft? Surely it is not in consequence of his high social position.

A second question has been asked me, which I crave your assistance in answering. It is reported that the brother in question will be elected W.M. of his mother lodge for the year ensuing, and I have been asked whether this would be a legal proceeding?

Under the title "Of Grand Wardens," Sec. I., in the Book of Constitutions we find: "They cannot act as Wardens of a private lodge while they continue Grand Warden." The noble lord will have only been a Warden of his lodge for one year on the next day of installation and during some nine months of that time will have fallen under the incapacity mentioned above.

Under these circumstances can he be said to have "regularly served as Warden of a warranted lodge for one year" (Book of Constitutions, title "Of Private Lodges," Sec. 2), and so be eligible for the chair?

I ask these questions with no feeling of hostility to our noble brother, whom I do not know, but simply to obtain information, and to be able to answer them myself when put to me by those who persist in looking for instruction from even

A YOUNG RULER OF THE CRAFT.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL SWIMMING BATH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although the Court of Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at its meeting on Saturday week last authorised the expenditure of two thousand pounds for a swimming bath, yet I hope the House Com-

mittee will show its consideration of the protest of one of the most charitable lodges in the Province of East Lancashire, by considering how far the cost of this bath may be reduced. I do not wish to say a word against the bath, which is, no doubt, essential to cleanliness and conducive to health; but those who preach this gospel of soap and water may possibly, on further consideration, arrive at the conclusion that the sum named is too great to expend on a bath which will not be always in use, and which will not be used by all the girls at the same time. Under the impression that one half the expense will fulfil all the requirements, and enable the girls to perform proper and sufficient ablutions, I venture to hope that the House Committee will reconsider the resolution they have carried.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. BIRCH.

Manchester, October 12th.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. W. F. Lamonby having been pleased to notice, in your issue of the 20th August last, my brief historical sketch of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Jamaica, supplied in the Government Handbook of this Colony for the current year; and having also called attention to the fact that I had not included the lodge in which Bro. Simon Miller was initiated, I have now to explain that in the second paragraph of my sketch I had, to avoid encumbering it with the names of defunct lodges, stated that from 1771 to 1775 "nine other lodges" had been instituted, and Bro. Lamonby will now see, by the subjoined list, that I had not overlooked the lodge in which Bro. Miller was initiated. The "nine other lodges" referred to were these:—

No. 419. Harmony Lodge, Kingston	... 1771.
No. 420. St. James's Lodge, Montego Bay,	1771.
No. 421. Union Lodge, St. James's	... 1771.
No. 446. Union Lodge, Kingston	... 1773.
No. 447. Beaufort Lodge, Kingston	... 1773.
No. 483. Green Island Lodge, Hanover	... 1773.
No. 485. Lucea Lodge, Hanover	... 1773.
No. 486. Spanish Town Lodge, St. Catherine,	1773.
No. 487. Union Lodge, Savannah-la-Mar	1773.

It is, however, evident from Bro. Miller's certificate that he was one of the earliest of the initiates of the Union Lodge of Savannah-la-Mar.

I am thankful to Bro. Lamonby for the information he has supplied by Bro. Miller's certificate, and would be glad to acknowledge similar service from brethren able to give me other items of information to enable me to complete a history of Freemasonry in Jamaica that I have now in hand. With the exception of a solitary Past Master in Kingston, whose antiquated views take us back to the year 1720, when scrupulous brethren preferred to burn valuable MSS. rather than submit them for inspection, I have met with little or no difficulty in obtaining the perusal of existing minutes and documents bearing on the rise and progress of our Order in this Colony; so I hope, at no distant day, to supply the Craft with an interesting account of our work in this country, even though I may have to ignore entirely a Kingston lodge, whose charter dates from the year 1809.

Thanking you for the space afforded, I remain, dear Sir and brother, fraternally yours,

H. J. BURGER.

Kingston, Jamaica, 24th September.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.—A WARNING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to my letter under this heading, and which you kindly inserted for me on the 1st inst., I have had a communication from a brother of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 504, Havant, stating that an application was made to him by a "Charles Southwood, of No. 954, St. Aubyn, Devonport," who he believed to be the person to whom I referred, and whose real name is *Charles H. Couch*. My correspondent describes him as "having dark hair and complexion; something the matter with his feet, that is, walks very tenderly; height about five feet five or six inches." When *Charles H. Couch* applied to me I did not take notice of these particulars, but generally they agree with my impression of the individual. As he had written to me for an interview, I sent on his note to my correspondent at Havant, and am favoured with this reply, "The Almoner informs me that he is sure the hand-writing is the same as the individual, Charles Southwood, showed him."

This man *Couch*, who is now so imposing on the members of the Craft, has a history at Devonport which, through personal friends (non-Masons), is now well known to me; and it is not a creditable one. In the interests of the Order I sincerely hope that this "warning" may be the means of stopping his career of imposture. I have now lost him between Havant and Portsmouth. If he should again attempt to use the name of the respectable lodge "St. Aubyn," in which he was unfortunately initiated, I hope it may be to some brother who may read this letter, and that I shall be informed of it. As far as I can individually do so, I shall take all necessary pains to bring him to account and "stop his little game."

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, November 13th, 1881.

Reviews.

THE MASONIC RECEPTION AT YORK. By Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD. *Yorkshire Gazette* Office, York.

This is an interesting account of a very remarkable "assembly" in the annals of English and York Freemasonry. The idea was a good one in itself, admirably carried out, and the successful result of much anxious thought and skilful elaboration, will, we doubt not, do good to Masonic archæology. In the first place it shows us that, if some doubt, we do not, that there is a latent desire in the Craft for a more intellectual display of Masonic normal life, and really that the "resources" of Masonic "civilization" are much more numerous and striking than we are wont to fancy or believe. We congratulate once again those who laboured so zealously to perfect their good work, on this happy outcome both of genial hospitality and Masonic æstheticism, long to remain an "alba dies" for "York Masons;" and we also thank Bro. Whytehead for a very seasonable reminder of the wise things said, and the good things collected.

THE EGYPT OF THE PAST. By ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S. Kegan, Paul, French, and Co. London, 1881.

This long-expected work of our distinguished and respected brother has now appeared, and will be full of gratification for Egyptologists, and all who feel an interest in the mysterious records of a departed civilization—the memories and monuments of a wondrous, if prostrate, people. If around the Egypt of to-day there still centre many sympathies and associations, and hopes and fears, and anticipations and expectations, these are vastly different from those which linger by the banks of the Nile, amid ruined temples and fallen palaces, by pyramids which speak in silent solemnity to our living heart of dead and buried centuries, to burial places which point to rifled tombs, and forgotten, if royal, occupants. Egypt is a land of mystery and awe, great, weird, and overwhelming, and affects alike the student of the past and him who only sees in the things of the present a type of results which shall one day be. What strides has Egyptology made since Denon and his "sages" surveyed the land of Mizraim; since Young and Champollion deciphered mystic hieroglyphs; since the labours of the patient student were devoted to the unrolling and reading of "hieratic papyri" of royal "cartouches," of pictured inscriptions, and of long-buried MSS. The Book of the Dead is no more a sealed book to the expert, or to the labours of Egyptologists,—among whom we may count a young and rising brother of our Order, now one of the greatest authorities on the subject. A greater insight into Egypt as she was, "The Egypt of the Past," is vouchsafed to us to-day than at any previous epoch was either possible, or seemed to be probable. The buried puerilities of Kircher have long since given way to the prolific studies of Lepsius and Osborne, Brugsch and Mariette, of Textor de Ravisi and Renouf, of Birch and Maspero, of Navelle, and the Society of Biblical Archæology. We, who as "unexperts" linger among the ruins, or pore over the records of the Egypt of the past, are like travellers standing at the entrance of some great, if ruined, temple, majestic still in its very "debris," and as we gaze are filled with wonder and delight. Egypt is still, to us, the land "par excellence" of marvels and of mystery, of interest and intelligence. Bro. Erasmus Wilson accepts the views of the modern school of Egyptologists as to the actual correctness of the fragments of Manetho which remain, and on which Bunsen, and Lepsius, and many others needless to name, have founded that scheme of chronology which carries Egyptian civilization to pre-antediluvian times, in respect of the Bible chronology. It is just possible that, like the fabulous cosmogenies of Hindostan, these long cycles of years and these protracted lists of kings,—whether on Babylonian cylinders or Egyptian monuments,—may yet be reduced, by a duplicate, and even a triplicate, process of synchronous dynasties, and by the weeding out of repetitions which have been inserted by the fallacious memories of cunning scribes, or interpolated by the hands of ignorant translators. All the Oriental cosmogenies and dynastic records seem to lean in this one direction, and it is just possible that the great "crux" of all Oriental investigation may yet by clearer evidence become a matter of easy accommodation. Bro. Erasmus Wilson also adopts the "burial" theory of the pyramids, on certainly very clear and well-stated grounds, in opposition to the views of the "pyramidal school." Our best thanks are due to writers like our Bro. Erasmus Wilson, who do not disdain out of their accumulated stores of wisdom and research to pave the way for, and remove the difficulties of, humbler students. We have read Bro. Erasmus Wilson's book with singular pleasure, and commend it to the notice and perusal of all our readers. The illustrations are characteristic and very effective.

HISTOIRE DU TRIBUNAL REVOLUTIONNAIRE DE PARIS. Par H. WALLON, Hachette et Cie. Paris. Tome V.

The fifth volume of this very striking and seasonable work is before us, though awful in the reality of its very awfulness. We left off in the fourth volume with what were called the "Massacres of the Luxembourg," a dreadful recital, as some of our readers will recall to mind; and on the 19th July, 1794, the work of "blood" began anew, and countless judicial murders thence went on, "de die in diem," including the massacre of the eighteen Carmelite priests at Compiègne, which, in its abominable cruelty and loathsome iniquity, reminds us of the deliberate murder of the eight poor Carmelite nuns, on the 21st Pluviose, the 9th February, 1794. A dreadful case is recorded, among many more, on the 19th July, by the "Greffier" on the official registers, when a young "St. Perrin," aged only seventeen, is brought before the Tribunal, in mistake for his aged father, with his poor mother. And when he proposes to produce his certificate of age, &c., Dumas says, "I want none of your certificates," and he is condemned. A long list of forty-nine thoroughly innocent victims it sent to the guillotine on the 5th Thermidor, July 23rd, and a numerous cortege had passed out daily since the 19th, of all ranks, conditions, young and old, noble and working men. A batch,—or, as the French say, a "fournée,"—of twenty-four is condemned on the 25th; another of twenty-six on the 25th, including the poet André Chenier, and, as we remarked just now, with cruel impartiality made up of all

classes alike. An eye-witness describes one fearful scene, which even affected the crowd, hardened now to those scenes and sights of shame. A young girl of seventeen, paralyzed, and an old lady between seventy and eighty, unable to walk, are carried up the steps of the guillotine. Two more lists of victims, twenty-three and twenty-five respectively, are all equally condemned, equally innocent; and then comes the famous "9th Thermidor," and the last convoy of helpless victims actually went to execution, amid the signs of that great struggle everywhere and the "generale" beating in the streets. On that very day began the contest which led to the fall of Robespierre. Dumas, the cruel President of this "Tribunal of Blood," as M. Wallon not unjustly terms it, was arrested by order of the Convention, while about to pronounce a judgment on some helpless, hapless, innocent sufferers, and was taken off the Bench by gendarmes and sent to prison. A Mr. Maire takes his place, and pronounces sentence. Let us try and realize the horror and absurdity of such a "fact." That same day,—July 27th, 1794,—the Convention had ordered the arrest of Robespierre, Dumas, Coffinhal, Couthon, Hanriot, St. Just Lebas, and others. Robespierre made his famous address in the Convention and failed, on the 8th Thermidor, July 26th, and a very violent speech to the Jacobins that evening, denouncing the Convention, and declaring the need of "purging" convents and communities alike of traitors. In fact, another proscription and another slaughter. Robespierre was arrested in the Convention, and sent to the Luxembourg. But he was soon released by the Commune and installed in the "Mairie," in open war with the Convention. The Convention thereupon declared him and all his friends "hors de la loi," and he was taken prisoner at the Mairie by a gendarme, called Meda, and severely wounded, early on the 10th Thermidor, July 28th, and brought before the tribunal he had himself set up. Curious irony of fate; solemn Nemesis of outraged justice, and humanity, and equality. Thence—with Simon, the murderer of the poor little dauphin, with Dumas, the "unjust judge," with Hanriot, and Couthon, and St. Just, and Robespierre the younger, and others, in all twenty-two in number of his adherents, having been "identified" before the court—he was conducted to the guillotine amid the fearful execrations of an "immense people," say the French accounts. It was asserted, truly or untruly, that Robespierre was akin to "Damiens," the would-be murderer of Louis XV.; and the outraged people actually invoked the same fate, says an eye-witness, for him. Damiens, as some of us know, was torn to pieces, dreadful to relate, by horses. The following epitaph for Robespierre was composed by some witty Frenchman on this now crushed "Terroriste,"

"Passant quique tu sois, ne pleure pas mon sort,
Si je vivais, tu serais mort."

On the 11th Thermidor July 29th, sixty-two more of Robespierres satellites and chief supporters in cruelty were executed, including Coffinhal, as "outlaws." There is no doubt that had not the Convention thus mastered the Commune, and Robespierre and the leading "Montagnards," a general massacre of the "Moderates" would have taken place. On the 8th Thermidor, July 26th, a certain Desiré, Mathieu, Courlet, Beaulop, (not his real name, Mr. Wallon thinks), was sent to the guillotine, to prevent him revealing the proscription of 300 persons of whom he had the names, it is supposed from Fouquier Tinville himself, and these 300 were all the principal persons in Paris in the Convention, Committee, army, &c. There is previously to Robespierre's fall, some very curious evidence relative to a certain mystic, or illuminée, Catherine Thiot, mixed up with a certain priest, "Dom Gerle," with whom Robespierre was intimate, and who set up a ridiculous "Initiation," with secret rites and extraordinary sacrifices. Robespierre prevented, with Fouquier Tinville, an enquiry into these excesses, and thus paved the way for the common fear of all his associates and contemporaries, except the Jacobins, that he was aiming at a dictatorship, supreme power, and was to attain to it by the destruction of all who would not implicitly follow him. There are curious stories, and popular ones, mentioned by Mr. Wallon, as shewing the popular belief in this respect. But we must hurry on. Curiously enough, as often happens in such episodes, the victory of the Convention over the Commune turned upon a mere accident. Had Hanriot been present in Paris when the crisis came, and sober when he returned, the struggles would have been probably more severe. But the declaring of Robespierre and all his adherents "hors de la loi," placed a powerful weapon in the hands of the Convention, swayed the military force, and led to the complete overthrow of the Commune. It is a common, but mistaken view, that with the fall of Robespierre the reign of terror ceased. That is not so. Two days after his execution the dread tribunal suppressed was resuscitated. There were 5106 persons in the various prisons in Paris, and to the close of this fifth volume several most cruel murders are still committed under this new tribunal, though fewer in number, and at longer intervals than before the fall of Robespierre, and with a larger margin of acquittals. We gain in this volume a dreadful insight into the so-called "Noyades" of Nantes, where many hundreds of helpless victims—priests, nobles, ladies, and women with babies in their arms—were bound with cords and drowned in the river. Indeed, the horrors of the facts narrated by the witnesses and "doers" surpass belief, and are too painful to dwell upon here. We shall read in the next volume of the condemnation of Carrier, and the trial of Fouquier Tinville. One rises from the the volume saddened and weary with those long and awful accounts of blood! blood! blood! cruel savagery, deliberate murder. Neither sex, nor innocence, nor youth, nor beauty, nor gallantry, nor worth can save their possessors from this overflow of a sanguinary "rabies" from the insults of a Coffinhal, or the cynical cruelty of a Dumas; from the pre-arranged verdicts of juries utterly insensible either to the feelings of pity, the horror of illegality, the claims of right and innocence, the principles of truth, honour, justice, and virtue. We may add, on Mr. Wallon's authority, that according to the registers, a fact which would otherwise seem incredible, is clear, namely, that from the 3rd of April, 1793, to the 13th April, 1794, 505 persons were condemned; while from the 13th April to the fall of Robespierre, a little over four months, 2603 persons were guillotined!

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

ELIAS ASHMOLE AND WARRINGTON.

Bro. Hughan says that he is not aware that it has been generally held, as stated, that the lodge at Warrington, 1646, was mainly an operative lodge. If Bro. Hughan be correct, then the admission of Elias Ashmole and Col. Mainwaring was the admission of Speculative non-Operative Masons into a Speculative Lodge. But where does he find proof of such an "assumption." Further, how does he interpret the following passage from the "Life of Ashmole," in Oliver's notes to the 1861 edition of Preston, and which can still be read by the student: "He, Mr. Ashmole, was elected a brother of the Company of Freemasons, a favour esteemed so singular by the members, that Kings themselves have not disdained to enter themselves of this Society. From these are derived the Adopted Masons, Accepted Masons, or Freemasons, who are known to one another all over the world by certain signals and watchwords known to them alone," &c., &c. If the writer means anything, according to my humble understanding of the English language, he seeks to point out that he makes a difference between the "Company of the Freemasons," and the "Adopted—Accepted—Freemasons;" the one being mainly operative, the other mainly Speculative, thus in antithesis to each other. The use of special words in the original entry, such as "Warden," and the "Fellowcrafts," have led myself and others, and the writer above quoted, to conclude that the lodge at Warrington was mainly an operative lodge, Elias Ashmole and Col. Mainwaring being so far the first Speculative Masons in England of whom we know. I should myself be greatly pleased to prove the existence of speculative lodges, such as the lodge at Warrington in 1646, but at present all such evidence is wanting. Dr. Plot talks of lodges in 1686, and, as Bro. Gould pertinently remarks, they could not have been "self-created then," and it may be we may yet obtain right satisfactory proof of seventeenth century Freemasonry. A good deal of difficulty has been imported into the whole matter by the so-called "new regulations" in the later Harleian MS., recognizing the admission of speculative members, which Oliver puts down to 1663. If that law was really passed then, it was only renewed and repealed in all probability, as the admission of speculatives probably took place,—early in the seventeenth century. If my good friend, who I am glad to see dubs the 1717 theory an "absurdity," is prepared to give up the mainly operative character of the lodges in the seventeenth century, I fear that the "crux" to be solved is rendered still more difficult, because then I must ask him—To about what actual date does he relegate the appearance of speculative lodges? We only know in the seventeenth century "bene notanda est" of two lodges; the one at Warrington 1646, and Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, 1682, though we may fairly take into consideration Dr. Plot's distinct assertions in 1686; and there is inferential evidence of a lodge of some sort in York in 1690-3. And if the lodge at Warrington 1646 was not mainly an operative lodge, what was it? The researches a friend of mine is making at Warrington were begun originally to prove what could be verified of Elias Ashmole's statement, and then when it appeared that several of those present could hardly have been operative, it seemed to me and to others, to render a search for traces of seventeenth century operative lodges, as we were practically "working in the dark." But the transition from truly operative guilds, with the gradual admission of speculative members, into lodge mainly speculative, (though as Bro. Gould has shewn—a large speculative element existed in the 1717 revival), seems to be so reasonable and natural an explanation of Masonic history, that as "at present advised," I for one cannot see my way to give up the theory, or "assumption," call it what you will, despite the high authority of Bro Hughan, that the lodges in the seventeenth century were mainly operative. If it be not so, if such a position becomes untenable, then as good always comes out of evil—we throw back the antiquity of the speculative system to the beginning of the 17th instead of the beginning of the 18th. Indeed, it may eventually be proved, that with the dissolution of guilds and fraternities in Edward VI., began an absorption of the speculative element, into the operative sodalities. A good deal turns upon this point, as I will try to point out next week.

MASONIC STUDENT.

HERBERGAGE.

Your correspondent G. H. has called attention to an extract which is most interesting in more ways than one. The indenture is in Norman French, but I can quite understand his being unable to trace this word in any French dictionary, because it happens to be a German root with a French termination. The German Craftsman's house of call was "Herberg," the landlord or lady was Herbergs-water or Herberg's-mutter, as the case might be, and these words exist to the present day unaltered.

Flügel's dictionary gives Herberge, harbour, quarters, town, &c.; Herbergen, to live, lodge, &c.; Schneiderherberge, house of call for tailors. The French equivalent is Auberge. In the extract mentioned I doubt whether Herbergage means general maintenance; it certainly means "lodging," but I doubt the "board."

The introduction of this curious word, however, in a French document of 1395 will no doubt interest many as bearing upon a question now under investigation.

ENTERED APPRENTICE STUDENT.

HERBERGAGE,

I apprehend, is the old word for "Harbourage," practically "home and shelter."

M. S.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve and to exacerbate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.—[ADVT.]

FREEMASONRY AT BROCKLEY.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has issued a warrant to some of the brethren in Brockley and St. John's to form a Craft lodge, to meet at St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park. The lodge is to be called the Wickham Lodge, and has been numbered 1924 on the roll of lodges serving under the United Grand Lodge of England.

The principal officers named in the warrant are Bro. Wilmer Hollingworth, P.M. 63, who is nominated as first W.M.; Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., as S.W.; and Bro. W. F. Dennant, W.M. 140, as J.W.

Amongst others named in the warrant, and who will probably be elected or nominated to other offices in the lodge, are Bros. W. A. Adam, J. O. Abbott, W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Head Master of Aske's Schools; C. Lowther Kemp, S. W. Hooper, J. A. Burton, and H. Nuding.

The very interesting and imposing ceremony of consecrating the new lodge will take place on Saturday, the 22nd inst., and will be conducted by Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., who is so well known as a great authority on Masonic matters, and Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, M.A., G. Chap. Extensive preparations are being made, and many Grand Officers and others noted in the Craft are expected to be present. Amongst others may be mentioned Bros. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board of Gen. Purp.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. for German Correspondence; J. Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss; Asst. G. Sec.; G. Kelly, P.G. Steward; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, and many others. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Henry Gadsby, P.M., assisted by gentlemen from St. Paul's Cathedral. The anthems selected are "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," &c., "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," &c., and "From the rising of the Sun."

The ceremonies of consecration of the lodge, installation of the Master, and the appointment and investiture of the officers will take about three hours, and will be followed by a banquet, to be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, Mr. J. P. Knight having most kindly made special arrangements for the conveyance from Brockley to London Bridge of the large company expected to be present.

The vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. J. C. Wetherell, has given the large Bible, which is one of the necessities of the lodge, and Mrs. Drake, the Lady of the Manor, has evinced much interest in the lodge, and intimated that she will be glad to be allowed to present some of the furniture. The first regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 7th, and thenceforward on the first Mondays in January, March, May, July, and November. Many names have already been sent in as candidates for initiation and joining

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The twelfth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened at twelve o'clock on Wednesday, September 28th, in the Canadian Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes-square, the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Graham, LL.D., being on the throne.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and a large number of delegates were reported as being in attendance.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock for refreshment, and having resumed, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, which was a very elaborate one, occupying about two hours in its delivery. Having briefly referred to the loss by death of several members of the Order, among whom were V.W. Bro. W. H. Van Vleit, of Lacolle, P.Q.; R.W. Bro. S. McClung, of Three Rivers, first Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; R. W. Bro. W. Miller, P.D.D.G.M. of the District of Quebec and Three Rivers; Grand Master M.W. Bro. A. F. Crowe, of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M.W. Bro. L. B. Englesby, Grand Representative of Quebec in the State of Vermont; R.W. Bro. Thompson, Grand Representative of Quebec in British Columbia; and R.W. Bro. G. S. Blackie, M.D. of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He made the following remarks in reference to the death of the late President Garfield: "On the 2nd day of July last our eminent and illustrious brother, His Excellency the President of the United States,—General the Honourable James Abram Garfield, was shot by an assassin, and, after a lingering illness, borne with Christian, manly, and heroic fortitude, he died from the effects of the wound, on the 10th day of September. The whole world was then struck with horror at the foul deed. The neighbouring republic is now plunged in the deepest sorrow, and all good and true men of every nation, kindred, and tongue share their grief, mourn with them in their sad affliction, and from overflowing hearts pour forth their condolence to that great nation in the terrible loss which has befallen them. None felt greater horror of the accursed deed which struck him down—none felt more profound sorrow at his sad death, and none more deeply sympathized with the sorrowing nation, or the sadly bereaved mother, wife, and children than the members of our Fraternity. I now, therefore, propose that this Grand Lodge, in annual communication assembled, do sorrowfully express and suitably convey our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence to the deeply afflicted family of our martyred brother, with the fervent prayer that the Most High may ever have them in His holy keeping, and at the last may He receive them all to Himself, and to never-ending and blissful communion with the dear departed. So mote it be. I beg also to propose that a memorial page of our Grand Lodge proceedings be dedicated and held sacred to the undying memory of our illustrious brother, the late Hon. James Abram Garfield." During the past year the following brethren had been commissioned as Grand Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges, viz.: R.W. Bros. A. A. Hall, near Vermont; W. S. McLellan, near Nevada; R. J. Paffy, near Mississippi; and F. W. Brunson, near Rhode Island. The Grand Master then referred to the laying of the bridge across the River St. Francis with Masonic ceremonies, and also to the dedication of Masonic Halls in Bedford and Richmond. He had granted a warrant to establish a new lodge at Lachine, called the St. Louis. He called the attention of the Craft in the Province of Ontario to the undesirableness of their longer continuing to call their Grand Body "The Grand Lodge of Canada," and said he considered it should be re-christened "The Grand Lodge of Ontario." He also expressed his sympathy with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in her

constitutional contention with the mother Grand Lodge of Missouri, which, as he held, irregularly persisted in its violation of the sovereign rights of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. He then briefly referred to a few of the more salient points of their brief, eventual history—from the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1869 up to the present time. He reviewed the differences that had existed between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and of Quebec, which had happily ended in the admission of Elgin, Argyle, and King Solomon Lodges, Scottish register, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In referring to the number of lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he said the auspicious union of the lodges of registries of "Canada" and Scotland, with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the ordinary annual increase of lodges in different portions of our jurisdiction, has made the number of lodges now on our registry over threefold the number which participated in the formation of this Grand Body in 1869. This, of course, is highly gratifying, yet it is doubtless true that the welfare of the Craft now requires a considerable reduction in the number of lodges, by consolidation and otherwise, and I trust that this very important matter will receive the early and serious consideration not only of the several lodges whose interests are directly affected, but also of Grand Lodge. He thanked the officers and other brethren of the Grand Lodge for their invaluable counsels and hearty co-operations in furthering the good work of laying the foundations and aiding to erect thereon their grand superstructure. He referred at considerable length to the work of adjusting the relations of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to the mother Grand Lodge of England, and the fraternal adhesion to our Grand Lodge, of her three daughter lodges—the St. Paul, the St. George, and the St. Lawrence—still existing within the recognised sovereign jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge at Quebec. In response to an application for recognition and the interchange of Grand Representatives, the Grand Lodge of England formerly offered recognition to our Grand Lodge, with the reservation that the three lodges of her Constitution within our territory should be permitted to continue at their will on the registry, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England; and at the same time reminding the Grand Lodge of Quebec that the Grand Lodge of Canada had formerly accepted recognition from England on the same conditions. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, however, most respectfully declined to accept such conditional recognition from England, holding that she was justly entitled to have and to exercise exclusive sovereign jurisdiction over every regular lodge of Freemasons situate within the geographical limits of the Province of Quebec, and that it was the duty of the Grand Lodge of England either to recall the warrants of her daughter lodges here, or that these lodges should become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Long suzerainty of the evils resulting from the contemporaneous existence of private lodges of multiple Grand Lodge jurisdiction and governance (or rather often, non-governance) within the same territory, had convinced the Craft in this province that the acceptance of said conditional recognition from England by Canada was a grievous error—that it was, in fact, an abandonment, in part at least, of the principles on which she was founded, and on which she had secured "recognition" from most of the Grand Lodges of the world. The Grand Lodge of Quebec held, moreover, that the policy of the Grand Lodge of England thus pursued toward Canada and other Colonial Grand Lodges, and sought to be perpetuated in Quebec, was not in accordance with the fundamental principles of our peaceful Fraternity, since it did not tend to promote peace, harmony, unity, and prosperity, but was rather the cause of local dissension and discord; and tended also to produce international Masonic alienation and strife. It was also held by Quebec that the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty to which she had ever adhered, and which so happily prevailed throughout North America, was in strict accordance with the constitution and landmarks of our ancient Fraternity; that it was not absent from the constitutions of the mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and that their policy toward Quebec and other Grand Lodges throughout the British Empire ought to be in harmony with their own principles, and with their practice toward each other within their own jurisdiction. The efforts hitherto put forth to secure a satisfactory adjustment of their relations to the Grand Lodge of England, and to the private lodges of her institution here, not having attained the desired end, he had considerable correspondence with their distinguished and illustrious brother, the Grand Master of England, with reference to the matter. (Here the Grand Master read the whole of the correspondence in question.) This correspondence, he considered, was wholly unsatisfactory, and he quoted clauses from the Constitutions of both the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland to show that they claimed exclusive territorial jurisdiction, and these principles, common to the Constitutions of these two Grand Lodges, had since their renunciation remained unchallenged as correct statements of the "ancient Constitutions" relating to the rights, privileges, prerogatives, and governance of Grand Lodges; and, therefore, the practice of the mother Grand Lodge of England towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec had not been in accordance with the theory or principles of the ancient Constitutions of the Craft, or of even her own Constitution. He read resolutions that had been adopted by the Grand Lodges of the States of Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, to the effect that they would not hold communication nor correspondence with any Masons, citizens of the United States, lodge or lodges, who acknowledged the supremacy of any foreign Grand Lodge, and did not by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to their respective Grand Lodges. He earnestly begged and advised the Grand Lodge not to take any decisive action thereon at the present communication, as he considered that neither the Grand Lodge of England, nor her daughter lodges here, had hitherto given the subject the mature consideration which its importance demanded, as he did not believe that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, or the venerable Grand Lodge over which he so auspiciously presided, would long perpetuate that which was shown not to accord with Masonic right and justice; that he had such confidence in the prudence, forethought, and ability of many of the brethren still in dissent here as to induce him to think that on due deliberation they could not deem it to be well, or to accord with their duty as loyal Craftsmen, much longer to defer action, having in view the enrolment of their lodges on the registry of this Grand Lodge, and for other reasons. He had, after mature and most anxious delibera-

tion, decided thus to advise the Grand Lodge, with the hope and expectation that the great consummation so devoutly desired, might, in the manner indicated, shortly be attained, and thus give to the world one of the grandest manifestations of the reality and efficacy of our principles and professions as Freemasons, such as has been seldom witnessed heretofore. He concluded his address as follows: "Should these seemingly well-grounded expectations of an early, and satisfactory adjustment of our relations to the mother Grand Lodge of England, and to her three daughter lodges here, be speedily realised, it will be a triumph of the great principles of our peace-loving Order, and all those participating therein will receive the richest fruition of the divinest of benedictions: 'Blessed are the peacemakers;' and it will afford a grand exemplification of 'how good and how joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' If these hopes are not fulfilled, which may God forbid, then the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not be found wanting in the performance of its duty: The labours of this twelfth annual communication having begun to order, may they be continued in peace and closed in harmony. So mote it be."

The Grand Master was listened to with marked attention throughout the delivery of his entire address.

The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and District Deputy Grand Masters of Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, Bedford, Ottawa and St. Francis District presented their respective reports.

R.W. Bro. E. R. JOHNSON, of Stanstead, moved, and R.V. Bro. GEORGE TYLER, of Three Rivers, seconded, "That the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M., has learned with feelings of profound sorrow and regret of the decease of Eminent Bro. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, an active, zealous Mason, one who exemplified in his noble character and lofty bearing the tenets of our Order. He had advanced to the higher walks of Masonic life, and stood esteemed, beloved, and respected by the Craft. His work was not done, yet his column is broken. His death was apparently untimely, and his brethren there mourn his loss. A nation bows in anguish over his grave, a wide, wide world sympathises and mingles tear with tear. Our widowed Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, have indicated their true nobility by heartfelt expressions of grief to the bereaved in this sad hour. To the mourning widow and weeping children of our illustrious departed brother we would extend our deepest sympathy, and would assure them that the great heart of the Masonic world bleeds and mourns with them now.

Carried unanimously. Moved by R.W. Bro. G. P. BUTLER, of Montreal, seconded by R.V. Bro. Hon. THOS. WOOD, of Bedford, "That the foregoing resolution be engrossed, and together with an impression of the memorial page to be devoted to the memory of our late much lamented illustrious Bro. James Abram Garfield, together with a copy of that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to his death, be transmitted to the widow of our late eminent brother."

Carried unanimously. The Grand Master announced that the next morning's session would be opened by an address by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. John Scrimger.

The Grand Lodge then till 8.30., and on resuming proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:—

M.W. Bros. J. H. Graham, L.L.D., of Richmond, Grand Master (re-elected); R. W. Hobart Butler, of Bedford, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master then appointed the following D.D.G.M.'s: R.V. Bros. Edson Fitch, of Quebec, D.D.G.M., for Quebec and Three Rivers; J. F. Walkey, D.D.G.M., for the District of Montreal; John Massie, junr., Cowansville, D.D.G.M., for Bedford District; Arthur F. Simpson, Lennoxville, D.D.G.M., for St. Francis; Dr. A. Lyon of Shawville, re-elected D.D.G.M., for Ottawa District.

The Grand Lodge adjourned at twelve o'clock. The Grand Lodge on resuming on Thursday morning, the Grand Master, Dr. J. H. Graham, being on the throne, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

R.V. Bros. Charles D. Hanson, Grand Senior Warden, Montreal; John Godwin, Grand Junior Warden, Three Rivers; Rev. J. Scrimger, Grand Chap., Montreal (re-elected); J. H. Stearns, Grand Treas., Montreal (re-elected); J. H. Isaacson, Grand Sec., Montreal (re-elected); Thomas Simpson, Grand Reg., Montreal.

It was resolved that the next annual communication should be held in the city of Quebec.

The CHAPLAIN then delivered an excellent address, and the Grand Lodge adjourned at one o'clock for refreshment.

The afternoon and evening sessions were taken up with the discussion on the amendments for the Grand Lodge Constitutions. The Grand Lodge adjourned at an early hour in the morning.

Amusements.

OPERA COMIQUE.—The London stage being now apparently given over to melodrama and comic opera, we cannot wonder at a piece bearing the name of W. S. Gilbert attracting large audiences, as "The Princess Toto" is now doing at the Opera Comique, although Mr. Arthur Sullivan's name is not associated with the popular librettist in the production. Mr. F. Clay, however, has adapted some charming music to this really clever production, and the result is a decided success, although we think it could with advantage be somewhat curtailed. The leading parts are taken by Miss Annette Albu and Messrs. Temple, Bishop, and Brough, and a better cast could not have been made. Mr. Temple, as the pompous monarch who is so nervously anxious never to place himself in an absurd position that might compromise him in the "eyes of surrounding nations," and yet is continually posing in the most ridiculous situations; Mr. Alfred Bishop, as Prince Caramel, an effeminate milksop whom fate compels to appear as a ferocious brigand; and Mr. Robert Brough, the wily prime minister whose "diplomacy" is destined to set the inverted world in which the court exists on its legs again, are all irresistibly funny. The Princess Toto, who is continually forgetting to which of the Princes she has been married, or that she was ever married at all, is one of those Gilbertian creations which "no fellow can understand," but which as repressed by the prima donna, Miss Annette Albu, was most droll, and the ballads allotted to her were charmingly rendered. The piece is splendidly mounted, and the dresses and accessories in the best taste. The fun, too, although hilarious, never approaches frivolity or vulgarity, and the opera ought, according to all precedent, to have a considerable run.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—

The first meeting of this old lodge since the vacation was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The W.M. opened his lodge punctually to the time appointed on the summons, and there were present during the proceedings the following brethren: Bros. H. Cosedje, W.M.; J. W. Crossley, S.W.; J. Shipley, J.W.; Joseph Harling, P.M., Treasurer; Joseph Driscoll, P.M., Hon. Sec.; T. E. Davey, S.D.; L. Steingraber, D.C.; Jas. Clarke, I.P.M.; C. Davey, P.M.; Thos. Smith, P.M.; A. Lefaux, P.M.; G. C. C. Smith, P.M.; H. Meyer, T. Oblein, Lampen, J. Protheroe, M. Misch, B. Ollendorf, W. Boyce, J. Hildrich, J. Lewis, and A. Coudery. Visitors: Bros. S. Richardson, I.G. 183; and W. Johnson, P.M. 865. Bros. Meyer, Burgessman and Protheroe were passed to the Second Degree in the W.M.'s usual faultless style. Two names were proposed for the ballot on the next occasion, and there being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a richly-served banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed. The pleasures of the festive board were very much enhanced during the evening by the capital singing of Bros. Johnson, Richardson, Boyce, Shipley, Smith, Steingraber, and Harling.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met on the 26th ult. at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were: Bros. T. Morrison, W.M.; Heaphy, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Rumball, I.P.M.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromholty, D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M. The visitors were: Bros. R. Ethesidge, 16, of Seville, Spain; H. S. Getz, P.M. 59, Washington, U.S.; Friday, P.M. 241, North Star, Washington; Noble, W.M. Rose of Denmark; Bond, P.M. 889; Featherstone, S.D. 1656; Golding, 975; W. T. Bell, 1044; C. King, 1624; and Frayling, 1638.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Whitehill was passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Mr. J. King was initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., both ceremonies being exceedingly well performed. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted in favour of Bro. Heaphy, S.W., who returned thanks in an able speech. Bro. Carter was re-elected Treasurer (twenty-third time), and Bro. Longstaffe re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee and the Committee of the Benevolent Fund having been elected, it was moved by Bro. Rumball, seconded, and unanimously carried, that a Past Master's jewel be awarded to the outgoing Master. The W.M. having briefly thanked the brethren, the lodge was duly closed, and the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in terms of well-deserved eulogy by the I.P.M. Bro. Morrison having responded, then gave in appropriate words "The Visitors." Bro. Getz, in reply, made a most fluent speech. After complimenting the lodge upon the excellent working of the W.M., he went on to give some very interesting details in connection with Masonry in America. In concluding his long, but excellent, response, he paid a high tribute of praise to the universal sympathy extended by all parties in England—from the Queen to the lowest of her subjects—to the United States upon the irreparable loss they had sustained by the death of their President, Bro. Garfield. Several of the other visitors having also replied, the toast of "The Initiate" followed, and drew from Bro. King a neat and expressive response. "The W.M. Elect" came next, and this pledge having been warmly received, Bro. Heaphy, in a few well-chosen sentences, acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Past Master," coupled with the name of Bro. W. Stuart, who replied, and "The Officers," responded to by Bro. Walls, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—

Monday evening, the 17th inst., the first meeting of this season of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, W. Bro. R. P. Tate occupying the chair. After the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months, and other routine business had been proceeded with, the brethren adjourned to the Old Bell, Holborn, to a banquet. Amongst the numerous brethren who sat down were: Bros. Tate, W.M. (in the chair); S. Godden, I.P.M.; J. Weaver, and T. Kingston, P.M.'s of 862. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Brown, occupied the S.W.'s chair. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. Irvine Harle, I.P.M. 1780 and P.P.G. Purst of Hampshire and Isle of Wight; W. H. Marston, P.M. 55 and 1599; and A. E. Gladwell, W.M. 172. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given were enthusiastically honoured, and the toast of "The Visitors" duly responded to. During the evening various excellent songs were sung, Bro. Harle presiding at the pianoforte. It would be but bare justice to remark that the banquet was served in a most excellent manner by the respected proprietress of the hotel, "Miss Bunyer," to the entire satisfaction of the whole of the brethren, the dessert being of a specially *recherché* description.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—

This lodge held its first meeting after the usual recess at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst., when there were present: Bros. Speedy, W.W.; Webb, S.W.; Marsden, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Köhler, I.P.M.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Appleton, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. S. Martin, S.D. 188; and Price 1744. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bailey was passed, and Messrs. W. J. Davis and S. Hebert were initiated by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Bros. G. Cooper, 47, Dundee, and J. Plowman, 975, as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in each case.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M. The W.M. having responded,

then gave "The Initiates." This important toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Davis, in the absence of his co-initiate, responded for both in a well set speech. The toast of "The Visitors" followed. Bros. Martin and Price having each said a few words in reply, "The Past Masters" came next in order. In giving the pledge the W.M. paid a very high compliment to the members composing that body. He said that it was very gratifying to notice that with one exception all the Past Masters of the lodge were present that evening, which was the best proof that could be adduced that the interest of the Past Masters in the Kennington Lodge continued unabated. In conclusion, he particularly thanked Bros. Mann, the Treasurer, and Stuart, the Secretary, for the kindness and assistance he had hitherto received from them both in their official and private capacities. The I.P.M. and Bros. Mann and Stuart having acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Webb and Marsden, brought the proceedings to a termination.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The largest attended meeting since the formation of this successful lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., upwards of 120 brethren being present. The object of so numerous an assembly was to do honour to our popular Bro. W. M. Stiles, the W.M. elect. The brethren present included: Bros. Wm. Side, W.M.; William Mason Stiles, S.W.; Henry Stiles, J.W.; Jas. Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Sec.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, Past G.S. of W. Middx., J.D.; George Edwards, D. of C.; Thos. Raney, W.S.; C. J. Scales, I.P.M.; R. T. Kingham, P.M.; R. Fraser, G. W. Knight, W. B. Jones, R. Alaway, George Colls, W. F. Bates, D. Hatch, H. Connolly, J. Barnard, W. Davey, P. Aspinall, jun., J. H. Grant, Lewis Solomon, T. C. Edmonds, J. Fortescue, J. W. Tubby, John Jones, Charles Carter, C. Sheath, A. Ransom, W. Wiltshire, H. H. Child, J. Burton, M. J. Rowley, J. B. Clarke, J. Gawith, and many others.

Among the visitors we noticed: Bros. John Mason, P.M., Past S.G.D. Middx., Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; John Osborne, W.M. 1602; E. Rivington, I.P.M., 877; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; Thomas Carter, P.M. 42; C. E. Walter, P.M. 87; Thomas Walton, P.M. 157; Thomas Hyland, P.M. 201; W. G. Atkins, P.M. 857; Bird, 1567, 1897, P.G.D. Middx.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; Thos. E. Purdy, P.M. 861; A. J. Thomas, P.M. 1803; Wm. Hollingsworth, P.M. 1185; James Lewis, P.M. 1261; E. E. Barrett Kidder, S.W. 12; W. Cleghorn, S.W. 1387; J. E. Humphry, J.W. 107; W. W. Morgan, Jun., J.W. 1107; C. B. Carter, J.W. 1662; S. Hollidge, Treas. 1602; S. R. Walker, Sec. 733; Henry Baldwin, 1632; F. Perl, 813; U. P. Vallentine, 1017; T. P. Bucle, 1621; John Johnson, 1777; E. S. Gibson, 3; J. G. W. Gwyer, 1288; B. Kauffmann, 1732; James B. Colwill, 1791; Henry Charlton, 1101; Thomas Wilson, 1328; W. G. Reynolds, 1441; C. Clifford, 1345; W. Dunk, 558; J. Levy, 185; John Worth, 703; M. Carpenter, 1891; G. Dickenson, 1681; J. Irvine, 1862; James C. Smith, 1744; C. W. Bond, 1425; Leon Jacobs, 1732; James Simpson, 1076; Edwin Storr; James Holiday, Jun., 1777; Thos. Cook, 959, and F. A. Kelly, *Freemason*.

Lodge was opened punctually at half-past four o'clock by W.M., Bro. Wm. Side, when the minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. The principal business of the evening, namely, the installation of Bro. W. M. Stiles, was then proceeded with; the chair of S.W. and J.W. being occupied respectively by Bros. Henry Lovegrove and Briggs. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Side in a masterly manner, and the addresses were delivered in a style seldom equalled. Bro. Stiles appointed the following brethren as his officers for the coming year: Bros. Henry Stiles, S.W.; George Clark, J.W.; James Willing, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Sec.; Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, Past G.S. of W. Middx., S.D.; George Edwards, J.D.; Raney, I.G.; Knight, D. of C.; C. F. Edmonds, W.S.; F. W. Dimsdale, Org.; Davey, Asst. W.S. and Asst. Sec.; and John Daly, Tyler. The efficient manner in which Bro. Side performed the onerous duties of I.P.M. gained for him the admiration of all who were fortunate enough to witness its execution, and subsequently Bro. Side received a special vote of thanks for his ability—proposed by Bro. J. J. Michael, and seconded by Bro. C. J. Scales—which was carried unanimously. This compliment was conveyed in suitable terms to Bro. Side by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Stiles, who at the same time presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, awarded him by the lodge, in recognition of the many valuable services he had rendered to the lodge since his connection with it, the great success that had attended the Metropolitan lodge being mainly due to Bro. Side. The next business was the initiation of Messrs. Henry Hawthorne, David Raphael Bryce, John Rogers, Thomas Rapson, and James Jay, which ceremony Bro. Stiles performed in a most able and efficient manner, highly creditable for his first attempt in the "Metropolitan."

The lodge was then closed and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet in the Pillar-room. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were proposed, but owing to the lateness of the hour, they were very brief. The toast of the "Queen and the Craft" was, as usual, very loyally received as also was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." The next toast that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given and heartily received. Bro. Side then in glowing terms proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles." He felt great pleasure in proposing this toast, as Bro. Stiles was so worthy and eminent a Mason. He was second to none in the Craft as regards his working and attention to the Order. Bro. Stiles, in reply, expressed the great pleasure he felt in being installed that evening W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, more particularly as he was one of its first initiates. He begged to thank Bro. Side for the very excellent and able manner in which he had installed him. It was highly gratifying to be W.M. of so distinguished a lodge, and he would endeavour to emulate the good working of the W.M.'s, who had preceded him, in the hope of gaining the same good opinion of the brethren as those who had gone before. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," proposed by Bro. Stiles, who, in mentioning the various Past Masters, paid some graceful tribute to each, his remarks being loudly applauded by the brethren.

Bros. W. Side, J. J. Michael, R. T. Kingham, and C. J. Scales having replied, the toast of "The Initiates" followed, to which those newly-enlightened brethren responded. Bros. Osborne, Rennington, Edwin Storr, Ferguson, and Thomas having responded for "The Visitors," the toast of "The Masonic Charities" was given, to which Bro. John Mason made a most forcible and practical reply. Several other toasts were given, that of the Tyler bringing a most enjoyable and successful evening to a close.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, (No. 1558).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Charles E. Power was installed W.M., the ceremony of installation being performed in a very effective manner by Bro. J. Dann, P.M., Secretary of the lodge. The following brethren were invested with the collars of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; C. Sims, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, Treas.; J. Dann, P.M., Sec.; J. Evans, S.D.; J. R. Smith, J.D.; G. S. Stokes, I.G.; W. B. Briscoe, D.C.; T. Nettlefold, W.S.; and A. A. Stroud, A.W.S. Among the visitors present were: Bros. J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28 and 192, P.G.P. Middx.; J. Dix n, P.M. 1728; W. E. Bott, W.M. 1839; George J. Dawson, W.M. 1853; A. J. Martin, jun., 188, S.D. 1520; W. H. Stewart W.S. 1641, and others.

After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room to partake of a very excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened by some excellent singing and a very effective rendering of Hood's beautiful poem of "The Bridge of Sighs," by Bro. Geo. J. Dawson.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, at the Criterion, Regent-circus, when there was a large attendance of members and their friends. Bro. Jones, the W.M., opened the lodge at four o'clock p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report was presented and received. The ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Bruce, proposed by Bro. Coulthard, and seconded by Bro. L. Jones, W.M., and was declared unanimous in favour of his admission; after which Bro. Smith, initiated at the previous meeting, was passed to the Degree of F.C. This ceremony concluded, the Master's chair was taken by Bro. Vincent, P.M., to whom Bro. John Galt Fisher was presented, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; and having signified his assent to the laws, read by the Secretary from the Book of Constitutions, was duly obligated by the presiding Master. The lodge was then suspended, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, and Bro. John G. Fisher was formally installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was then resumed, and the brethren re-admitted, and the newly-installed Master saluted in all due form. The officers for the year were appointed as follows: Bros. Powell, S.W.; Fisher, J.W.; Isaacs, Treas.; Beckham, Sec.; Johnson, P.M., S.D.; Tapp, J.D.; Bottle, I.G.; Ellingham, Org.; Burnham and Coulthard, D.C.'s; Bennett and A. Johnson, W.S.'s; Thomas, Tyler; and Webb, Asst. Tyler. Then followed the customary orations, which were very impressively delivered by Bro. Vincent, who, indeed, performed the entire ceremony of installation with intelligent care and perfect accuracy. In Bro. J. G. Fisher, the newly-installed W.M., the lodge has the good fortune to have acquired another Master well up to his work. It is often the case that the little extra excitement of an installation meeting temporarily impairs the working ability of some of the most practised Masons, but it had no such effect on Bro. Fisher, who immediately after his installation initiated Mr. George Messenger and Mr. Samuel Bruce without a hitch or slip in his performance of the ritual. A notice of motion, by Bro. Fisher, S.W., relating to an alteration in the times for paying portions of the subscriptions, concluded the business, and the lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, with the most praiseworthy punctuality, at seven o'clock, the time set down in the summons.

There was a very large number of guests, among whom we noticed Bros. J. Bevan, from Westland, New Zealand, D.G.M. N.Z.; Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Capt. Blakey, Royal Naval College; Cantle; Scawcroft, 467; Berry, P.M. 584; Hicklin, Golden Rule; Jas. Gourtley, P.M. 160; T. Crow, W.M. 1194; Bray, 1155; Besant, W.M. 1194; Duncan, 907; Steven, P.M. 1426; Levy, P.M. 188; May, P.M. 180; T. Davies, 87; Knight, 749; Snook, 1604; Burfield, P.M. 35; and Ladd, 619. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the time-honoured custom of proposing loyal and Masonic toasts was duly observed. After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Grand Master," remarking upon the good fortune of Masons of the present generation in possessing the best Royal Grand Master that had ever presided over the Craft, adding that H.R.H. was the best possible supporter of the Craft, not only lending his name, but aiding it with his personal presence and his purse. After an interval, occupied in singing "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the Chairman rose and said: I now come to a toast scarcely less important than the last; and it affords me special pleasure to propose this toast, as the Grand Lodge is represented here to night by one of its officers. I should like to say a good deal about Grand Lodge, but Bro. Cottebrune knows much more about it than I do. While what I might say would be merely blind praise, whatever he may say will have the weight of experience. I give you "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and with that toast I couple the name of Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Bro. Cottebrune: I rise with very great pleasure to return thanks for the Grand Officers. I am myself a very humble representative of that august body; but it gives me great pleasure to be present here this evening, and I am certain that if the more important Grand Officers had been here to-day they could not fail to have been very much pleased with the manner in which your affairs were transacted. The manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by the Past Master was admirable and most impressive; and the manner in which you initiated two members proved conclusively your fitness for the honourable position to which you have obtained. I have never before had an opportunity of visiting your lodge, but I have been very much pleased with what I have seen to-day. Chairman: Brethren, I am going to depart from the list of toasts set down on the card, for we have had unexpectedly the honour of a visit from a distinguished brother from

abroad, and it behoves us as loyal Masons, and as hospitable Masons, to extend to him a cordial welcome. The District Grand Master of New Zealand, Bro. Bevan, has done us the honour of visiting us; he has, as I said, come unexpectedly, or we should have inserted this toast in the toasts of the evening; but being amongst us I wish you to show him by your reception of this toast that we feel as cordially for brethren from distant colonies as for those of our own country. I have been in some of the English colonies, and I wish I had been a Mason at that time; if I should ever visit them again I feel that I shall be received there with the very same cordiality that I wish to express to Bro. Bevan on the present occasion. Bro. Bevan: I can hardly find words with which to express my delight at the warm reception I have met with to-night. You say that I came unexpectedly to-night, and, I reply, that is just the way that I would wish to come among you. When I entered this hall to-night I knew that there was the same tie between you and me as there is between me and my brethren on the West Coast of New Zealand. Masons are the most loyal of subjects. They honour the Grand Master, and abide by law, and order, and good government of society; and when we look upon the deplorable events occurring in this nineteenth century of ours, we have reason to wish that there were more Freemasons, because then there would be less disorder. It is a delight to me to-night, after an absence of about twenty-five years, to meet on my return a band of brothers; I feel no restraint or diffidence in speaking to you, simply because we are brothers, and sink all differences. And what is the cause of that but that the tenets of Freemasonry teach us to love one another; to pause and think of the grand realities of life. Masonry is the great stepping-stone to everything that is beautiful in life; and undefiled Masonry is one of those goodly trees that spread their branches over the length and breadth of the land, exerting a good influence on all. I was pleased to observe that our working in New Zealand corresponds even in every detail with your own; it is very pleasing to me to say this, to show you how well the ritual is carried out on the other side of the globe. I thank you very heartily for the cordial manner in which the toast of my health has been proposed and responded to. Bro. Jones, I.P.M.: Brethren—I rise to exercise my prerogative, which allows me to propose the most important toast on this particular evening of the year. I give you the toast of your "W.M.'s Health." He has this day attained an eminent position—the highest honour you can confer upon him. May he have a prosperous and happy year of office. We know what a genial brother he is; may he long shine upon us, and may the Great Architect give him health to go through the duties appertaining to his position with credit and honour. The Chairman: Bro. Jones, P.M., P.M.'s of the lodge, and brethren—I am very pleased to have the opportunity of responding to such a toast. Any brother would be pleased who has had the ambition to occupy the Master's chair and had at length attained to it. I have had that ambition for seventeen years, and only this evening have I arrived at that happy moment; and I am naturally happy in having attained my object. I shall not, however, abandon you now I have attained it; I shall still cling to the lodges I belong to and attend, as are not at too great a distance. As long I can remain a member I will do so. There is so much in Masonry that leads us into right paths, whether we are abroad or at home; and if brethren will only follow them will make them better men. Having by your selection arrived at this chair—the object of my ambition—I will hold out the right hand of fellowship to all who come, whether from abroad or from other parts of this metropolis, and I will give my whole time to further the interests of this lodge. As I am on my feet, I will now ask you to drink "The Health of Bro. Jones," regarding whom I have a pleasant task to perform. His conduct in the chair has been a course of uniform kindness to every brother in the lodge. (Hear, hear.) I am not here to pronounce him one of the brightest stars of Freemasonry, but a good Mason is not necessarily a man to throw every one else in the shade. Bro. Jones has performed his duties in the chair in such a way as to endear himself to every member of the lodge, and I have a happy office to perform in presenting him with the jewel which you voted him at the last meeting, and to hope and express the wish of every brother present, that you, Bro. Jones, will long wear that jewel, and trust that you will look upon it as the expression of the goodwill of the whole lodge, and the wish of every brother for good health, and long life, and happiness to Bro. Jones and every member of his family. Bro. Jones: W. Master, Grand Officers, Past Masters, and brethren of the lodge—In accepting this testimonial I must express my sorrow that I have not got the eloquence of the Prime Minister or our friend that has visited us from New Zealand. I feel very grateful to the brethren for electing me to that chair, and I thank you for the honour of giving me this jewel. I cannot boast of having a Lewis to hand it down to, but can hand it down to near relatives, who will doubtless pass it on. That chair is a very elevated position, and I must acknowledge that I am very glad to get out of it. Pray accept my best thanks for all your kindness. Chairman: Brethren—I have now arrived at a toast on the list which claims the attention of every brother, because there is not one of us who does not remember the time when he was initiated into Freemasonry. We have to-night to drink the health of three initiates, two who were admitted this day, and one who was initiated at our last regular meeting, when we were not rich enough to entertain him. I am now going to propose "The Health of the Initiates," and to address a few words to them. It is impossible for them in their embryo state to appreciate the grandeur of our institution, but enough has been said to them to-night to lead them to think that it is a grand institution. But I would ask them to prepare themselves for the chair, although there may be but small chance that, in this lodge at least, they will be able to reach it for many years to come. And in this connection I may tell them that we have a lodge of instruction affiliated to the Eccleston Lodge, where they may acquire perfect instruction. To that lodge of instruction I am indebted for my little knowledge of the work I possess. We have, I regret, recently sustained the loss by death of our late instructor, but we have acquired a very able successor to fill his place. The initiates will there obtain explanation of anything they have heard to-night, but they will not obtain explanation of many of the tenets they have heard referred to. They will doubtless learn all in due time; and meanwhile the lodge of instruction will enable them to advance in knowledge in proportion to their advances in the Craft.

I give you "The Health of Bros. Smith, Messenger and Bruce." The initiates having replied, several other toasts were proposed and cordially received, among which the "Visitors," which was responded to by several brethren; "The Masonic Press," to which Bro. Massey and Levy briefly replied; "The Installing Master;" the "Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast, which brought the proceedings to a close.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when there was a very numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. T. Press, I.P.M., as W.M.; R. C. Frampton, S.W.; J. N. Thompson, J.W.; R. V. Davies, P.M., Treasurer; A. J. Berry, Secretary; J. D. Edmunds, S.D.; J. H. Bastable, J.D.; J. Eldridge, P.M., D. of C.; A. F. Speller, I.G.; E. Grout Organist; F. H. Tibbitts, Steward, A. Ayden, W. Earl, H. Hollis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts; F. Richmond, W. F. Richmond, F. G. Madgin, J. Swinyard, T. Jackson, W. J. Cattermole, J. R. Perfect, and G. Chutter.

Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.M., P.S.G.W. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire; A. Stewart, W.M. 1158; J. Cooper, 1471; J. Barber, 1314; A. Mullord, W.M. 1288; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 167; C. James, 15; J. Chinnery, 145; P. Harnett, 813; F. Rehm, 813; S. Carrington, P.M. 1314; H. Follitt, P.M. and Treasurer 45; T. Goode, P.M. 1288; L. Bamherger, P.M. 1366; G. Blackie, P.M. and Sec. 1426; J. Pigot, P.M. 753; F. Rothschild, P.M. 1288; S. J. Byng, P.M. 902; J. Viney, 173; J. F. O. Wood, 1288; W. Wilkinson, S.D. 167; B. Grover, W.M. 1613, and S. Medcalf, 206.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Press, in the absence of the W.M., and after the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditor's report received, Bro. Terry, the Installing Master, assumed the chair, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and Bro. Davies, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Eldridge, D. of C., and duly installed into the chair of K.S., in Bro. Terry's usual effective and impressive manner. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. N. Thompson, S.W.; G. D. Edmunds, J.W.; J. Eldridge, Treasurer; A. J. Berry, Secretary; J. H. Bastable, S.D.; A. F. Speller, J.D.; H. Hollis, Director of Cers.; F. H. Tibbitts I.G.; E. Grout, Organist; W. F. Richmond, Steward; and J. Very, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Jones and Barber, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by the vocal efforts of some of the visitors and brethren.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business for the first time under the new W.M. on the 5th inst. The officers present were: Bros. Gibson Bott, W.M.; T. C. Corpe, I.P.M.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.W.; A. Stokes, J.W.; J. W. Dewsnap, Treas. and J.D.; J. C. Wilkins, S.D.; C. H. Cox, acting I.G.; A. Williams, D.C.; R. H. Goddard, Tyler; and J. W. Brooke, P.M., Hon. Sec. The following members of the lodge also attended: Bros. J. Da Silva, F. Gent, E. J. Hodge, H. Auerbach, and A. H. Jakins. Visitors: Bros. J. Hill, 1658; H. Cruse, 1381; and J. Da Silver, S.W. 205.

The minutes of the installation meeting of September 10th were read and confirmed. The work comprised the raising Bro. E. J. Hodge to the Third Degree, and the ceremony was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner; the W.M. being warmly congratulated on the excellency of his working, which well sustained the reputation this young lodge has obtained for good working. The other work on the agenda was the passing of Bro. Passmore, but the candidate was unavoidably absent. The lodge was therefore closed, and the brethren adjourned to the tavern to partake of an excellent dinner. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and several songs and recitations were capitally rendered.

SOUTHSEA.—United Brothers' Lodge (No. 1069).—The members of this lodge assembled at their lodge-room on Monday night, the 17th inst., at the Castle Hotel, after the usual interval during the summer months, and a very fair number was present. Three candidates were initiated, and a vote of condolence was accorded to the W.M., Bro. Gieve, on the loss he had sustained through the death of his son. Bro. A. Wendover, S.W., was unanimously elected the W.M. for the ensuing year.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Friday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. C. Travers, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, to Bro. G. R. Strick, the I.P.M. The following inscription was engraved on the back of the jewel: "Presented to Bro. George Richard Strick, P.M., by the brethren of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, as a token of their regard for the valuable services rendered as W.M. October, 1881." There was a very large attendance at the lodge, and the Three Degrees were worked.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—At the meeting of the above lodge, which was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., the Three Degrees were worked, the initiation being kept till last, when, by the kind permission of the W.M., Bro. Dowell, Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., Prov. G.J.W., occupied the chair, and duly initiated his son, Mr. Charles Aubrey Smith, into the secret mysteries of the ancient Craft. The W.M., speaking for the members of the lodge, paid a high compliment to Bro. Smith, P.M., congratulating him upon an event so auspicious and so rare; and cordially welcomed the young brother to a lodge so intimately associated with his father. Both lodge and chapter are in a most flourishing condition, and will, we trust, long enjoy that prosperity which has been born of the strong bond of union which unites the members in their efforts to illustrate the true principles and tenets of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation and festival of St. John took place at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, on Monday, the 10th

inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. S. D. McKellen, W.M.; D. Johnson, S.W.; James McGrath, J.W.; George Burslem, Secretary; W. S. Watson, P.M.; Jno. Brierley, S.D.; Christopher Willis, J.D.; Jas. Atkinson, I.G.; John Rowe, I.P.M.; Henry Jones, P.M., D. of C.; J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Walter Biggs, Geo. Ainscon, Geo. Johnson, Robert Dickenson, G. F. Dent, A. G. Hill, Benj. Halliwell, Thos. L. Frith, Henry Patterson, Fredk. Pugh, T. Maudsley, and William Hill, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. L. Hollingworth, P.M. 277, Prov. G. Treas. E. Lanc.; Alfred Bickley, 815; John Sheldrick, 815; J. Chadder-ton, 834; George H. Harrop, 1868; Will. M. Rye, 467; Thos. Coward, 1868; T. D. Bamford, 854; Samuel Titmas, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanc.; R. Mercer, 467; Jno. Buckley, S.W. 277; Albert Kenworthy, 277; Daniel Donbavand, P.M. 317; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; James Dawson, P.M. 317; Robert White, J.W. 1052; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the annual balance-sheet was reported on by the Auditors, Bros. Halliwell, Biggs, and Jordan, and being considered thoroughly satisfactory, was adopted. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.M., Installing Master, occupying the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. David Johnson, after being presented by Bro. S. D. McKellen to the Installing Master, was with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the M.M.'s, Bro. S. D. McKellen, I.P.M., proclaimed the fact to them of Bro. Johnson's installation, and called upon the brethren to salute him in the customary manner, which was done. Bro. H. P. Jones, P.M., then invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. McGrath, S.W.; J. T. Brierley, J.W.; George Burslem, Secretary (third time); W. S. Watson, P.M., Treasurer; H. P. Jones, P.M., D. of C.; F. Pugh, Organist; J. Atkinson, S.D.; B. Halliwell, J.D.; R. Dransfield, Walter Biggs, E. Jordan, and G. Ainscon, Stewards; and William Hill, Tyler. The appearance of Bro. George Burslem to be invested for the third time in succession as Secretary, was the signal for applause from all those who were acquainted with our diligent brother's indefatigable exertions during his two years' Secretaryship, and the Investing Master paid him a very graceful compliment in testifying, from his own personal experience, how ably he had fulfilled his duties. The ceremony of installation was concluded by the addresses being delivered in a masterly style to the W.M., by Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.M.; to the Wardens, by Bro. Henry Jones, P.M.; and to the brethren, by Bro. J. C. Watson, P.M. The whole of the work was most efficiently executed, and great credit is due to all who took part in it. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.40.

The festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren at a banquet, which reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. Wood, both as regards quality, and the viands, and supply of waiters, the latter commodity not being in our experience, as a rule, superabundant. On the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured by the brethren. That of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. F. Stanley and the Past and Prov. Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, P.G.T., E. Lanc.; and Bro. S. Titmas, P.P.G.D. of C., E. Lanc. In proposing the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," Bro. S. D. McKellen said the Trafford Lodge was honoured in having at its head a brother who had been initiated in the lodge, and who had assiduously worked his way to the position he now occupied, a position which was open to every young member to obtain. In concluding his remarks, Bro. McKellen referred to the persevering and satisfactory manner in which Bro. Johnson had successively performed each duty allotted to him, and felt sure that what had been done in the past would be continued by him in the future. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Johnson replying, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind and flattering remarks, and stated that in performing the various duties that had devolved upon him he had always felt anxious to do them with credit to himself, and if he had pleased the brethren he was amply repaid. The W.M. rose shortly afterwards to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. S. D. McKellen," and in doing so said he could tell by the applause which greeted the announcement of this toast how highly their I.P.M. was esteemed by them all, for if one brother had worked harder than another in the lodge it was Bro. McKellen. He had done his duty well and worthily during his year of office, and second to none in the province. The W.M. further stated that P.M. Jones had just reminded him of another and equally successful duty that Bro. McKellen had performed during his Mastership, which was the courting and marrying of a lady who, from all accounts, would prove herself as good a Mason as her husband. In heartily congratulating Bro. McKellen on his marriage, the W.M. said he felt sure he was echoing the sentiments of all the brethren, and it afforded him great pleasure to present their I.P.M. in the name of the members with a gold P.M.'s jewel as a slight token of the high esteem in which he was held by them all, and concluding by asking the brethren to stand to their glasses and drink to "The Health of Bro. and Mrs. McKellen." It is needless to say this invitation was heartily responded to, and when the applause subsided Bro. McKellen in a very able speech returned thanks on behalf of himself and wife. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated at a late hour after spending a most enjoyable evening, which was greatly increased by some admirable singing from Bros. Smith, W. Dunville, and others, whilst Bro. Pugh officiated at the piano with his accustomed ability.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. W. Wylde, the W.M. There was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. F. Willan was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W., Bro. Bannister. The traditional portion of the Degree was given by Bro. W. Longmire, P.M., P.A.D.C. Bro. J. W. Riley was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. T. Longmire, P.M. Some routine business was transacted, and the usual proclamations having been made, the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

NORTHAMPTON.—Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton, Bro. H. J. Atkins, the W.M., occupying the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Brown, S.W.; H. Hill, J.W.; A. H. Cole-Hamilton, Assistant-Chaplain; H. W. Parker, P.M., Treasurer; C. H. Frank, Secretary; H. Spoor, S.D.; G. Ellard, D. of C.; T. C. Beasley, I.G.; John Manning and T. Emery, Stewards; Butler Wilkins, Deputy Prov. G.M.; several members of the lodge; and the following visitors: Bros. W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; F. J. Sheppard, W.M. 445; J. C. Jones, P.M. 445; W. M. Crowley, P.M. 445; T. W. Tristin, 445; W. Simmonds, P.M. 445; C. T. Atkins, 417; H. Myers, 1180; J. J. Hart, S.D. 360; J. H. Hale, W.M. 455; H. Denham, 105, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the customary formalities observed, Bro. Brown was presented for installation, and in due course he was placed in the chair of the lodge by his predecessor, who fulfilled the office of Installing Master in a most perfect manner, giving the ritual and the several addresses without a hitch. The following brethren were appointed to the several offices, viz.: Bros. Hill, S.W.; Frank, J.W.; Cole-Hamilton, Chaplain; Parker, Treas.; Spoor, Sec.; E. Morris, S.D.; Beasley, J.D.; Croft, I.G.; Ellard, D. of C.; Butcher, A.D. of C.; Manning, Asst. Sec.; and Emery and Franklin, Stewards. The Auditor's report was then submitted to the lodge, and on motion was adopted. Previous to closing the lodge the W.M. presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, remarking that, whatever duties he might be called upon to perform during his term of office he felt that none would be more gratifying to him than that of presenting to Bro. Atkins the small token of regard and esteem which the several members of the lodge had deputed him to present. He could only say that with it the brethren of the lodge tendered their thanks and heartiest good wishes for Bro. Atkins' future good health. They felt they were under great obligation to him for his conduct of the lodge in the past, and trusted they might long have the benefit of his guidance and co-operation. Bro. Atkins having suitably replied, and the name of a candidate having been submitted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Peacock Hotel, where a first-rate banquet was provided.

Bro. Brown presided at the festive board, and, at the conclusion of the banquet, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Those of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," each in turn being honoured by the brethren. The W.M. then proposed that of "The Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Manchester; the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Having referred in a few words to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Brown turned his attention to the Deputy. Bro. Butler Wilkins, he said, had fulfilled the office of ruler of the district on many occasions, in the absence of the Duke of Manchester, and generally had carried out the work of his office with the greatest ability. The Eleanor Cross Lodge was greatly indebted to him for what he had done towards its establishment, and for the assistance he had rendered to it since. When the founders were looking round for stones with which to build the foundation, Bro. Wilkins had helped them in securing good ones, and had himself taken an active part in placing those stones in position. Bro. Brown also referred with pleasure to the presence of the many other Prov. Grand Masters he saw around him. Bro. Butler Wilkins replied: He would at once express his thanks for the way in which his name had been mentioned without, as he was in the habit of doing, first apologising for the absence of the head of the Province. The brethren of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire one and all regretted the long absence from their midst of the Duke of Manchester, but it seemed they were doomed to disappointment. He was pleased to be able to congratulate the Eleanor Cross Lodge on having now reached its third year of existence, and particularly Bro. Brown on his having attained the office of Master, which was the highest any lodge had it in its power to bestow. The work of Freemasonry was certainly carried out thoroughly in the Eleanor Cross Lodge; the members need not be ashamed of anyone visiting them either to criticise their officers or the general conduct of their lodge. He hoped the same good feeling and harmony that then existed would continue during the coming year and for many years to come. Bro. Sanders then assumed the gavel. He was extremely pleased to have been called upon to propose the toast with which he was entrusted. They had met there that night specially to do honour to the newly-installed Master, Bro. Brown. There had been a great deal of talk in the past as to who was really the originator of the Eleanor Cross Lodge; some had said that he (Bro. Sanders) was entitled to that distinction, but he might say in answer thereto that Bro. Brown had been the one to induce him to interest himself in it. Further back than that he could not go, as he was not aware who had enlisted the services of Bro. Brown; indeed, he was strongly of opinion that it was to Bro. Brown that belonged the honour of having started the lodge. From the very first he had striven hard to make it a success; he had stood aside that younger Masons might fill the higher offices before him, and had materially assisted the brethren by the way in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary during the earlier part of the lodge's existence. He thought the brethren had taken a wise step in placing him in the chair, and felt confident that the trust they had reposed in him would not prove out of place. If he might use a hackneyed expression, he would say there were three requirements in a Master, but for himself he considered they should be expressed somewhat differently than was the custom. He considered the first requirement was tact, the second more tact, and the third further tact. Bro. Brown, in his opinion, excelled in tact above anything else—if he had one virtue in particular. At the time of starting the lodge they numbered thirteen members, now he was informed they had upwards of fifty—a grand success in the short space of three years during which the lodge had existed, and very much of this success, he felt confident, might be traced to Bro. Brown. He hoped under his Mastership that the lodge would continue its prosperous career, and trusted that it would in the future work as amicably with the other lodges in Northampton as it had in the past. He might add that the success of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and its large accession of numbers had not acted detrimentally to the older lodges;

indeed, the Pomfret had received more initiates during the time the Eleanor Cross Lodge had been in existence than at any other. Bro. Brown feelingly thanked the brethren. He did not think he had half the good in him that Bro. Sanders had just spoken of. He loved the work of Masonry, and took a great interest in all connected with it. He hoped he might be able to conduct the Eleanor Cross Lodge to the satisfaction of all connected with it. Bro. Hill, Senior Warden, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." The brethren all knew how well he had carried out the duties during the term he had presided over the lodge, and could hardly want any long speech to induce them to honour the toast proposed in his behalf. He had specially to congratulate Bro. Atkins on the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, considering it was really the crowning point of a most successful Mastership. Bro. Atkins had considered it a labour of love to preside over the fortunes of the Eleanor Cross Lodge during the past year. It had been a source of great gratification to him to know that the lodge had gone on prosperously and that they were then in a better position than at the corresponding period of last year. He had specially to thank the members for the very handsome jewel they had been kind enough to present him with, and trusted that the lodge would continue its prosperous career, eventually becoming one of the most successful of the province. They prided themselves somewhat on their working, and he was gratified to hear that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master approved of it, and considered they need not be ashamed who saw it. Bro. Beasley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, proposed "The Charities" in a very eloquent speech. He thought that the Masonic Charities stood very much to the outer world in the position of showing what Masonry really was; and, although they were but a very imperfect representation, still Masons need not be ashamed so long as they did the same amount of good they accomplished at present. He thought the Brotherhood might fairly be gauged by the Charities which it supported. Bro. Parker replied. He regretted very much that some other brother was not called upon at times to speak to the toast. He felt very much in the position of an old fiddler he knew in his earlier days. He was a good musician as far as his knowledge went, but unfortunately that only extended to one tune, and he (Bro. Parker) felt the brethren would soon begin to think he could but speak on the one subject of the Charities. However it was one worthy of all consideration, and he hoped they would continue to do the same amount of good they at present accomplished for many years to come. Bro. Atkins announced that the charity box of the lodge contained £6 16s., that being the contributions made to it during the past year, of this amount £5 1s. 4d. was found in the division set apart for the old people, 18s 9d in that for the Boys School, and 13s. 11d. in that for the Girls. He could not resume his seat without referring to the recent action of the Committee of the latter institution, who had sanctioned the expenditure of £2000, for a swimming bath. This he considered a most unnecessary outlay, and he desired to formally protest against it on behalf of the Eleanor Cross subscribers. Bro. Spoor proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which Bros Sheppard and Morgan replied. The W.M. gave "The Sister Lodges," Bro. Eillard replying for the Pomfret and Bro. Sanders for the De La Pré. The toasts of "The Officers and the Ladies" having also been honoured, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. J. T. Tanqueray, W.M.; Davidson, S.W.; A. C. Tanqueray, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Chubb, S.D.; Shaw, J.D.; Kern, I.G.; Besant, Gayton, Hallows, Rosenthal, Clarkson, Pocock, Money, Stoddart, Saunders, and others. Visitor: Bro. G. F. Marshall.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Money, acting as candidate, was raised to the Degree of M.M. The First Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren. The Third Section of the same Lecture was also worked by Bro. Sudlow and the brethren. Bro. Davidson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Stoddart proposed, Bro. Bennett seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Bro. G. F. Marshall be a member of this lodge of instruction, and the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when among others there were present: Bros. Laurence, W.M.; J. Rothschild, S.W.; J. Simmonds, J.W.; Hunter, S.D.; Horne, I.G.; Cummings, Preceptor; and Halliday, Sec. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. Goode acted as candidate for passing, and Bro. Simmonds, the retiring W.M. of the mother lodge, worked the ceremony of installation in a manner which augured well for its repetition in installing his successor on the 19th inst. Bro. J. Rothschild was unanimously chosen W.M. for the next meeting, the W.M. elect appointed officers in rotation. This ending the duties of a very pleasant evening the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—This once flourishing chapter, which some time since had practically fallen into abeyance—"Concord" attracting nearly all the new blood—has been revived by the exertions of some of the members of the mother Craft lodge, and is now in capital working order. At a convocation last week, M.E. Comp. G. M. Passenger, jun., Z., presiding, the following appointments were made for the ensuing year: Comps. Robert Sharpe, Z.; T. P. Payne H.; W. Water, J.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; J. R. Weston, S.E.; Sydney Myer, S.N.; H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; and Biggs, Janitor. It was also resolved to alter the night of meeting from Tuesday to Thursday.

HOVA VILLA CHAPTER (No. 1466).—This chapter celebrated its first regular installation meeting on the 30th ult., having been consecrated only last year, the Prov. Grand Master Comp. Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., being the first occupant of the chair of Z. A valuable and exceedingly handsome jewel was then presented to him at the conclusion of his year of office. The design was a copy of the shield which surmounts the canopy of the chapter, whereon is depicted the arms of Hove, quartered with those of the three Principals installed on the night of consecration. Comps. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., C. J. Smith, and Capt. Stratford. The shield of the jewel, was a beautiful specimen of enamelling, and supported the usual emblem of a P.Z., the crown being enriched with stones. This was presented to Sir Walter by the newly installed Z., whose remarks upon the sterling worth of his predecessor and the affectionate esteem in which he is held throughout the length and breadth of his province were enthusiastically testified by the companions. The Principals installed at this meeting were Comps. C. J. Smith, Z.; Capt. M. S. Whinnie, H.; and Capt. C. J. Henty, J. Four candidates were exalted during the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. The offices were filled as follows: Comps. Lardner, Z.; Briggs, H.; Rowe, J.; Webb, N.; Nottley, P.S.; and the following companions were present: Comps. Brown (Preceptor), Field, Walker, Laurence, King, H. Thompson, Storr, Davey, Land, J. Payne, Edwards, Turner, Tonkins. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walker being the candidate, all the officers, and especially the M.E.Z., being well up to their duties. After spending a very pleasant evening the convocation was adjourned.

Mark Masonry.

BIRKENHEAD.—Joppa Lodge (No. 11).—The installation meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Hamilton-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at 4.30 p.m. The chair was taken by Bro. H. Williams, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D., supported by Bros. J. Dutton, S.W., P.G.O.; W. Bennett, J.W., P.P.G.I.G.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; Geo. Morgan, M.C., P.G.I.G.; J. Bradshaw, M.O.; Thorburn, S.O., P.P.G.J.W.; N. Robertson, J.O.; J. G. Parker, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; and H. Pritchard, I.G.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Thompson, who was declared duly elected, and he being in attendance, as also was Bro. Wynn, who was balloted for at the previous meeting; the two brethren were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the acting W.M., Bro. Williams, in a very efficient manner. Bro. J. Dutton, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the installing Master, Bro. John Pemberton, by Bros. Platt and Williams for the benefit of installation. The following officers were then invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Bennett, S.W.; J. Bradshaw, J.W.; J. P. Platt, Treas.; J. Pemberton, Sec.; G. Morgan, Reg.; H. Williams, M.C.; Thorburn, M.O.; N. Robertson, S.O.; Marsh, J.O.; E. Evans, S.D.; T. Webster, J.D.; W. Parker, I.G.

After a cordial vote of thanks had been accorded to Bros. Williams and Pemberton for their very efficient services, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. After a pleasant evening had been spent, the brethren separated at an early hour.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of this prosperous college was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 13th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed: Fraters W. R. Woodman, M.D., I.N.O., S.M.; H. G. Buss, M. of the T. elect; L. Thomas, D.M.T.; Peck, Secretary General; D. M. Dewar, S.A.; E. H. Thidley, VII^o; A. Collinson, C. of C.; Rooks, G.T.B.; T. C. Wall, M.; Westcott, Entwistle, Dundas, Dodd, T. Massa, Hon. VIII^o; and Gilbert, A.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Frater H. G. Buss was duly installed Master of the Temple, according to ancient custom, by Frater D. Woodman, S.M. Bro. Legg, of the Invicta Chapter, &c., was then formally admitted to the distinguished grade of Zelator by the S.M., assisted by the officers. The convocation was shortly afterwards dissolved, and the majority of the fraters present partook of a banquet. The customary toasts followed.

AN ENGLISH MASON'S VIEW OF SCOTCH MASONRY AND SCOTLAND.

BY A FRIEND.

Having made up my mind to run down to Scotland for a few weeks, I wrote to a friend and brother Mason who had often wished me to pay him a visit, of my intention to stay in the capital city. I had a letter by return hoping I would take shelter at a friend's house, which I did. When I have previously visited Scotland, I travelled by Great Northern Railway or Midland, but my own friends and relations, of whom I have a number in Scotland, always use the London and North Western route, via Carlisle and Carstairs, and so will I, in future. The carriages are well fitted up with cushions, blinds, and lamps, the latter being often on railways only an apology for light. Besides, they are so well built that the oscillation is reduced to a minimum. On the down journey I travelled by night, and slept so comfortably that I was quite fresh for a day's work on my arrival.

The morn was just beginning to dawn when we passed Carlisle—a busy and increasing city. The Cathedral is a shining feature in the town, although it is not to be compared with most of our English cathedrals, as, for instance, Durham, Salisbury, and Lincoln, all of them beautiful in architecture and unrivalled in situation. Norman Durham, perhaps, is king of all, standing on the summit of the hill of the city, and many feet below the quiet river Wear running by it, and through the beautiful Prebend's Bridge. Salisbury's grandeur consists in its magnificent spire, and the pretty Avon flowing almost against its walls; whilst Lincoln's fame is obtained from the Cathedral being built on a hill, and the city—not a small one—surrounding it on all sides.

But I have transgressed, in a measure, although whilst on the subject of cathedrals, I must not forget to make mention of the new St. Mary's Cathedral, in Edinburgh. This is one of the finest modern ecclesiastical buildings I know of. Almost the whole cost of it was defrayed by two ladies—the late Misses Walker. It is from designs of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, who did not live to see it completed. It is entirely built of stone, and the choir has a stone roof. The lower windows in the nave are fitted with stained-glass, which, in course of time, will, no doubt, be carried out in the east and clerestory windows. I have always—even before I became a Mason—held the opinion that the English and Continental cathedrals and abbeys must have been built by a different race of men from ourselves. This belief has been confirmed since I have been a Mason. I have no doubt that the builders of these edifices had certain signs, and were possessed of secrets which our modern architects are devoid of. Certain it is that with the rapid strides we have made in other arts and sciences, we have not developed a new style of architecture, but have to fall back upon the styles of our forefathers.

Before leaving London I expressed a wish to see something of Scotch Masonry, and having told this to the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, a Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, he, with his usual kindness, gave me two letters of introduction to carry with me. I presented one to the Grand Secretary of Scotch Masonry on my arrival, who when he saw from whom the letter came, put out the hand of brotherhood and gave me a right good welcome, and introduced me to several officers of Grand Lodge who happened to be there at the time. To each he referred to Bro. Woodford as a distinguished Mason, and one who has done much to benefit Masonry. Bro. Lyon then showed me over the Edinburgh Masonic Hall. It cannot be said to vie with the one in Great Queen-street, but Masonry in Scotland is not so rich nor so popular as in England. We English Masons ought to feel very thankful that we have for Grand Master the heir to the throne. The day after my visit to the Grand Secretary I received an invitation to the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1. (Mary's Chapel), the oldest and certainly the head lodge of all. In it are many of the aristocracy and leading merchants of the city. It so happened that this was the first night of the lodge meeting for the winter, and it began with a social evening after the opening of the lodge. In the daytime I was introduced to the R.W. Master (Bro. Crichton) by a friend, so that when the evening came I felt no stranger, for I had the acquaintance of several of the brethren.

The opening and closing ceremonies are different from the English systems. The R.W. Master seems to be—as all Masters should be—very popular in the lodge. Before proposing the toasts, two brothers belonging to Aberdeen and Leith were affiliated to the lodge, on account of the services they have rendered to Scotch Masonry—Bros. Abercrombie and Barry. The R.W. Master in very pleasing terms proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," also "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron of their Order," then came "The Grand Master of Scotland and the Grand Master of Ireland; Sir Michael Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn. For the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Robert Shaw Stewart, a brother of Sir Michael, responded. With the toast of Grand Lodge of England the name of Bro. Henry Wright (Alliance 1827) was coupled. But the toast of the evening was "The Officers of the Black Watch." It was a happy idea to invite them, and no less than the Colonel and seven other officers of the regiment responded to the invitation. Bro. Crichton alluded in eloquent terms to the way in which the regiment had always distinguished itself in all parts of the world, and expressed the feeling of the lodge on the honour being done by the acceptance of their invitations. Col. MacPherson in a short but practical speech thanked the Master and brethren for their kindness, and tendered his own and the other officers thanks, and hoped that whilst the regiment is quartered in the Castle of Edinburgh that they will be invited again. The Colonel then explained that the regiment is now no longer called by its old name the 42nd, but for sake of distinction retains the name of "Black Watch." Many excellent songs were sung by the brethren. Of course the toasts were drunk in toddy, and as it was right when in Rome to do as the Romans do, so when in Scotland I did as the Scotch do, although I would have preferred our own style, claret. I shall not forget the cordial way in which I was received amongst Scotch Masons.

Another evening I was the guest of the Lodge of Caledonia, in Freemasons' Hall, where also one is cordially welcomed. The Master, who seems to be a very painstaking young man, was presented with a jewel on his leaving the town for London, where no doubt he will distinguish himself. It is expected that the Earl of Mar will be elected Grand Master in the room of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, who does not wish to continue in the chair. The Earl of Kintore is also a favourite amongst Scotch Masons.

Whilst in Edinburgh I paid a visit to Dalkeith Palace, the seat of the Duke of Buccleuch, Queensberry, and was shown over the house by the housekeeper, who, when she found I was pretty conversant with the duke's pedigree and Scotch history, showed me everything which would interest me in the palace. In the grounds is an avenue of lime trees, planted in three rows, about half-a-mile long.

On returning to England I come by daylight, and was surprised to find the high hills of Lanarkshire covered with snow. The route is very pretty through Scotland, and the English part is certainly more interesting than the flats of Huntingdonshire. I would recommend my readers to try the London and North-Western Railway; and also, if in Edinburgh, to visit the great boys' and girls' schools, in which 1600 and 1200 children respectively are being educated. My visit to the schools certainly added to my already formed opinion of the cordiality of the Scotch and Scotch Masons and the beauty of Scotland.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Dr. Richardson, of the London School Board, contributes a paper on "Intoxicant Dreaming" to the current number of "Modern Thought."

Bro. Captain H. Bedford Pim writes to the *Globe* with reference to the recent exhibits by the Entomological Society, which he praises for its energy during the "holiday" season.

Bro. Alderman Knight, who is now in America, had a very serious attack of colic whilst staying at New York, and at one time the symptoms were of a very serious character. He is now pronounced to be convalescent.

Bro. Sir Henry G. Thayer, Past Grand Commander of Indiana, met with quite a serious accident while driving from Maxinkuckee Lake to Plymouth, some three weeks since, by the running away of a spirited pair of horses he was driving. Although disabled for a time, we believe he has recovered, and is again attending to business.

The W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, Bro. Dean, calls our attention to an error in reporting the remarks made by him at the last meeting. In referring to the P.G.M. for Dorsetshire, R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, he said that he was most regular in attendance at Grand Lodge, being present two meetings out of three, at least, but did not refer to his attendance at Prov. Grand Lodge at all, as it is well known that the R.W. Brother is always present on those occasions.

Bro. H. Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, 1777, asks us to announce that the installation of Bro. Harry Clark, of Coleford, Gloucester (W.M. elect), will take place at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, to-day (Saturday), at three o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. George Clark, jun.

Bro. A. Spears, P.M. 6, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, and P.G.D. Eng., installed Bro. Crichton Walker as W.M. of the United Service Mark Lodge, 63, Brompton, Chatham, on the 4th inst.

Bro. H. J. Stark will be installed W.M. of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, on Thursday, November 3rd, at 13, Mandeville-place, W.

Bro. Grantham R. Dodd read a paper on "The Rights or Claims of Women" at the recent annual provincial meeting of the Incorporated Law Society, held at the Pavilion, Brighton.

The Royal Handbell Ringers and Glee Singers, Bro. Duncan S. Miller, conductor, sailed in the Cunard Mail steamer Parthia, from Liverpool to New York, on Saturday, for a few months' tour in Canada and the United States.

At the last meeting of the Scarborough Town Council it was agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, that a congratulatory address should be presented to Bro. Lord Derwent on his elevation to the peerage.

Bro. Alderman Ellis, the Lord Mayor elect, will be presented and sworn into office under the new Act (44 and 45 Vict. c. 68) in the Court of Queen's Bench Division, and not, as heretofore, from the reign of George II., in the Court of Exchequer.

Commander Cheyne is about to proceed to America for the purpose of organizing an Anglo-American Expedition to the North Pole.

The Southern Star Lodge of Instruction has removed from the Crown Hotel to the Pheasant, Stangate, at the rear of Astley's Theatre.

On Tuesday, at the City Police Summons Court, Guildhall, on Mr. Alderman Nottage taking his seat, he apologised to those present for having kept them waiting. He said it was Bro. Alderman Stone's duty to have presided, but there was a good scriptural excuse for his absence, inasmuch as he had that morning "taken unto himself a wife, and could not come."

BRO. H.R.H. THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.—Tuesday was the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Bro. His Royal and Imperial Highness Frederick William, Crown Prince of Germany, who was born on October 18th, 1831. He is the only son of the Emperor William and the Empress Augusta, and married, on January 25th, 1858, Victoria, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland, the issue of this union being seven children, of whom six survive.

Bro. Thomas Beard, who on two former occasions served the office of Under-Sheriff, has ordered a banner of his arms for the procession on Lord Mayor's day.

The Lord Mayor Elect (Bro. Alderman Ellis), Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Bro. Sheriff Ogg have accepted the invitation of the master and wardens of the Tallowchandlers' Company to dinner at the hall on Thursday, November 17th.

The Prince and Princess of Wales opened a new dock at Swansea on Tuesday. Three addresses were presented to them during the proceedings, one by the Corporation, another by the Freemasons of South Wales, and a third by the Chairman and Trustees of the Harbour, to all of which the Prince briefly replied.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebury was on Wednesday elected president of the Scottish Liberal Association for the ensuing year.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, as recently-appointed President of the St. Pancras Total Abstinence Association, took the chair at the fourth annual demonstration of that body in St. Pancras Vestry-hall. In the course of his inaugural address he suggested that the teetotalers of the metropolis should secure the disused Polytechnic, and make it the centre and temple of the activity of the movement.

Bro. Dr. Spark and the St. Cecilia Quartet, from Leeds, will give an entertainment at the Bow and Bromley Institute on Monday.

Bro. John Hollingshead has returned to London after a tour in Russia.

J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented Old Wines and matured Spirits, 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery has consented to preside at the annual banquet of the St. Andrew's Society, of Manchester, on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. His lordship is President of the Society for the current year.

More than 160 prize essays on "Life Assurance" have been received, and are now in the hands of the adjudicators for their decision as to who shall receive the prize of £100 for the best essay, £25 for the second, and £10 for the third, offered by the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

We gather the following from the *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia: "Expression of English Sympathy.—The following despatch by a cable was received by Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of this city, yesterday: 'Meyer, 1717, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, Pa.—The Masons of York mourn with their American brethren the loss of their late brother, the President.—Whythead, York.'"

THE BOSTON EXHIBITION.—The Committee appointed to consider the feasibility of holding a world's fair have decided in favour of the project, provided that a sum of 5,000,000 dollars can be raised.

The fifteen Sections will be worked at the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, at the Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., on Thursday, the 27th inst., at 7 p.m. The chair will be taken by Bro. C. Wise, P.M. 1158, Preceptor, supported by Bros. Pulsford and Farwig.

Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen is in Stockholm, where he has gone to make arrangements in connection with the exhibition to be held in that capital next year.

JORDAN NO. 1402, TORQUAY.—At a meeting of this lodge held on the 11th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. A. T. Blamey, a Past Master's jewel was presented to W. Bro. Dr. S. S. Noakes, I.P.M., for valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and appropriately acknowledged. A sum of ten guineas was also unanimously voted by the brethren in aid of the "Huyshe Memorial Fund."

The elm of largest girth, the hollow old tree on the Epping Forest waste, by Chingford Low-street, during the gale on Friday afternoon week, had its entire green head blown off into the road. The tree written about affectionately by William Howitt, "The giant elms, in the hollow hole of one of which the old cat has made her abode with her kittens," opposite Queen Elizabeth's Lodge, has also been wind-spoiled and robbed of its branches. Both are now mere stumps and shells. Two of the Lombardy poplars were levelled on Warren. Numberless limbs and branches were wrenched from the spear oaks and pollards, and the green with the drying leaves were torn from the trees and eddied into heaps. The Chingford booths soon fell before the gale, and the Forest Hotel lost a chimney. In the country around scarce a haystack retains its thatch, a hedge its complete elm trees, or a house its ornamental timber.—*City Press*.

The lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, in which Bro. George Washington was initiated in 1752, on the payment of £2 3s., has determined to erect a Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. The proposal has received the approval of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Bro. the Hon. T. C. Agar-Robartes, of Tanfield-court, Temple, M.P. for East Cornwall, was with his colleague, Bro. W. C. Borlase, M.P., F.S.A., entertained at dinner at Fowey on Thursday. On Wednesday both gentlemen spoke at Truro in support of the Farmers' Alliance.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters of England, &c., will be held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

Bro. E. T. Carlyon having retired from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, several of the leading brethren of the Province of Cornwall are of opinion that his long and arduous services should be recognised by the presentation of a testimonial. Subscriptions will be received by Bro. J. H. Ferris, Truro, P.M., P.G. Reg., who has consented to act as Secretary, and to whom all communication should be addressed.

Bro. John Watson, D.P.G.M., Notts, assisted by the Present and Past officers of the Grand Lodge of Notts, consecrated the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909, at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Monday last.

Bro. J. S. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, on Monday last, and will be installed on Monday, November the 21st, by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. P. Tate.

The Supreme Council of Peru has decreed that no profane shall be initiated in a lodge, and no brother shall be affiliated without having declared by the living voice and in writing that he believes in the existence of God as the G.A. of the Universe, and in the resurrection into a future life.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Fellow of King's College, Strand, is gazetted one of the additional Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund.

Bro. John H. Graham, I.L.D., was re-elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the 28th ult.

The consecration of the Fitzroy Chapter takes place at the Head Quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, to-day (Friday). A full report will appear in our next.

NOTESCO is a new liniment, which is most valuable as an application for neuralgic diseases, for the cure of rheumatic gout, burns, bruises, and hemorrhage, as well as for purifying and cleansing the skin. We have pleasure in bearing personal testimony to the immediate relief a member of the writer's family received by applying it for a very severe attack of neuralgia. The cure was immediate, and, what is better still, no return of the distressing malady has yet been experienced. This new liniment—Notesco—appears to be non-poisonous, perfectly innocuous in any form, and is an admirable antiseptic. We are informed that it is a wonderful sleep producer, and secures restless nights for those mites of creation known as "teething infants." The liniment, we believe, can be supplied by all chemists and dealers in patent medicines, and is certainly worthy of an experiment.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom has announced that there is every probability of the Prince of Wales attending the next Preston Guild, to lay the foundation stone of the new Free Library.

Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has written an illustrated work on the "Egypt of the Past."

Bro. H. Williams, P.P.G.J.D., installed Bro. J. Dutton, P.G.O., as W.M. of the Joppa Mark Lodge, 11, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.

Bro. H. G. Buss was installed Master of the Temple by Bro. Dr. Woodman, S.M., at the quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 13th inst.

Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel by the Hova Villa Chapter, 1466, on the 30th ult., on the conclusion of his year of office in that chapter. Comp. C. J. Smith was installed M.E.Z. on the same day.

Bro. Heaphy was unanimously elected W.M. of the Faith Lodge on the 26th ult., and Bro. Carter was re-elected, for the twenty-third time, as Treasurer.

Bro. Chas. E. Power was installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1558, on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

We regret to notice the death of Bro. John Johnston, P.M. 192, and P.Z. 22, which sad event took place at his residence, 60, Mansfield-road, Haverstock-hill, on Friday week, the 14th inst.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients, under treatment for the week ending October the 15th, was 734.

Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., Prov. J.W. Sussex, initiated his son, Mr. Charles Aubrey Smith, into the secret mysteries of the Craft, in the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, on the 1st inst., at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton.

Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., installed Bro. D. Johnson W.M. of the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester, on Monday, the 10th inst.

Bro. H. Dehane will be installed as W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at the ancient slice of bacon town of Dunmow, on Tuesday next.

Mr. C. H. Lake, B.A., is announced to read a paper at the next meeting of the "Personal Liberty Club," to be held at 36, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday evening next, on "Freemasonry in its relation to Personal Liberty." Mr. Mark H. Judge will take the chair at eight o'clock, and a discussion will follow the reading of the paper.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., will preside at the inauguration banquet of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday next, at seven o'clock, at the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Piccadilly. Bro. Cottebrune will be supported by Bro. J. E. Shand, W.M. City of Westminster Lodge, as S.W., and Bro. J. B. Docker, P.M. Rothesay, as J.W.

Bro. John Galt Fisher was installed W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, by Bro. P.M. Vincent, on Wednesday last, at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, which is competed for annually at the meetings of the National Rifle Association by the picked shots of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and which was won this year by England, will be handed over to the safe keeping of the Lord Mayor on Saturday, the 29th inst., when his lordship, with the sheriffs, will attend in state at the Guildhall, at three p.m., to receive the shield, which will be accompanied to its destination by the members of the successful team and a military escort.

Bro. Thomas George Seymour will be installed W.M. of the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, on Wednesday, November 2nd, at the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, on which occasion Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks, Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, and the Provincial Grand Officers will be present.

On Wednesday the Countess of Bective opened a bazaar at Bradford. Bro. Lord Bective and Lady Olivia Taylor were also present. Mr. Mitchell, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, who introduced the countess, said her ladyship's efforts had mainly tended to benefit agriculturists, but of course the operative classes in the woollen industry were also benefited. The whole of the stall-keepers and a great many of the visitors were attired in materials of Bradford manufacture.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND CHEST, 32, GOLDEN SQUARE, W.—During the week ended October 15th, 519 patients were under treatment.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., assisted by Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.G. Chap., will consecrate the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, this day (Saturday) at the St. Peter's Hall, Brockley, at three o'clock p.m. The officers designate are: Bros. Wilmer Hollingworth, P.M. 63, as W.M.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.W., as S.W.; and Bro. W. Freeth Dennant, W.M. 140, as J.W. The banquet will be at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30.

At a meeting of the Scottish Corporation on Wednesday, Sir J. Heron-Maxwell, Bart., presiding, it was resolved that the salary of the Secretary to be appointed in the room of the late Bro. Macrae Moir should commence at £300 a year, and that he be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office. It is expected that the appointment will be made before the annual festival on St. Andrew's Day.

A hitherto unknown specimen of Caxton's printing has lately come to light at Cambridge in Trinity College library. It is a letter of indulgence issued in the early part of the year 1480 by John Kendale, the Turcopoler of Rhodes, in order to encourage contributions to carry on the war against the Turks. The type is that used in the *Chronicle of England*, printed in June, 1480; whilst the only edition of this indulgence already described is printed in the larger type used in the illustrated edition of the "Chess-Book" which has been reproduced by Messrs. Figgins.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, October 29, 1881.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- " 1541, Alexandra Palace, A. P., Muswell Hill.
- " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
- Chap. 1329, Sphinx, F.M.H.
- Red Cross Con., 6 Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.

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.
- Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 925, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- " 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- " 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

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.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
- 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.
- Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
- Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
- St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

- 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.
- " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1339, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- 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., at 8.
- 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.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, 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's-st., Borough, at 8.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

- Lodge 212, Euphrates M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 61, Newby-pl., E.
- " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
- " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
- " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Grand Masters' Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, M.H., 8a, Red Lion-sq.

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, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
- La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., 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.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
- Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
- Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
- Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
- " 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
- " 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
- " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham.
- " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
- Chap. 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Pensonby-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, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
- 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.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
- St. Michaels, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28.

- Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge.
- Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
- K.I. Precept. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- 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, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
- 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., Colborne-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.
- St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29.

- Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, Oct. 29, 1881.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Lodge 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.

- Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
- " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
- " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 605, De Tabley, Concert Hall, Liscard.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool I.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1595, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
- Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28.

- Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.
- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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IRWIN.—On the 10th inst., at Beaconsfield, Jersey, the wife of Bro. Captain J. Fox Irwin, The Suffolk (12th) Regiment, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

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DEATHS.

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