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As was mentioned last week, at a special general meeting of the managers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday week, the report of a special sub-committee was read, and certain alteration in, and addition to, the laws carefully considered. As the report of such proposed changes and additions as unanimously carried by the special meeting, has yet to be submitted to Grand Lodge, we think on the whole that it will be in "better form" not to deal with such amendments in our columns until they are so presented to Grand Lodge. Though "public," in one sense, as having been taken already before a special meeting of the Managing Committee, they are hardly public, in another sense, inasmuch as they practically are still "sub judice," and have to be communicated, by the laws of the Institution, to Grand Lodge.

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We confess that it strikes us "prima facie" that the position of this great Charity quoad Grand Lodge, and of Grand Lodge quoad this great Charity, is somewhat anomalous in itself. Though, as we are aware, from constant experience in this, as in all other worldly matters and arrangements, without any exception, there is a great deal to be said on both sides of the question.

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We hear casually that the number of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution now exceeds 156. We would impress upon all our friends who intend to act as Stewards the propriety of forwarding their names as soon as possible to the SECRETARY. No one can tell the anxiety sometimes caused to those who have to make all the arrangements, and think of much beforehand by a not unfrequent action of keeping back the giving in of names until the last moment. We are aware that some worthy brethren cannot always decide the matter at the moment; but we venture, as Christmas and the New Year will soon be here, to impress upon all who are thinking of being Stewards for this excellent Institution the advisability of intimating such their intention in the proper quarter at once. Let them remember the good old adage, "Bis dat qui dat cito."

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We may mention that at the recent monthly meeting of the Managing Committee several new cases were put on the list, and there can be no doubt that it will depend, to a great extent, on what are the returns of the Festival as to the possible and practicable aid rendered to numberless deserving cases at the May Election. Instead of decreasing, the claims are, on the contrary, increasing, on this remarkable Charity of English Freemasonry.

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We congratulate the authorities of the Girls' School and Bro. HEDGES on being able to announce the Presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT at the Anniversary Festival in 1881. When the proper time arrives we shall gladly and specially announce the preparations then making or completed to bring about a most happy and successful gathering. From time to time we shall keep our readers "au courant" of the arrangements in progress.

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The very interesting communication in our last "anent" "Cavernous Masonry" in Scotland may, let us hope, induce other communications on the same fertile subject. The course which Masonic research is now taking is not a little singular, as it is, in truth, not merely the "gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done," but the going over old ground, because that old ground has been too hastily or superficially turned over, and we want a little closer investigation, a little deeper analysis of evidence and a thoroughly independent and unprejudiced examination of dates, statements, and facts.

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We understand that Bro. SUTHERLAND'S "Notes" on the History of Freemasonry are now available for the Masonic public. Bro. SUTHERLAND, who is a very distinguished member of the medical profession, has for some time paid much attention to Masonic literature, and his little collection of "notes" is very interesting in itself, is very carefully compiled, and deserves the patronage of all who think that there is, after all, really something in Free-

masonry beyond and above an æsthetic "menu," or the agreeable associations of the Knife and Fork Degree.

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We are betraying no confidence when we state that, thanks to the able and careful researches of a very rising Masonic student, some very curious facts will be presented to Masonic students in the December number of the "Masonic Magazine," in respect of those Masonic brethren of ours who admitted ELIAS ASHMOLE and Colonel MAINWAIRING to see the light of Masonry at Warrington in 1646. We also understand that other researches are being made which, when completed, we shall be privileged to announce, as tending to illustrate and educe the true history of English Freemasonry.

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It may be a question whether before we can arrive at a definite solution of certain fresh points in Masonic History we do not require, so to say, a careful reconsideration and thorough sifting of all available evidences. Even with existing MSS., we fear, from certain facts that have recently been brought in startling reality before us, that the work of "collation will have to be repeated. There is still a large amount of evidence to discover, obtain, and to make use of, before we can establish what we nevertheless apprehend will one day be substantiated,—the existence of Freemasonry in England in organized lodges in the seventeenth century. It has been said that the Freemasonry of the seventeenth century was in some way affiliated with the "Masons' Company." What the records of the Masons' Company, which only date from 1676, as is alleged, would prove if carefully scanned by expert and competent Masonic students we do not presume to say, or even to anticipate in any measure. But sure we are of the fact, as indeed is patent from the evidence itself, that the Freemasons' Lodges ASHMOLE knew of and RANDLE HOLMES alluded to, were entirely independent of the Masons' Company, and simply and truly mainly speculative lodges. This is a fact, as Masonic students who have paid attention to this point will admit it to be, of the very greatest importance.

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We were looking over the later Harleian MS. the other day, and considering the "New Articles" with a friend, when it struck us that they certainly are either immediately after 1646, really and truly, or represent a much earlier date. The law seems to us to be merely a repetitive law, re-enacted, so to say; and careful study of both the Harleian MSS. may yet induce the belief and certainty of an earlier date than is generally conceded to them. The "new articles," as they are called, that at the admission of "non-operatives," of what "degree soever," a Master or "Warden" of that limit or division wherein such lodge shall be kept, and another of the trade of Masonry shall be present with five Freemasons, may belong to any time from the first Edward VI. to the earlier part of the seventeenth century. ELIAS ASHMOLE may be the first introduced under such a law, and it is just possible that it may be found that in his reception the rule was literally complied with. If so, that would argue that the New Articles of the Harleian, MS., 1792, represent an early date in the seventeenth century.

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We would again repeat our hope that all W.M.s and Secretaries of lodges will cause a search to be made in old lodge boxes.

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WHAT an interesting "phase" has the question of Masonic archæology now assumed. Are we, or are we not, on the eve of being able to give a readable and reliable explanation of the always remarkable history of Freemasonry? Or must much still be left in the haze and obscurity of mythic annals to puzzle the non-Masonic enquirer, and even to harass and depress the careful and conscientious Masonic student?

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The progress of Oriental discovery is often brought about by curious trifles and "undesigned coincidences." We all can call to mind the strange, though true, story of the "Rosetta Stone," and the "Behistun Inscription." Our able contemporary, the *Academy*, gives the account of another accidental discovery, which may do much to smooth the way for future decipherers of "engraved monoliths" or "dark inscriptions." It seems that at a recent meeting of the Society of Biblical Archæology, of which our Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, is Secretary, this interesting communication was made to it: "Mr. Pinches, during a recent visit to Paris, copied in the Louvre a little clay tablet found in Cappadocia, which is written in a peculiar kind of cuneiform character, and in an unknown language. The ideographs, however, contained in the text enabled him to discover that it related to the gift of certain silver articles to the Sun-god. He then recollected having seen in the British Museum a similar tablet in the same style of writing, which had also been brought from Cappadocia. An examination of the latter on his return to England showed that, as regards both the

forms of the cuneiform characters and the nature of the language, it closely resembled the tablet in the Louvre. Besides these two Cappadocian inscriptions, a third, also in cuneiform characters, was communicated to the society by Mr. Saxe, who had copied it last spring at Smyrna on a small griffin's head carved out of red stone which had been brought from Cappadocia, and had probably once served to ornament a staff or sceptre. The importance of the new discovery need not be pointed out. It gives us grounds for believing that a clay library similar to those of Assyria and Babylonia exists somewhere in Cappadocia; while the decipherment of the Cappadocian language will probably lead on to that of the Hittite inscriptions."

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I beg to supplement my necessarily short "essay" on the "monograde and trigradal theories" by a few additional remarks.

1. I would repeat that the "onus probandi" undoubtedly rests on all who seek to invalidate the generally recognized system of 1723 and 1813, and the attempt to "prove a negative," always difficult, is made more difficult by two prevailing considerations: (a), that then the whole bearing of Masonic oral testimony is invalidated; and, (b), that the only actual available evidence is so far that of Scotland. Up to the present the evidence of English seventeenth century Masonry, or "lodge life," is practically very little, and hardly decisive, as I attempted to show last week, one way or the other.

2. One or two other points necessarily "crop up" when we consider the Scottish evidences of the early eighteenth century. In 1721, when Dr. Désaguliers visited Edinburgh, there were several other lodges in or around the city. But it seems to be clear that he neither visited any of them, nor were any of those members invited to meet and confer with him. If this be so, it is surely a most fair conclusion, that had so important and novel a proposal as the institution of purely fresh ceremonial,—practically, one new Degree, at any rate, if not two, to be logically consistent—then be made in Mary Chapel, some conference or meeting must have taken thereon, and some note of such "proceedings" be minuted. But I believe I am warranted in asserting that not the slightest trace of any such "idea," even much less "fact," is to be found in the minutes of Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, or Journeyman Lodge, No. 8. The minutes of Journeyman Lodge, No. 8, are, I am told, remarkably well kept, full, and precise. So again, neither in the minutes of the Peebles Lodge, 24, or of St. Andrew's, which was in existence in 1598, though its minutes only date from 1729, is the slightest reference to any change of working to be found. The same may be said of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 7; and nowhere is any such reference or "minuting" to be discovered. I believe that I am correct in saying that the Journeyman Lodge possesses many old and curious papers, MSS. and minutes of many kinds, but not the slightest allusion to any change in ritual.

3. It is also well to bear in mind that Mary Chapel had no actual authority over the other Scottish Lodges, that any attempt on its part to initiate so great and important a change in Scottish Masonic life and customs would, at that period of time, especially have been regarded with jealousy and dislike, both Masonic and national, and any isolated proposal to adopt Désaguliers' changes, novel in themselves, would have ensured their own defeat.

4. There are some minutes of other Scottish lodges which seem to throw a light on the subject. The minutes of the old lodge of Dunblane, No. 9, tell us that in January, 1696, Lord Strahallan was elected "Master Mason" of the lodge, and several other "lairds" were then its leading members. In that same minute one brother is elected "Eldest Fellow of Craft." In 1716 the lodge resolved that thereafter no person should be "entered and past" at "one and the same time," except "gentlemen" who could not be present at a second diet," but that they be first reported prentisses, and their passing ordered by the lodge thereafter according to qualifications. In 1724 a "solicitor" was entered on 24th December, and on 27th December, after "examination," was duly passed from the square to the compass, and from an Entered Apprentice to a Fellow Craft of the lodge." In the Aberdeen Lodge, which I mentioned as holding its meetings in the "open," and among "rocks" at the coast, prior to 1670 a number of noblemen and landed gentlemen held the rank of "Fellows of the Craft." We then see, I venture to think, as others do, that the existence of at least the two Degrees prior to 1634, taking the minutes of Mary Chapel into consideration is clear, and the admission of Fellow Crafts in other lodges from the earliest dates of their existing records undoubted.

5. But then, on the other hand, it is equally the fact that it is subsequently to 1721, that the minutes of any lodge in Scotland, so far as is known, except in the case of Mary Chapel, as previously noted, state in express terms that "intrants" were "raised" to the "Degree of Master Mason."

6. But bringing various considerations before us, such as the theory of a "sacred secrecy," as well as the teaching of incommunicable and unwritable "aporetta," we may fairly come to the conclusion, I think, that this silence is both intentional and explicable.

7. All I venture to add, in all deference to others, that can be safely asserted thereon, is, that Masonic ceremonial in Scotland before 1721 was more primitive in form and less decided in terminology than it afterwards became, but that it was identical in both countries, with leading landmarks, in its distinct principles and its ceremonial and ritual substance.

I have again to repeat the "thanks" with which I closed my last communication on the subject in the pages of the *Freemason*.

THE GENESIS OF MASONRY.

One of the topics of the day which has provoked many a stout contest, not only between friends and enemies, but also among friends, is the question of the genesis of Masonry. It is a knotty question of the first magnitude, that no one has yet been able to solve. We do not presume to do so by ordinary methods, neither do we assume to be an Alexander, to cut this Masonic knot. We modestly attempt rather to show why it cannot now be

undone, at the same time asserting that we do not "give it up." Many mysteries are being explained in the age in which we live. The spirit of enquiry is abroad, as truly as is Brougham's schoolmaster, and evoked doubtless by the latter. We are neither agnostics nor pessimists—we think we know something, and we shall know more by-and-by, and that while the times in which we live are reasonably good—doubtless quite as good as we deserve—they will grow better, until finally they will be just what they ought to be, so as to satisfy even the most hopeful optimist.

Let us see how this matter stands. The Craft of Masonry is co-extensive with the existence of civilized man—it is around the globe. Now, the origin of man is not known, historically, and would not be known at all were it not for Revelation, and science has even presumed to construe Revelation, in this regard, in a non-natural manner, or else, rudely and irreverently to deny it.

But Masonry has no Bible to relate, supernaturally, its origin. It is a human institution, with only such history as such institutions have; and being in a certain sense a secret institution, its secret history is naturally especially liable to obscurity, or absolute loss. In the olden times there were no Craft publications, no newspapers of any kind, to stereotype Craft or other history.

Secular history owes its preservation to the State papers of the times; but where are Masonry's papers—the lodge minute books, and the original communications submitted to the lodges? Irrecoverably lost, we fear. The Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1, of Scotland, owns the oldest minutes known to be in existence, and these are dated 1599, and imply the existence of prior minutes. The thread of the narrative of lodge life is broken off abruptly, and all that has gone before is lost. Parts prior to that possibly, but not probably, may be found. Paper is perishable, and brethren would rather destroy lodge minutes than imperil them, so as to expose them to public observation. We have historic proof of this in the unwise destruction of Masonic manuscripts in the early part of the eighteenth century, soon after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England by the four old lodges of London and a few other brethren in the year 1717. What brethren did then they would do, and doubtless did, centuries before, when less enlightened.

In the age in which we live, an age when a part, at least, of the Proceedings of all Grand Lodges are regularly printed in book form; when Grand Lodge Constitutions are in like manner printed; when Masonic newspapers and magazines are patronised by the most intelligent Freemasons, we cannot, without considerable reflection, comprehend the position of Masonic affairs in the remote past. Then, the only place where Masonry, in itself, and in all of its relations, could be learned, was in the lodge. There was no external, no exoteric Masonry. All the learning of the Craft was esoteric. And this, let us remark, opens to us the secret of the slim attendance at lodge meetings to-day. Brethren now, after initiation, can learn considerable Masonry outside of the lodge, that is, can supplement the radical knowledge gained within, by the cultivation of the branches which air themselves, as it were, in the outer world. It is too late to prohibit the publicity of all Masonic knowledge. It may be that there has been unwisdom in the revelation of some of it—perhaps Constitutions should not be printed, nor Grand Master's addresses, nor Grand Lodge Proceedings, nor Reports on Correspondence, so as to be made attainable by readers generally. But these have been done, and so far as we can see will always be done. It would seemingly be as easy for the sun to move backwards, that is for the earth to revolve contrariwise, as for the Craft to go back to pre-1717 methods. For better or worse, Freemasonry is modernised in its methods. One result of this is, its history of to-day, as far as we can see will never be lost; and, for the reverse reason, its history of centuries ago will never be recovered.

We said that there were differences be it understood, among the friends of the Craft concerning its age and origin. Some trace it to the English Operative Masons' Guilds of the middle ages, others to the German Steinmetzen of the same period, others to the analogies derivable from the Gothic courts and Scandinavian usages, still others to Byzantine artists, or the Charlemagnic school of architects, or stonemasons in the time of Diocletian, or the Dionysiac artificers, or the Grecian or Egyptian mysteries, or the great Solomonic trio of Temple builders, or (and here we reach near to the apparent beginning of sublunary affairs) the Cainite builders of cities, after the Edenic dispersion! Lovers of novelties may nominate any one of these alleged origins for the Craft, but no man knows, or can certainly know, in these times, its truth. The genesis of Masonry is absolutely unknown. It is certain that it is not modern, but it cannot be proved how ancient it is. It is sufficiently ancient to satisfy us, or any one else justly proud of a noble lineage. It is in truth, as well as in name, ancient, and that is not an empty phrase which describes our brotherhood as the ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—*Keystone*.

ORDER, RULES OF.—Are necessary for the transaction of business; but with the exception of Grand Lodge—which has certain "Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the Time of Public Business"—in the Prov. Grand Lodge and private lodges, for the most part, unless laid down in the bye-laws, which is not common, the matter is generally arranged by the Prov. Grand Master and Worshipful Master. No business can be entered upon until the minutes of the last regular lodge are confirmed; but, beyond this, the regulation of business—the "agenda" paper, so to say—is, in the case of Prov. Grand Lodges and private lodges, in the hands of the Prov. Grand Master and the Worshipful Master respectively. As a general rule, the summons declares the business, and the order in which it is to be taken; but it is impossible, as well as unadvisable, we apprehend, to lay down any order of business which could be universally followed by lodges. Good sense and fraternal feeling and business habits and ancient usage constitute, so to say, our common law on the subject. In respect of the actual condition under which the business is transacted in lodge, though there are no laws on the subject—except, as we said before, as regards Grand Lodge—there is a certain uniformity of action arising from Masonic custom, and which is as good as law. The well-known rules of public meetings are adhered to, and by them our Fraternity is enabled to carry on friendly discussions on all subjects in peace and propriety. The presiding officer is the supreme arbiter and court of appeal in all matters relating to order. The common rules of order, as affecting all public meetings, and which are incorporated into all Masonic parliamentary procedure, are so well known as not to need recapitulation here. They can only be affected, as we before said, by Prov. Grand Lodge or private lodge bye-laws.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
CHESHIRE.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. LORD DE TABLEY,
R.W.P.G. MASTER.

A ceremony of more than usual interest took place at the Knutsford Town Hall, on Thursday afternoon, the 10th inst., when Bro. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, was presented with a half-length portrait of himself in oil colours, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The picture, which is an admirable likeness of Bro. Lord de Tabley, is the work of Mr. Frank Holl, of London, and is worth over £400. It bears the inscription,—"Presented to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of Cheshire, by the brethren of his province, 1881." The portrait represents Bro. Lord de Tabley in a sitting posture; he is dressed in a drab suit and Inverness, and in his left hand he holds his stick and gloves, while in his right he carries a French felt hat, such as his Lordship is in the habit of wearing. The presentation was made by Bro. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M., in the presence of a large company of brethren, among whom were, Bros. G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.G. Chap.; H. Collier, P.G. Org.; J. E. Steward, P.M. 336; Jesse Tymms, W.M. 336; J. B. Cutter, P.M.; R. Beales, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; Major C. J. Howard, P.P.G.J.W.; Col. G. A. Fernley, P.P.G.J.W.; Col. Staples, P.M. 321; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Smith, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Howard, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; J. Clayton, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Thompson, W.M. 1045; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; W. Harrison, P.P.S.G.D.; John Slack, P.M. 323; Joseph Slack, P.M. 323; H. Bulley, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Lockett, P.S.G.D.; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Nicholls, P.P.G.P.; J. Leigh, I.P.M. 287; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; Col. Cope, S. Bull, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. Lightfoot, W.M.; Rev. J. C. Macdonald, P.P.G. Chap.; Heathcott, P.M. 1045; Belyse, P.G.J.W.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. E. B. Bagot, W.M.; W. Leigh, P.M.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G. Chap.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.T.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. J. Bates, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Fair, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Wood, P.G.J.D.; J. A. Birch, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Ambler, J. Lewis, H. Evans, S. W. Ramsden, Sec. and S.D. 425; F. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; Taber Burgess, C. A. Hordern, F. Harscher, G. J. Goodwin, W. Broadhurst, W. Hough, J. Partington, W. Pugh, M. Allcock, G. Holden, B. R. Leech, and others.

The Lady de Tabley, Mrs. G. W. Latham, and other ladies occupied seats on the platform, and the gallery opposite the platform was filled with ladies from the neighbourhood, of Knutsford, Altrincham &c.

Bro. the Hon. W. EGERTON, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M., said he felt it a high privilege to be the mouthpiece—though a humble one—of the large number of Masons he saw before him, who had deputed him to be their spokesman on that occasion. Although he could not pretend to the eloquence which he should wish, yet he felt a few words of his were necessary to explain to his lordship the feelings with which he was regarded by the brethren of his province—(applause)—and which had prompted them to present him that day with a testimonial of their sincere regard and esteem. (Applause.) He felt it was almost unnecessary that he should say how deeply they had felt his kindness, courtesy, and ability during the sixteen years he had presided over that province as Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) The few facts he would mention to them would, he thought, be more eloquent than any words he could give to justify those feelings which he believed were entertained by every Mason in the province. Since the time his lordship was first called upon to exercise the high office of Provincial Grand Master, Masonry had flourished, lodges had increased, and the Fund of Benevolence and educational charities had received a new impetus—applause—and when he said that during those sixteen years upwards of £2000 had been subscribed by that Provincial Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Great Masonic Charities, and that whereas at the commencement of Lord de Tabley's rule the Charities were but feebly supported in that province; at the present time the province of Cheshire stood, he believed, hardly second to any in the number of votes it could command on the annual occasions when the candidates were elected. (Applause.) When he said that for one great charity they had 650 votes, and for another 500, it was hardly necessary that he should say none of the candidates they had offered since his lordship had presided over them for election had failed. (Applause.) So much for the practical work of Masonry, and the way in which it had flourished under his lordship's rule. It was, perhaps, more difficult to speak in his presence of those personal qualities which had endeared him to them; but he could say for himself that he felt it a great privilege to be able to say a few words on that occasion; for every advancement which he had had in his Masonic career had been owing to Lord de Tabley's kind favour and goodwill—(applause)—and what he was saying of himself was, he knew, the feeling which was shared by many of the brethren then present. That portrait with which they were today to present to his lordship had been subscribed to by about 600 brethren of that province. He felt certain that he would treasure it in his family as a valuable record of those feelings of attachment and affection in which he had been held so long. Of the picture itself, he might say he thought the artist had faithfully and successfully delineated the lineaments represented, and although he had selected the costume of the 19th century, rather than the Masonic insignia, yet there was a badge in the corner which would tell the succeeding generations who were curious to look at it and were initiated, the rank of the person depicted and the province over which he ruled. (Hear, hear.) More than that was unnecessary for Masonic purposes, and he thought all would admit that the artist had exercised a happy judgment in the combination of the picture. (Hear, hear.) It was, perhaps, unnecessary to say more on the present occasion. He felt he had but imperfectly represented the feelings which had prompted the presentation of that picture, but he was quite certain that whatever he might have said—although his words, indeed, might have been feeble—the one important thing was that the picture had been presented as a slight mark of cordial esteem and regard in which his lordship was held by the brethren of the Province of Cheshire. (Applause.) Bro. Egerton,

turning to his lordship, went on to say: In presenting this picture to you, my lord, I trust that you may be long spared to rule over the province—(hear, hear)—and that this slight mark of esteem I am presenting to you to-day will be only one among many proofs of the attachment and regard in which you have been held, and will continue to be held by the brethren of this province. I wish every prosperity and success to you and yours. (Loud applause.)

Bro. GRIFFITHS, Prov. Grand Secretary, then advanced to the platform, and holding in his hand a book, said it contained the names of subscribers to the highly artistic and life-like portrait just presented by Bro. Egerton. Having had the honour and pleasure of serving as Secretary under his lordship for sixteen years, perhaps he might be allowed to add his humble testimony to the unvarying kindness and the unwearied attention he had always bestowed on the business of the province, and the exertions he had always made in the cause of charity, which was the keystone of the Order. He was only expressing the wishes and feelings of every brother in the province when he said that he prayed to T.G.A.O.T.U. would restore him to perfect health, and that for many years to come he might rule over the province and enjoy the affectionate regard and respect in which he was held by the brethren. He now begged to hand that book to his lordship, and to ask his acceptance of it.

Bro. Lord DE TABLEY then rose, and after the applause with which he was greeted had subsided, he said he always felt considerable difficulty in putting his thoughts into words when addressing a public assembly. If that was so on ordinary occasions, still more must it be his feeling and difficulty now, and never did he feel such difficulty in expressing in his feeble accents the thoughts which were now crowding his brain and agitating his feelings. He must thank the Chairman for the too flattering terms in which he had been pleased to couch his address—words far beyond his merits—(no)—which he accepted on behalf of himself and family, and which he hoped, and trusted, and believed represented the feeling of the brethren throughout the province. (Cheers.) When it was first intimated to him that the brethren wished to give him a testimonial, he confessed he should have preferred it to have taken the form of something connected with the public institutions of Masonry, in the shape of a scholarship to the Boys' School or something attached to their great public character, feeling that he was scarcely worthy of a personal testimonial. But he was assured it was the wish of the brethren to present him with some mark of their regard to himself personally, and when he was told the subscriptions were to be limited in amount, and that they were to be individual and not lodge subscriptions, he waived his objections, and the result was the magnificent work of art which Bro. Egerton had just presented to him, and which he gratefully accepted. (Cheers.) It would always be treasured by him as one of his dearest and most precious possessions. (Applause.) A possession he might say which would be treasured by him during his lifetime, and for which he thanked them most heartily for himself, and also in the name of the dear partner of his life—(applause)—to whose care he should hereafter consign it for her lifetime, and after that to go down to the old house at home where for generations to come it might adorn the walls, and serve as a record of one who in his lifetime was deemed not unworthy to occupy the proud position of their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. It seemed to him that there was a peculiar fitness that Knutsford should have been chosen as the place where that presentation should take place. It was in Knutsford where he was first installed in the high office of Provincial Grand Master, and there, after sixteen years, he stood again to receive that mark of their regard. That he might look on as the closing ceremony in his official career. ("No, no.") He looked back on the sixteen years he had ruled over them with pride and pleasure. There at Knutsford he was installed in succession to that illustrious hero Viscount Combermere, who left him a precious legacy in the attachment and loyalty of the brethren over whom he ruled. That attachment and loyalty had been continued to himself, and much more had been added. For at that time they possessed very few votes in Masonry. In 1865 they had only 29 lodges and 1125 brethren, now, in 1881, they had 39 lodges and 1453 brethren. In 1865 they had no votes in Charities, they had now 940, and their contributions had been between £2000 and £2500, and all their candidates had been carried. Twenty-one brethren had served as Stewards to at least two of the Charities, and had qualified themselves as Life Governors, and had also taken subscriptions of upwards of £1500. The Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution—that most valuable local Institution—had educated 304 children, and possessed funded property representing £4000. Within the province they numbered eight Vice-Patrons of the three great Charities, and eleven Vice-Presidents. That was a proud record to look back upon, and he named it, not taking credit to himself, but to those brethren who had so loyally supported him, and had come forward in the cause by which they were bound by the principles of their Order. He thanked all his brother Provincial Grand Officers. It would be invidious were he to select anyone in particular, but still he could not help naming Bro. Griffiths, their excellent Secretary, who had been his right hand during his rule over them, and who had just presented him with a record which would be most precious to him. He should cherish it in his library as a most precious volume. He could only repeat his thanks, and assure them of his continued devotion to Masonry; he should continue to do the best to support the dignity of the chair and to promote the sacred cause of charity. As he told the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Macclesfield, he felt only a few months ago that he was getting very near the door of the Grand Lodge above. But it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to restore him to comparative health and strength—(applause)—and he now looked forward to several more happy meetings with them all. In conclusion, he would only beg, as his last request, that they would continue to his successor, whenever the time came, that same support and loyalty they had given to him, and that sometimes they would cast a thought on their old Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. G. W. LATHAM, P.G.S.W., said that before they separated they had a necessary duty to perform, and that was to return a vote of thanks to their Chairman, Bro. Egerton, for his kind presence that day. They did not, indeed, require his presence, for on such an occasion "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings" in Masonry, the praise of their Provincial Grand Master would come. (Applause.) They all knew how many duties their Chairman had to perform, therefore, he was entitled to their

gratitude for coming to perform that duty, which, no doubt, had been a pleasure to him, yet still abstracted from his scant leisure. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Latham then went on to ask Lord de Tabley if he would spare his portrait a short time in order that they might send it away to have an engraving taken from it; and he asked all brethren who wished to have copies of the engraving to give their names in to the Secretary. Any profit that might be made from the sale of the engravings, he explained, would go to the Masonic Benevolent Fund.

Bro. J. WOOD, P.P.G.S.W., seconded the vote of thanks, and heartily endorsed all that Bro. Latham had said. He felt sure that the address of the Chairman and the response of the Grand Master must have gone to the hearts of all Masons present. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. EGERTON, in replying, said he felt deeply the kind way in which Bros. Latham and Wood had proposed the vote of thanks to him. He had performed a very pleasant duty, and he was glad if he had in any way—as he had endeavoured to do—represented the feelings of the brethren on that occasion. He was always glad of these opportunities of meeting on a common platform and promoting those principles of their Order which were everlasting, viz., love and charity towards all men. (Applause.)

Lord DE TABLEY gave his consent to the request of Bro. Latham, and thanked the brethren for wishing to be possessed of his portrait. This most harmonious meeting then broke up, after giving hearty cheers for Lady de Tabley, Mrs. Latham, and the ladies in the gallery.

PRESENTATION TO A BROTHER AT
BIRKENHEAD.

On Thursday evening, the 18th inst., there was a large and influential gathering of the members of the Mersey Lodge, No. 477, at their lodge-room the Masonic Chambers, situated in Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. D. Fraser as a token of the regard in which he is held by them, and as a recognition of the services he has rendered to the Craft in Cheshire for many years. Amongst those present were Bros. A. K. Gardiner, W.M.; J. T. Thompson, S.W.; E. Evans, J.W.; Frederick Thompson, I.P.M.; John Dutton, P.M. and P.G. Sword Bearer; J. G. Adams, P.M.; William Bennett, P.M.; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas.; S. Jones, P.M. and Sec.; Thomas C. Thorburn, S.D.; Thomas Ingfield, I.G.; R. Bell, S.; J. Macdonald, S.; and several of the members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Marwood, P.P.G., J.W.; H. J. Lloyd, W.M. 721; T. W. Shaw, P.M. 605, and 1576; J. M. Pemberton, P.M. 1264, and P.P.G.S.W. of West Lancashire; H. Chesworth, P.M. 1576; J. R. Simm, J.W. 605; A. E. Coveney, W.M. 605; G. Alister, J.W. 1276; O. Jones, S.W. 605; W. H. Cooke, I.G. 1013; and others.

After the banquet had taken place, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. DUTTON proposed "The Health of their esteemed Fellow-Craftsman, Bro. Fraser." He said that there was no member of the Craft in Birkenhead who had rendered more important services to Masonry than Bro. Fraser. He had filled various offices, had always discharged the duties in an admirable manner, setting an excellent example to all who followed him, and he had also been a warm supporter of the educational and other Charities. It was suggested some time ago that some recognition should be made of his services; the proposal was readily taken up by the members, and had resulted in the present testimonial, which he (Bro. Dutton) now proceeded to present. It consisted of a valuable pianoforte by Broadwood and Sons (supplied by Bro. Edward Jones, of Argyle-street), bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Donald Fraser, P.M. 477, P.Z. 477, P.M.M. 186, P.P.G.R. of M.M.M. of Cheshire and North Wales, in recognition of the many and valued services rendered by him to the Mersey and other lodges, and to mark the high esteem in which he is held by the Masonic brethren. Birkenhead, November 10th, 1881."

Bros. GARDINER, MARWOOD, BENNETT, and LLOYD warmly endorsed the remarks of Bro. Dutton; and Bro. FRASER appropriately responded, thanking the members for this kind mark of their approbation of his services.

"The Health of Bro. E. Jones" and of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, after which the proceedings terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE CABLE
CHAPTER, No. 1704.

This chapter, which is attached to the Anchor Lodge, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., by Comp. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, assisted by Comp. Henry Birdseye, P.Z. 22 and 192, as Director of Ceremonies; Comp. Frederick Newton, M.E.Z. 5, as H.; and Comp. Edward Spooner, P.Z. 22, as J.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Richard Webb, of Domestic Chapter, No. 177, who presided at the harmonium.

After the consecration, Comp. Henry Muggeridge installed the Principals as follows:—Comps. John Bagot Scriven, M.E.Z.; James Knight, H.; and William Lambert Manley, J. Comp. Richard William Muggeridge was inducted as Scribe E.

The visitors present were Comps. Vera Taylor, P.Z.; Percy Taylor, P.Z., both of Bishop Stortford Chapter; John Webb, of Domestic Chapter, No. 177; Frederick Newton, M.E.Z. 5; Edward Spooner, P.Z. 22; Chennell, P.Z., and several other companions.

Comps. Henry Muggeridge, Henry Birdseye, and Richard Webb were proposed as honorary members at the next convocation. After the chapter was closed the companions partook of a very excellent banquet, which gave great satisfaction to all present.

At the first anniversary of the Okeover Chapter, No. 1324, on the 20th ult., Comp. Fitz-Hubert Wright, P.Z., was presented by the companions with a very handsome gold jewel, as a mark of their esteem and gratitude to him for having founded the chapter, presenting it with a beautiful and complete set of furniture, clothing, etc., and for having endowed the First Principal's chair in each of the three Great Masonic Charities with a sum of ten guineas.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER,
M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE RIGHT HON. EARL OF KINTORE,
R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G., AS M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION

Of this Grand Lodge will be held in the
LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT
QUEEN ST., LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS,
On TUESDAY, the 6th of DECEMBER, 1881,

When and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

Office, 5A, Red Lion-square, Holborn, London, W.C.,
17th November, 1881.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of Wine, if taken before the day of Meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken on that day, and it is requested that every Brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Secretary not later than Saturday, 3rd of December.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT,

UNDER THE SANCTION OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

STEWARDS.

Bro. J. E. Anderson, 18 and J.D. 255.	Bro. J. H. Matthews, P. Dis. G.D. Bengal.
" W. Beattie, P.M. 142.	" Sir J. B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes.
" H. Bue, J.D. 1820.	" *C. A. Murton, P.G.D.
" G. Brooke, P.M. 63.	" J. Muzio, P.M. 1150.
" J. March Case, P.G.D.	" T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.	" G. C. Pulsford, Sec. 1593.
" J. H. Davidson, 1820.	" *A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex.
" R. R. Davis, P.M. 256.	" J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
" *W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768.	" Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bt., 6.
" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.	" Sir W. Shaw, J.D. 709.
" A. W. Duret, W.M. 1768, P.M. 1223.	" *W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, J.W. 969, Sec.
" A. Escott, W.M. 1593.	" A. C. Spaul, P.G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop.
" *T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas.	" F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768, S.W. 1124.
" Montague Gossett, P.M. 66.	" R. Clay Sudlow, 18 and 263.
" R. Grey, P.G.D.	" A. C. Tanqueray, 33.
" W. H. Johnston, 1820.	" T. Truman Tanqueray, 1768.
" J. W. Jones, J.D. 5.	" Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D.
" C. Lowther Kemp, 63 and J.D. 1924.	" S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.
" W. G. Kentish, S.W. 1293.	
" J. W. Lambert, W.M. 1415, P.M. 142.	
" P. de L. Long, P.G.D.	
" A. Marvin, J.W. 1768.	

* Members of the Committee.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Of the Lodge will take place

AT FREEMASONS' HALL,

On Friday Evening, November 25th, 1881,

On which occasion

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR

Has kindly consented to preside.

The Lodge will be opened in the Grand Hall, at Six o'clock precisely.

The Work will be the Second Lecture, viz. :—

- I. Section by Bro. J. W. Jones, J.D. 5.
- II. " " T. Truman Tanqueray, 1768.
- III. " " J. H. Davidson, 1820.
- IV. " " C. Lowther Kemp, 63, J.D. 1924.
- V. " " S. W. Shaw, J.D. 709.

Tickets for the Banquet, price 4s. each, may be had of the Stewards, or of Bro. W. SMALLPEICE, Secretary, Freemasons' Hall.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

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

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

THE BRIGHTON HEALTH CONGRESS.

President—B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

Tuesday, December 13th, 1881.

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Sections A, Wednesday; B, Thursday; C, Friday;
Presidents—Edwin Chadwick, C.B.; J. R. Hollond, M.A., M.P.; Alfred Carpenter, M.D.

Evening Addresses by R. P. B. Taaffe, M.D., and Brudenel Carter, F.R.C.S., in the Dome, Royal Pavilion.
Wednesday Evening—Soirée by the Mayor and Mayoress.
Many places of interest are arranged for to be viewed by Associates on presenting their tickets, as well as
The Domestic and Scientific Exhibition in the Royal Pavilion and Grounds, with Electric Lighting, to be opened by the President of the Exhibition, the EARL OF CHESTER.

Associates' Tickets, 10s. 6d., are being issued by the Congress Secretary, Brighton. Seats can be also secured.

Chairman of Executive } W. H. HALLETT, F.L.S.,
Committee, } Mayor.
General Hon. Secretary, WM. HAMILTON,
Ship Street, Brighton.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX

Will meet under SIR W. W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.,
Prov. G.M., in the ROYAL PAVILION,

On Monday, December 12th, at Seven p.m.,

to welcome all Brethren (Master Masons) attending the Health Congress. Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Brighton (Prov. G.S.), will issue tickets, which include Admission to the Opening of the Domestic and Scientific Exhibition.

To Correspondents.

The following reports, &c., stand over :—

Cabbell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 807.
Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.
Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "New York Dispatch," "La Tolerance," "Die Bahnhutte," "The Masonic Eclectic," "The Hebrew Leader," "The West London Advertiser," "The Western Daily Mercury," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Broad Arrow," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Der Long Islander," "Masonic Record of Western India," "Keystone," "Boletin Masonico (Mexico)," "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska," "The Colonies and India," "The Folkestone Chronicle," "The Masonic Advocate."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1881.

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.]

PRE-1717 FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having been a constant reader of the articles by "Masonic Student," on "Masonic History and Historians," and gained much knowledge and pleasure therefrom, and as he in his communication last week refers to the belief that previous to 1717 Freemasonry had but one degree, I take the liberty of sending a few extracts from an old book in my possession, printed in Glasgow in 1771, entitled "The Freemason's Pocket Companion." The first part gives a history of Freemasonry from the Creation to the time of Charlemain, and Babilista Alberta, the first modern who wrote concerning architecture. The second part is a history of Freemasonry in Britain. The first extract I give is from page 47: "Egbert the First, King of all England, fortified his sea-ports; and Alfred the Great increased the Navy and fortified and rebuilt many towns, and founded the University of Oxford. He had about him the best architects, was the best King of England, and employed the Fellow Crafts wholly in brick and stone, and died illustrious in the year 900."

In the minority of Henry VI., the Commons of England thought the Masons worthy of their notice, by attempting to disturb their communications and overthrow their lodges by passing an Act in the third year of the said King, and the fourth year of his age, entitled "Masons shall not congregate in chapters or congregations." However, the ordinance was never once executed, and did not in the least intimidate the Masons.

The second extract is from page 51. "In the minority of Henry VI. a good lodge was held at Canterbury, as appears from the Latin register of William Molart, the Prior of Canterbury, in manuscript page 88, in which are named Thomas Stapylton, the Master, John Morris, *custos de la Lodge Lathomorum*, or Warden of the Lodge, of Masons, with fifteen Fellow Crafts, and three entered apprentices, all three named. In the year 1442, King Henry himself was made a Mason, and his example was followed by many lords and gentlemen of the Court."

By these extracts (if this old book is worth credit) I think it is plain enough that Craft Masonry was composed of three degrees long before the year 1717.

If these extracts, or any other information from this book, would be of use to "Masonic Student," I would be pleased to lend it to him to enable him to pursue his research into this vexed question.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M. OF 158.

THE PROVINCE OF CHESHIRE AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Casually looking over some of your back numbers, in No. 644 I find a digest of some of the leading items of subscriptions at the "Boys' School Festival" of 1881, and to my surprise, find that Cheshire, with its (I believe) thirty-six lodges, does not seem to get anywhere near the front; indeed, not even to the "three figures" list. I am afraid to inquire whether we were indeed represented at all. I know one year a representative of the lodge I belong to was the only one representing Cheshire in the list of one of the Societies (I forget which). This seems to me a sad state of affairs, indeed; and the contrast between so large a province as this is, with a province like Sussex, with its grand total of £791 15s., is most startling on the face of it. I for one feel very much ashamed of it, provided there is no redeeming circumstances, and my principal object in writing is to ask if any one of your correspondents who knows can give any explanation of what looks so bad a case.

I do not need to be reminded of the noble success achieved by the Committee and friends of the "Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution." I know the working of that excellent Institution well, and am fully cognisant of the good they do so quietly and unostentatiously. Even the relatives and neighbours of those relieved are seldom aware of the source whence our widows are provided with the means of giving good education to their children.

Although a constant student of the *Freemason*, I do not remember to have seen in your paper any report of the meetings of the Committee referred to, and I enclose you herewith a copy of their last report, from which you will be able to judge of their work.

But this, although truly Masonic, does not wholly explain why we are so far behind in the good work referred to in the early portion of my letter. There seems to me a want of some sort of "go" amongst us. I know we avail ourselves of the benefits these institutions bestow very largely. I saw a few days ago in a Liverpool paper an account of a meeting of the friends of the "Commercial Travellers Schools," as a sort of branch of the Parent Society, where at Liverpool they collected a large sum of money in aid of their funds; and it struck me that we are in want of some such organization as this, whereby the "Charitable duty of our Order" may be more worthily accomplished. Somehow, I think, we ought to do more. This letter has grown much longer than the single paragraph I first intended, if too long cut it short.

Yours fraternally,

CHESHIRE.

HISTORY OF UNITY 183.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your edition of the 5th inst. you kindly reviewed my history of the Lodge of Unity, and having blundered I was pleased to be corrected. Of course, it never entered my head that one of the blunders lay with your reviewer; and I only wondered how, knowing perfectly well the facts relating to Antiquity No. 2, I come to make the majority and minority change places. I never thought of verifying the passage, but attributed it to a slip of the pen. But last night I happened to open the book at the page referred to, and behold! I never made the mistake at all, but your reviewer did for me, and thereupon hinted at sheepwalking and other "soft impeachments."

Having thus reduced my glaring errors to one, I am not at all displeased with the results, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Recently, the Senior Warden of a lodge initiated two candidates, the W.M. being absent and a P.M. in the chair. The S.W. is not an Installed Master, and he worked the ceremonies standing by the side of the acting W.M. Is there any written or unwritten law in Masonry to sanction or forbid such practice? The question is interesting many brethren of my acquaintance, and I should like to have the opinions of some more advanced in Masonic knowledge.

Yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

November 4th.

[The proceedings referred to by "Querist" were perfectly in order. In the report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge of March 7th, 1877, you will find it laid down by the Grand Registrar that "If the W.M. occupied the chair he might call any brother to stand at his pedestal, or place him anywhere he liked in the lodge, and commission him to repeat the ceremonies; and the words spoken by that brother were the words of the W.M. uttered by proxy." It follows, as a matter of course, that a P.M. occupying the chair, in the absence of the W.M., can exercise the same right.—ED. F.M.]

Reviews.

GLEANINGS FROM THE BLUE.

By a mistake in our review of this interesting little compilation last week, we stated that a review of the touching lines to H.I.M. the Empress Eugenie appeared in the *Freemason*. The quotation appeared in the "Masonic Magazine," some time back. But we fancy a short notice of one of the monthly parts did appear in the *Freemason*. We are glad to be permitted to call renewed attention to the book, and to add that our esteemed Bro., Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, will be happy to supply all with copies who like to encourage rising merit and juvenile industry. We understand that a fuller notice is to appear in the December Magazine.

LA NOBLA LEYCZON. T. Grattan, Warwick-square, London, and W. Brough, 2, Ethel-street, Birmingham.

This is an edition of a curious Waldensian poem, in Provençal and Waldensian "patois," with an English translation. It seems to be well done, and the translation or rendering is very close. The subject is an interesting one in itself, inasmuch as the Waldensian teaching is said to have constituted one of the "Templar Secrets," and some writers have liked to find an affinity between Masonic and Waldensian meetings. We cannot go into the special matter of absolute Waldensian doctrines for various Masonic reasons, but certainly, as a study of the past and of language, the book deserves the close attention of the curious and the thoughtful. We have one fault to find with the editor, Rev. R. H. Vickers. He does not give us either a "facsimile" of the MS., nor does he even tell us where the original MS. is preserved, two grave faults; in fact, unpardonable by a student. He merely tells us that "the date assigned to the 'Nobla Leyczon'" is about 1180, but he does not give his authority, or any account of the MS., itself, or any means, in fact, of proving such a dogmatic statement. We should judge from his preface that the writer is a "non expert" in such matters, and has had little special study of the subject. The mixing up of the "Troubadours" with the "Waldenses" is somewhat a stretch of the imagination; and though we cannot commend the editing of the book, which is unscientific and unrealistic, the poem itself, if genuine, as we doubt not, has a twofold interest, as I have sought to point out, to Masonic students.

BEOWULF; A POEM OF THE EIGHTH CENTURY.

By THOMAS ARNOLD. Longman and Co.

This "heroic poem," as it has been termed, is an Anglo-Saxon poem, among the MSS. of the British Museum; Vitellius a 15, Cottonian MSS. It came into the great library of that somewhat unscrupulous collector, Sir R. Cotton, and seems first to have been mentioned by Wanley in the second volume of Hickeys well-known "The-saurus," &c., in 1705. A Dane, Grim J. Thorkelin, first gave Beowulf to the world. It has since been frequently alluded to and commented on, and is in itself a most interesting study to lovers of old language, as its "vernacular" has all but utterly passed away. We may add it has engaged the attention of Sharon Turner, of Conybeare and Kemble, of Leo, of Etmüller, of Green and of Simrock, of Wacker-bath and Thorpe, of Rask, and Professor Morley. It seems now to be clear that it was written by a Christian ecclesiastic in the early part of the eighth century, and preserves in its recital some of those Scandinavian Sagas which were once so dear to the Northern nations. Beyond its importance as a study of an old and now faded dialect,—the earliest so far known of Anglo-Saxon,—it perhaps is but "heavy work," even for patient Masonic and bibliographical dryasdusts. We need not worry ourselves as regards the theories of Ewald and Müllenhof as to the genuineness of this or that portion of the poem, but will merely add that we think the patient reader may find not merely the existence of local or national, but world-wide Sagas in those mythic tales which seem to have a common origin in the sentimental ideas and aspirations—the mental colouring and characteristic of the human race.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ABBEY OF ARBROATH.

Bro. Rylands, citing "Hays History of Arbroath" (1876), p. 31, states that in 1789, the Rev. George Gleig sent to General Hutton "an impression of a seal which was found among the ruins of the Abbey, and which was then used by the Lodge St. Thomas, of Arbroath, to seal the diplomas granted to their brethren."

I apprehend that the seal alluded to is identical with that of which a full description was given by the Rev. Charles Cordiner in his "Remarkable Ruins of North Britain," [London 1788]. Of this seal, which forms one of the illustrations of the work, Mr. Cordiner observes:—"The figures sculptured on the seal marked *initiation*, evidently represent some formidable ceremony in a sacred place, where a pontiff presides in state; one hand on his breast expressive of seriousness, the other stretched out at a right angle, holding a rod and a cross, the badge of high office, while he makes some awful appeal respecting a suppliant, who, in a loose robe, blindfolded, with seeming terror kneels before the steps of an altar, while several attendants with drawn swords brandish them over his head."

The reverend author then proceeds to compare the figures depicted on the seal, with certain engravings in Masonic works, and suggests that the points of resemblance recall to memory a description which Plutarch, in his famous essay, "De Osiris," gives of the engraving of a seal which the Priests of Isis used in their solemnities, namely, that of a man kneeling with his hands bound, a knife at his throat.

Krause reproduced the engraving of this seal in his "Kunsturkunden," and it has also appeared in other publications. The opinion of Cordiner, that "Freemasonry, however mutilated or defaced," was descended from the Mysteries, being in most cases quoted with approval.

If there is anything in this theory, the "seal of the ancient Abbey of Arbroath" is a most important connecting link between the Mysteries of the *past* and the Freemasonry of the *present*. If it can be shown that the Mysteries were retained under ecclesiastical sanction until so comparatively recent a period as the year 1178, when the Abbey of

Benedictine Monks at Arbroath was founded by William the Lion, then, I think, there is more in the view put forward by Fallou and Winzer, and, to a certain extent, adopted by Findel, than is apparent from the evidence or weight of authority discoverable in the writings of any one of these authors.

Fallou asserts "that the form of initiation amongst the stonemasons is an imitation of the rite of consecration of the Order of Benedictines."

Of the statutes of the German stonemasons Findel remarks: "These statutes (1459) . . . were discussed and agreed on at two assemblies of Masters and Fellows, held in the manner of a Chapter ('in Kapitelsweise')." . . . The expression "in Kapitelsweise," which is used by no other Guild, is derived from the convent meetings of the Benedictine monks, which were termed "capitula" or "chapters."

The expression "chapters," which occurs in the original Norman-French of the English Statutes, 34 Edw. III., c. IX. (1360-61), and 3 Hen. VI., c. 1. (1425), is rendered as "chapters" and "chapters" respectively in the early translations of the two enactments. Elsewhere ["Four Old Lodges," p. 82], I have shown that the word "chapitre" (or "chapter") was employed in our English Acts of Parliament of the Middle Ages, to denote the illegal meetings, which, under the name of "conventicles," were severely legislated against from the time of Edward III. down to that of Henry VIII. "Chapters," or more properly "conventicles"—for the former term is only used in the statutes of pre-vernacular date—were secret and illegal meetings, common to all trades. †

It is to be carefully noted that in later Acts of Parliament an entirely different meaning is attached to the term "conventicles," and students of our statute book who may consult the index to those ponderous volumes, will find arranged under this title, a host of enactments directed against the habit of individuals meeting for religious purposes in opposition to the law of the land.

If Bro. Rylands is desirous of inquiring further into the history of Arbroath Abbey, one of the publications of the Bannatyne Club, press mark [Brit. Mus.] A.C. 8248-86, Edinburgh, 1848-56, along with the work of Mr. Cordiner, will well repay examination. R. F. GOULD.

MASONS' COMPANY, 1537.

In the History and Antiquities of London, &c., by Thomas Allen, London, 1828, vol. ii., p. 343, it is stated that "a curious record has been kindly communicated by J. Caley, Esq., F.R.S., F.S.A., &c. It is a list of the freemen of the various companies resident in London and Westminster; from Thomas Lewyn being mentioned as sheriff, it appears it was made in the year 1537. The original is in the Chapter House, Westminster."

Touching the Pliaiment.
The Companeyes of all the Craftes or Mysteries of London.

The seuerall companyes of all the mysteres, craftes, and occupations wthin the cite of London, wth the names of cury free man beyng householder wth the same, (first)."

Of course the Company of Mercers heads the list, and on page 406 we find:—

"MASONS. 30."

"ARMS.—Sa, on a chevron, between three towers ar, a pair of compasses of the first. CREST.—A tower as in the arms. MOTTO.—'In the Lord is all our trust.'

The Company of Masons was originally incorporated 2. Hen. II. 1411, by the name and style of 'The free masons.' In 1474 William Hanckestow, Clarencieux, king's at arms, granted them the arms of their society as borne at this time; but the present Company act under the re-incorporation granted by letters patent of the 12th of Charles II., on the 17th September, 1677, by the name of 'The master, wardens, assistants, and commonality, of the company of masons of the city of London.' It is a livery company, governed by a master, two wardens, and twenty-two assistants.

The marblers, an ancient fellowship, but not legally incorporated, was united to this community. Mason's-hall is situated in Mason's-alley, Basinghall-street, and is now rented by a carpet manufacturer."

A note is added to the Marblers:—"They appear to have been sculptors, and were much distinguished for their skill in carving figures on monuments and grave-stones." Of course the above forms no part of the original manuscript, but is added by Allen from the accounts given by Seymour and Maitland, based on Stowe, copying all their misprints, Hanckestow for Hawkeslowe, and it would be well to know the authority for the statement that the company was incorporated by the name and style of the *free masons*, 2. Henry II., 1411. Of course Allen follows Stowe here as to the date, and means the 12th Hen. IV. The original grant of arms was made out in the 12 Edward IV., and it seems possible that the statement has arisen from a confusion of the names of the kings. There is no mention of *free masons* in this document, but they are styled the "Craft and Fellowship of Masons."

Allen's text continues, "The Names of the Company of 'freemasons,' from the Record in the Chapter House:

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| "Robert Lynke. | "John Paskyn. |
| George Symson. | John Heward. |
| Mr. Elmer. | Willm. Rigeway. |
| Thomas Newell. | John Richardson. |
| John Orger. | John Sorbett. |
| Thomas West. | Thomas Wilde. |
| Willm. Prybell. | frances Boone. |
| Gabriell Caldham. | Willm. Holmes. |
| Henry Pestemedede. | Thomas Blomefeld. |
| Willm. Jonson. | Robert Hawte. |
| Willm. Ashton. | Edmond Raud. |
| John Humfrey. | Thomas Hawys. |
| Willm. Chamberlain. | Symond Kyngsfeld. |
| Robert Sleeford. | John Charter. |
| Richard Mydilton. | Richard Wolsham. |
| Thomas Barker. | Thomas Watson. |
| Henry Mercer. | Lewys Tucker. |
| Robt. Smythe. | Robert Prybell." |
| Gilbert Borffam. | |

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LIST OF FREEMASON LODGES, &c., IN PICART.

A friend of mine having called my attention to this curious point—curious for various reasons—I think it well in turn to mention it again here, for information and study. 1. There is some difficulty in knowing when the plate dedicated to Lord Weymouth first appeared. Gough published the work weekly, by subscription, from 1733. When the original publication in Amsterdam first appeared is not quite clear, though I think about 1723. In the Parisian edition of 1741, edited by the Abbés Banier and Mascrier, published by Rollin fils, though allusion is made to the "Dutch edition and the Dutch editor," no date is given, though the editor talks of the work having been begun twenty years before, as well as a reference to a letter written by Jean Frederic Bernard, in 1738, in which he accuses the new editors of copying and suppressing, and which fact the Abbé Banier, though he defends his own procedure, practically admits. The point interesting to us is, that in this edition, vol. iii., p. 286, appears a famous picture, representing the inside of a lodge room, with groups of brethren clothed as Masons, and one with a collar; a list of lodges, with a portrait of Sir Richard Steele and his name, and Lord Weymouth's arms. There is no difficulty as regards the 1741 edition; but the point is if the first edition was published in 1733 or 1723, how could the arms of a Grand Master in 1735 appear? As regards Gough, the third volume may not have appeared until 1735, but how about the original Dutch edition? The writer of the 1741, Paris edition, the Abbé Mascrier says, I translate his words from the French: "Lastly, we have considered ourselves able to enter into some details as regards the subject of the Freemasons, and we have formed a chapter expressly about that which this famous 'coterie' established about fifty years since in England. We have composed it from various particulars contained in the 'notes' of the first edition and in the 'supplement and additions' inserted at the end, as well as from some manuscript statements which have been suitable for this occasion, &c., &c." Then the question immediately arises, when did this plate first appear, or when, in fact, was the first Dutch edition published? If after 1735, the difficulty vanishes: if before, it remains. Perhaps some brother student will look into this point, and collate and report in this column.

MASONIC STUDENT.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

Can any light be thrown on the Masonic position or connection of Sir Richard Steele or the above list? In his cap he seems to wear some kind of jewel. Let me call Bro. Gould's attention to two points in the lists. He will note at Nos. 116, 117, and 120 the words "Master's Lodge." Can the minutes of these lodges be found? He will also note that No. 115, or the Devil's Tavern, the lodge is called "Scott's Masons Lodge." Does not that explain the usage "Scott's Masons," often found in minutes? Are not the figures portraits of real personages? I may add that while the picture in the third volume is at page 236 the essay is found at page 334, and until 344, and the essay on the Rosicrucians later.

MASONIC STUDENT.

QUEEN'S MASTER MASONS.

The following, taken from a recently published work—"An account of the ancient town of Frodsham, in Cheshire, by William Beaumont Esq."—may be interesting to some of your readers (P. 118.) 14 November, 43 Eliz. [1601].—"The Queen granted to Henry Fletcher the office of master carpenter of all her works in the county of Chester, with the usual wages and fees." [Frodsham Church Books]. All work at the castle would be done under the oversight of the Bailiff, Sir John Savage. (P. 119) 9 November, 44 Eliz. [1602]. "The Queen granted to John Nicholson the office of master mason of all her buildings and works in Cheshire and Flintshire, with the fees and wages to the same belonging." [Frodsham Church Books.] W. H. R.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

On looking over the Latin biography of Sir Christopher, and which is, Elmes tells us, amongst the Lansdowne MSS., though he gives no reference, and which he publishes at page 414, apparently partly written by Sir Christopher Wren and partly by his son, there is no mention of his admission into Freemasonry. But I would suggest that the Latin MS. be again carefully studied, as you never are sure, such is the inaccuracy of translators and collators, that you have the very words of the MS. In the list of the works of Sir Christopher Wren, at page 420, I note that he was in and about London in 1663, in 1666, in 1685, and in 1691, all dates of Masonic importance. I also see that Elmes declares he built Masons' Hall, "formerly used by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons." Can proof be given of this? I will add that Elmes's work is under the fatal effect of great incoherency of detail and want of proper method and order, and, above all, has no index. I note that Miss Phillimore has recently written a life of Sir Christopher Wren. Can any brother tell me what are the passages in it which relate to Sir Christopher Wren as a Freemason? A MEMBER OF NO. 2.

VERSES.

[The following translation of the pretty French verses, "Les Lilas," alluded to in last *Freemason*, has been kindly sent to us, with the approval of Bro. Dr. Brette, by a young "Grecian" of Christ's Hospital, Mr. H. E. O. Edwards. They reflect great credit upon the translator and versifier, and we are pleased to publish them in the *Freemason*, according to our promise.—Ed. F.M.]

L I L A C.

"Why, flower of Spring, why die when barely blown?
The rose and lily are thy sisters own,
God destined thee amongst us now to bloom,
Why lose thy splendour and thy sweet perfume?
"Thou'rt born, giv'st joy awhile, and then dost pass,
Leaving the garden lone, the thickets bare;
The butterfly in vain asks thee from space—
In vain the sad eye seeks thee in the air.
"But all on earth fulfil this destiny,
And many a thing is born to fade and die;
Beauty, Youth, Love, incur a common doom:
O fleeting charms, that yield our souls delight,
What life is ours without your radiance bright?
Fruit without savour, flower without perfume."

* Findel's "History of Freemasonry," p. 73.
† See 21 Hen. VIII., c. xvi.; Smith's "English Guilds," p. 315; "Four Old Lodges," p. 25; and Riley's "Memoirs of London," p. 480.
‡ See "Masonic Magazine" for September, 1874.—Ed. FM.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS

Craft Masonry.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The first meeting of the brethren of the above lodge after the installation of Bro. H. S. Syer as W.M., in July last, took place on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Williamstreet, Woolwich. The W.M. was in the chair, assisted by the following officers: Bros. N. Brown, I.P.M.; Hodgkinson, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; R. Smith, S.W.; Thomas Hutton, P.M., Treasurer; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. Martin, S.D.; W. Akers, J.D.; and A. Cleal, I.G. The visitors included R. Hanson, W.M. 829; Irvine Harle, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; J. Elder, S.W. 1472; A. Jemini, 1107; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The only business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. Sandford, and this was performed by the W.M. in good form, allowing, of course, for the lack of finish incident upon a first attempt, but with much promise for the future. After the cause of charity had been advocated in one or two cases, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments. It happening to be the natal day of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, his health was drunk with many "Hearty good wishes" for his happiness and long life, and the other loyal and Masonic toasts were also drunk in bumpers. The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of the excellent display he had made that night, and felt sure that he would be a credit to himself and an honour to the lodge. (Applause.) The W.M., in response, expressed the satisfaction it gave him to meet with so cordial a reception at their hands. Those in that lodge who knew him, and had known him for any length of time, knew that when he undertook anything he went into it heart and soul. After being Secretary of the lodge for some years he was placed in the chair of the Junior Warden, and had now the honour of presiding over its destinies for the next twelve months, but he had, as they all knew, important duties connected with parochial affairs to attend to, so that if he appeared to be a little rusty he trusted they would excuse him for that night, but they might depend upon it the lustre of the lodge should not be tarnished at his hands. (Cheers.) He was, however, pleased that he had given them satisfaction, and only asked them to give him plenty of work, and then, before his year of office was up they would find that he had fully justified their choice and been no disgrace to the Union Waterloo Lodge. (Applause.) The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and Bro. Harle in response expressed the pleasure he had enjoyed at being with them that night. As a Provincial Officer of an important province it had been his lot to visit many of the lodges in Hampshire, and during the twelve months he had held this office he had been at the consecration of some four or five lodges by Bro. Beach, the excellent and esteemed Grand Master of the province. The last occasion was the consecration of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, by their distinguished Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was most courteous and kind to the whole of the brethren. The sight presented was one of the grandest he had ever seen in the whole of his Masonic career, not inferior even to the grand scene presented when their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was installed at the Albert Hall. The lodge is at Southsea, and there were upwards of 800 Masons present. This would show them how Masonry was progressing in the province he had the honour to represent. He then alluded in glowing terms to the charities, and instanced a poor Indian brother from Bombay, who had lost his all through misfortune here in England. His case had been taken up and brought before the lodge of Benevolence, and £40 had been awarded him, and with that and the assistance of some of the brethren his passage had been paid home to India where his friends awaited him. (Applause.) Several other toasts followed, and a social hour was passed in harmony.

PHŒNIX LODGE (No. 173).—The regular November meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. John Andrews, W.M.; F. Foxley, S.W.; F. D. Vine, J.W.; H. W. Davie, Sec.; Geo. Guterbock, S.D.; J. V. Wood, J.D.; E. Bending, Org.; W. Holcombe, I.G.; J. Blyth, I.P.M.; G. Allen, P.M.; J. Finch, P.M.; S. S. Phillips, P.M.; F. R. Vine, P.M.; C. T. Speight, P.M. 27; Tyler, W. Simpson, J. Miller, J. Rogers, E. W. Seale, T. A. B. Riddle, W. A. Mott, E. Perry, H. Conolly, G. Stanham, W. Williams, E. Gilbert, C. F. Kearley, J. Gairdner, G. Humphreys, E. V. New, T. Rawlings, N. R. Hart, L. Langley, C. H. Mabey, J. Houghton, D. Ferguson, W. Garrett, J. Russell, T. J. Boulting, and the following visitors: Bros. E. C. Beedell, W.M. 1607; H. Parsons, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, 410; John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., and P.M. 1567; R. H. Blades, S.W. 256; T. J. Smith, S.W. 890; A. Jeffries, J.W. 795; W. Carington, S.D. 1791; H. Dick, 102; W. A. Little, 166; E. Bateman, 180; B. Cowell, 198; J. J. Thomas, 753; W. F. Green, 861; T. Drake, 1305; F. Bevan, 1706; R. B. Weed, 1706; A. Wolter, 1791; E. W. Seale, 1539; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

There was a long list of work before the lodge, all of which was admirably done. Bro. Edwin Bending having been elected Organist of the lodge on the motion of Bro. Blyth, P.M., seconded by Bro. Allen P.M., the W.M. invested him with the collar and jewel of his office, and Bro. Bending accompanied the ceremonies of initiation and raising on the harmonium to the complete satisfaction of the brethren. Messrs. Neve Robert Hart, W. Thomas Rawlins, and W. Lester Langley were initiated into Freemasonry. Afterwards the W.M. impressively raised Bro. John Rogers to the Third Degree, and both the candidate and the W.M. are to be congratulated on the manner in which they went through the ceremony. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Davie, the Secretary, read a letter from Bro. J. Burford, resigning his office as Secretary of the lodge, but at the same time hoping to continue his membership. On the motion of Bro. Blyth, P.M., seconded by Bro. Finch, P.M., the resignation was accepted with extreme regret, and the Secretary was directed to write to Bro. Burford to this effect. Afterwards, on the motion of Bro. Allen, P.M., seconded by Bro. Blyth, P.M., Bro. Finch, P.M., was unanimously elected as Treasurer, and

the W.M., invested him with the collar and jewel of his office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet was provided. The usual toasts followed the banquet, and Bros. Bending (Organist), John Rogers Raynham, and F. Bevan entertained the brethren with some beautiful vocal and instrumental harmony between the speeches. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said, he was sure it was impossible for him to say anything that would make this toast more cordially received than it always had been in the Phœnix Lodge, but he could not allow this opportunity to pass without referring to the womanly sympathy recently displayed by that illustrious lady in the kind messages of condolence sent by her to Mrs. Garfield in her sad trouble, and which had, he was proud to say been so fully appreciated by our cousins on the other side of the Atlantic. In giving the toast of "The M.V.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said the Prince of Wales had, since he (the W.M.) last had the honour of proposing his health, endeared himself more closely to Freemasonry by his untiring zeal in the cause of charity and for the welfare of his country. Freemasons were proud to have him at their head, and while he remained with them in that position Freemasonry could not help flourishing. In proposing the toast of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that so much had been said in their honour in times gone by, that it would be superfluous for him to dwell further on their merits. Bro. Blyth, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was almost the first time he had worked the lodge. The brethren had seen some working that he had done that evening, particularly the Third Degree, and considering the amount of work they had had before them, many were surprised at the way in which it was done. Bro. Andrews had been most assiduous in preparing himself for his several duties, and during his year of office they would no doubt see them carried out in that manner which would be satisfactory to every brother in the lodge. Many of the brethren had known the W.M. many years, that they were all pleased to see him in his present distinguished position, and they all wished long life, and health, and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M., in responding, said it was a source of great gratification to him to have had his health proposed by Bro. Blyth in such glowing terms, and to find it so cordially responded to by all the brethren present. He could assure them he felt it a great honour to have been placed in the chair. It had been his great ambition to attain to that position; and, although he found the duties involved thereby were no sinecure, still he should endeavour to continue to perform them to the best of his ability, and he trusted that, with the assistance and co-operation of all the brethren, he might continue to conduct the affairs of the lodge to the satisfaction of them all. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Initiates," said the brethren knew how desirable it was to infuse new blood into all societies, provided that the new blood was of such a character as to stimulate the old stock. From what he had seen of the initiates that evening, he had very great confidence in predicting that they would prove not only an acquisition to the Phœnix Lodge, but also to the Craft in general. He trusted that the manner in which Bro. Allen had performed the ceremony of their initiation that evening had so impressed the minds of the initiates that they would all look forward with pleasurable anticipation to that which might hereafter be communicated to them. Bro. Hart, in responding, said he trusted that the good wishes expressed by the W.M. would be fully warranted by him and his brother initiate's future career in Masonry. Bro. T. Rawlins said he should never forget the deep impression made on his mind by the initiatory proceedings of the evening. They were most calculated to strike any one with very great effect, and to give that feeling towards the brethren of the Order which certainly was intended in the Craft. Bro. Langley said he also was very much impressed with the ceremony, and he should endeavour to the best of his ability to maintain the honour of the Craft. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said the members of the Phœnix Lodge had always prided themselves on their hospitality, and the more numerous were the guests the greater the pleasure of their hosts. He saw around him many familiar faces, and it gave him much gratification to find that they continued to come, for when a brother repeated his visit it proved that the impressions made on previous occasions had been of a favourable nature. They had nineteen visitors that evening, and many of them distinguished Masons, whose presence must add lustre to the assembly. While asking the brethren to drink the toast most heartily, he trusted they might see the visitors often amongst them on future occasions. Bro. H. Parsons, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden Surrey, in reply, said the W.M. had given him an opportunity of seeing the working of the lodge and the refreshment, and on behalf of all the visitors he might say they were equally satisfied with both. The working was admirable, the refreshment super-excellent. On behalf of the visitors, he might say they claimed a sort of mutual co-partnership with the lodge, because it was perfectly certain the host would be nowhere without the guest, and both in the lodge and at the table the guests played an important part. The lodge had done their part exceedingly well, and the visitors trusted they had done their part equally well. They had done their very best to do justice to everything put before them, both in the shape of work and in the shape of refreshment. Speaking as a sort of "country mouse" from the provinces, he had been greatly gratified with the W.M.'s personal performance, and as a personal friend of his of many years standing it afforded him (Bro. Parsons) very great satisfaction to congratulate him on this occasion. Bro. Tom Smith, S.W. 890, endorsed Bro. Parson's remarks most thoroughly. Having experienced the hospitality of the lodge before, the visitors could not possibly do less than assist as far as they could in the "Fourth Degree"—(laughter)—and for himself he should always when invited be most punctual in his attendance at that Degree. (Renewed laughter.) He trusted the Phœnix Lodge would go on and prosper. Bro. Phillips, P.M., in presenting in the name of the brethren to Bro. Blyth, the I.P.M., a handsome framed and glazed photograph of the members of the Ball Committee of the current year, said though, as it was known, Bro. Blyth, previous to going into the chair had been most careful in working up for the office, he had not much Masonic work to do. He, however, indulged in some extraordinary working,

and he did this very well as one of those who promoted the Phœnix Lodge Ball. The result was a ball which succeeded to perfection, and it was the subject of congratulation by every one who was present. The brethren thought they would present him with a souvenir to hang up in his home, and this beautiful piece of photography had been produced, which they commended to Bro. Blyth's notice, and offered for his acceptance. The brethren hoped that it would adorn his walls, and that it would be a lasting satisfaction to him to look upon it. Bro. Blyth, I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said it was true he had done something, but no more than many of his predecessors, viz., to the best of his ability to do the best he could for the lodge. He hoped T.G.A.O.T.U. would give him many years to look at the picture. It would bring to his recollection many and many of the happiest days of his life spent amongst those who were present, whom he had known, not only in the lodge and at the banquet table, but in their and his homes. He trusted many years would be spared to them all to remember those happy days, and still further to enjoy many hours in each other's society. He was made a Mason through the instrumentality of Bro. Phillips, and it was to him he owed the pleasure of being a Mason. With regard to the ball, he certainly endeavoured to do his best, but he was surrounded by some capital workers, whose faces were to be seen in that photograph, who greatly contributed to the success. He regretted, however, that one face was absent from the photograph. He was glad to receive the photograph, and as long as he was spared it would be a memorial of kindly feeling and friendly fellowship. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.," said they had present that evening the goodly array of five P.M.'s, and he thanked them personally for the honour they conferred upon him by their presence. He thanked them also on behalf of the whole of the lodge for their unremitting attendance, and the valuable assistance which they at all times were so willing, and from their long experience in Masonic affairs, were so capable of affording. It gave him great pleasure to see all the Past Masters in such excellent health, and he was sure all the brethren would join with him in wishing the P.M.'s long life and happiness. Bro. Finch, P.M., took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him that evening by electing him as Treasurer of the lodge for the remainder of the year. He hoped that they would find him everything that they desired. He promised them that he would carefully look after the funds, but if they could find a better man at the end of his term he should be very happy then to hand over the funds to him. Bro. Allen, P.M., said they knew his great desire was to see the Phœnix Lodge flourish, and that he should never be backward on any occasion to further the interests of the lodge. This was his mother lodge, and the prosperity of that lodge was one of the wishes of his heart. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the advice and assistance of the P.M.'s, and if he could do anything by giving advice and assistance in the well-ruling and governing of the lodge, he should be most happy to do it. He hoped it would always be the case that the P.M.'s of the Phœnix Lodge would rally round its reigning sovereign, and assist him in carrying out his duties satisfactorily to all the brethren. The W.M. next gave "The Officers, Treasurer, and Secretary." He felt confident from the manner in which the officers had performed their respective duties that evening that they must have devoted much time during the recess in perfecting themselves in their working, and he thanked them for their exertions. The well-ruling of the lodge depended in a great measure on the manner in which the officers performed their duties, and no Master could hope for success unless he had the assistance and co-operation of his officers. He could not sit down without congratulating the brethren on having so amiable and jovial a Treasurer, and he was sure they would find when he got to work the Treasurer would well understand the manipulation of the finances. He would likewise express his thanks to their brother Secretary for the valuable assistance he had at all times been so ready and capable of affording him. Bro. Finch, Davie, the S.W., and other officers replied, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. C. T. Speight, closed the proceedings. Among the vocal pieces given during the evening were "The moon has raised her lamp" (Bro. Bevan and Rogers), "Alice where art thou" (Bro. Raynham), "My Friend" (Bro. Bevan), "My Queen" (Bro. Rogers), pianoforte selection (Bro. Bending), "Midshipman Easy" (Bro. Bevan), and "The Death of Nelson" (Bro. Raynham).

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—There was a numerously attended meeting of the members of this lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. William Fredk. Rogers, W. Master, who was supported by Bros. Frederick Earnshaw, S.W.; N. Goodchild, J.W.; G. Butler, P.M., Treas.; E. W. Young, P.M., Sec.; W. Blank, S.D.; F. Snee, J.D.; F. Trinder, D.C.; J. M. Frost, P.M.; H. W. Gray, P.M.; H. C. Soper, P.M.; W. Meadow, P.M.; B. Kehl, J. Saunders, John Bindon, V. Roberts, H. F. Saunders, W. C. Gleadall, C. B. Hilliard, A. F. Evers, G. W. Osborn, T. Miller, W. Laws, E. Sayers, A. Webb, J. Very, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were: Bros. G. J. Reynolds, 1524; J. G. Thompson, 1681; F. Earnshaw, 902; and others.

Lodge was opened in form shortly after five o'clock, when the ballot was opened for Messrs. John Byard, Alfred Thomas Evers, Edmund Sayers, and Thomas Wilson Miller, candidates for admission into the Craft. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates being in attendance were duly initiated by the W.M., who acquitted himself in a manner that afforded the utmost satisfaction and edification to all present. By fiat of the W.M., Mr. George William Osborne was then admitted, and Bro. Henry James Sibley, J.D. 453, accepted as a joining member. The whole of the working was perfectly rendered by the W.M., assisted by his officers.

After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent supper had been provided, and all the arrangements were such as to give the utmost satisfaction. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of the above popular lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-

street, and was well attended by the brethren of the lodge and visitors from the other metropolitan and provincial lodge adjacent; the latter more especially being attracted by the fame of its working and the cordial and hearty greeting at all times extended to visitors by the Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge generally. The lodge was opened at about 4 p.m., the W.M., Bro. Taplay, in the chair.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, and a very satisfactory balance-sheet rendered, the W.M. proceeded to the business of the lodge. There was to have been a passing, but Bro. R. Smith, the *passee*, not being in attendance, that portion of the business had to be deferred to a more convenient season. Bro. Bryan, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. James T. K. Job, to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was at once proceeded with. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Mitchell, S.W.; W. Dorton, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M.; Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Nevin, S.D.; A. Mason, J.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; Harrison, D.C.; Watkins and T. S. Green, Stwds.; M. Shirwin, Org.; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler.

The charges were then given, and a ceremony that was not only a most meritorious performance, but most eloquently rendered in detail, was brought to a conclusion amid universal applause and approbation. The W.M. then, in an appropriate speech, presented Bro. Taplay with a handsome P.M.'s jewel of the value of ten guineas, as a mark of esteem, and of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of the lodge during the past twelve months, and it was also unanimously resolved "That a vote of thanks should be presented to Bro. Taplay, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the masterly manner in which he had that day installed his successor in the chair, and that a copy of the same should be emblazoned on vellum, mounted and framed, and presented to him at the expense of the lodge, at a cost not exceeding three guineas." Bro. Taplay, in reply, said: W.M., Past Masters, and brethren,—I thank you most heartily for this magnificent jewel, which I prize above all other gifts that I have ever received, not so much for its money value, although that is considerable, but because I believe that it is given with the best wishes and hearty consent of every member of the lodge. (Applause.) And, brethren, as such I shall prize it. I look forward with hope to be enabled to wear it in the lodge and out of the lodge; but you may depend upon it that with the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., I shall never wear it with so much pride and satisfaction as when I wear it in doing something for the benefit of the brethren and the prosperity of the lodge. Brethren, receive my grateful thanks for your great kindness. (Applause.) Bro. P.M. Bryan then introduced the case of a Past Master of the lodge who is now in the Antipodes, and who required a little temporary assistance. He was universally beloved and respected here, and it was proposed to raise the sum of £150 for him by subscription. Bro. Bryan was pleased to say that the first night it was mooted at their lodge of instruction £50 was collected and sent out to their friend, and he now asked the brethren to assist to make up the remainder. To this appeal a generous response was given, and we are in a position to state that another £50 will shortly follow the first. After this truly noble act of Masonic and brotherly love, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors present, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The menu was discussed in the "banquet hall" of the establishment, and was found to be both tempting and delicious. The viands were choice and well-served, and consequently thoroughly enjoyed. The Worshipful Master presided, and was surrounded and supported by the following distinguished brethren and visitors: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G. Officer for the Province of Herts; J. Gaskell, P.M.; Knox, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; F. Bryan, P.M.; — McCarthy, P.M.; W. Taplay, P.M.; the officers above-named; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts; J. J. Stephens, P.M. 206; H. Williams, P.M. 227; F. Y. Latreille, 1472; H. Taylor, P.M. 1421; W. J. Burgess, W.M. 1472; E. Benjamin, W.M. elect 1766; J. Elder, S.W. 1472; V. J. Holloway, J.W. 1472; H. Watson, 1707; B. Cundick, 1421; J. C. Smith, Org. 1744; H. Connolly, 1507; J. Rogers, 1507; F. W. Sellis, 1744; C. Simpson, 5879 (Dutch Constitution); J. Healing, 127; Stevens, and C. Jolly, 913 and I.G. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in excellent style by the W.M., and right loyally responded to. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt a double pleasure in proposing it, as he had that day had the honour of installing him into the chair he now occupied. He trusted that Bro. Job would during his year of office have plenty of work, and at the close of it be enabled to say that he had given satisfaction to one and all. He (their W.M.) was no dunce in Masonic work, for he had repeatedly worked the Sections, and would be both a credit and honour to the lodge. (Applause.) The W.M., in reply, said: Bro. Taplay, Past Masters, and Brethren—I thank you very much for your hearty reception of the toast, and can assure you nothing shall be left undone by me to justify your choice of me as W.M. of this, my mother lodge. I may not be able to carry out the duties of it so well as those excellent Masons who have preceded me, and who have, by their brilliancy, zeal, and untiring devotion to its interests and the welfare of the brethren, placed it in its present proud position, but I will so try to do my duty that, if I cannot emulate them in their brilliancy I will imitate them in their zeal and devotion. (Applause.) The duties of a Master are, I know, not easy or light, and are never so much appreciated as when he has to preside, as I have to-night, and for the first time, over such a distinguished gathering as I now see around me. All I ask of you, brethren, is help and trust; help me by your courtesy and forbearance, and trust me for my good intentions and earnest desire and welfare; and, then, if, at the end of my term of office, I may not be enabled to place my feeble lamp so high in the temple of fame as my predecessors have been enabled to place theirs, I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that I have won your approbation, and secured as much success for myself as I dare look and hope for. I thank you, brethren, most cordially for your good wishes. (Loud cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and, in response, Bro. Taplay, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for their reception of it with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure at having arrived at the honourable position of Past Master, and regret at leaving a chair in which he had received so much courtesy and consideration from every member of the lodge. He was happy to say

that they were a united band of brothers; and proud as he was of his position, he should be prouder still if he could be of any service in the future, as he trusted he had in the past, to the lodge and its members. (Applause.) Bros. Gaskell, West, Day, Holliday, Bryan, Dorton, and McCarthy also responded. Bro. West, in his remarks, referred to the progress of the lodge, which, he said, began with very few members, but now numbered over one hundred. He thanked them for conferring the honour of honorary membership upon him on his resigning the membership of it, and felt proud of such a distinction in a lodge so famous in the annals of Masonic benevolence as the Capper Lodge was. (Applause.) The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of all those present, and, in response, Bro. Williams said the key-note of the whole meeting had been "Happiness and harmony," and nothing but happiness and harmony had prevailed throughout the whole of the proceedings. (Hear, hear.) He had visited many lodges, but never entered one in which those grand attributes of Masonry were carried out more in their entirety than in the Capper Lodge. The W.M. had said the lodge was never so happy as when they had plenty of visitors present; well, he, for one, could say that he was never so happy as when he had plenty of invitations. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) He thanked them for their hospitable reception and splendid working, and would come again if they would only invite him. (Laughter and cheers.) Bros. Cundick, Taylor, Jacobs, Burgess, Elder, Holloway, Benjamin, and Healey also responded. "The Masonic Press" was complimented, and the honour duly acknowledged. "The Officers" were toasted, and several replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both animated and enjoyable. Bro. Mat Shirwin, the talented Organist of the lodge, presided at the piano, and was praised on all sides for his masterly accompaniment of the songs, and also for his own effective singing.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., on the 9th inst. Bro. J. Magrath, W.M., opened the lodge promptly, and was supported by Bros. C. Veal, I.P.M.; J. Horsley, J.W., as S.W.; A. G. Clements, Sec., as J.W.; T. J. Tyer, S.D.; J. Couture, J.D.; G. T. Holdom, I.G.; J. G. Turner, D.C.; J. Sommers, Stwd.; J. W. Dawson, P.M.; W. Beck, P.M., Treas.; W. Bate, F. Slater, C. East, W. H. Ebdon, N. U. Stanger, T. J. Tarling, W. M. Credde, C. Rayner, T. Morris, H. T. Hardy, and others.

The usual formalities having been duly complied with, Mr. James Oxley was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Conrad Hansmann was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, this ceremony, as well as the first, being ably and very impressively rendered. Bro. Veal, I.P.M., brought forward a motion to increase the annual members' subscription. After a long and searching discussion the proposition was not adopted.

Other lodge business having been disposed of, the brethren sat down to some light refreshments, in the preparation of which, at very short notice, Bro. Kingston distinguished himself. Subsequently the toast "Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft" was heartily received, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to the enjoyment of some capital songs, ably accompanied by Bro. M. Sherwin, Org. The toasts of "The Past Masters," "The W.M.," "The Visitors," and "The Officers" were also briefly given, and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Among the visitors were: Bros. T. Honeyman, P.M. 1238; M. W. H. Sherwin, Org. 1076; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met on the 1st inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Among those present were Bros. Speedy W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Marsden, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; G. Everett, acting I.P.M.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Appleton, W.S.; Stephens, A.V.S.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; and P. M. Drysdale, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Skowring, W.M. 87; Malony, P.M. 25; Dr. Bott, W.M. 1839; J. King, 27; Partt, 87; H. Price, 177; T. Hardy, 190; H. Jones, 208; E. Ayling, 975; A. Ferrar, 1524; G. Ferrar, 1524; and C. Arnold, 1679.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bailey was raised, Bros. Davis and Herbert were passed, and Messrs. G. Coles and H. F. Foale were initiated, the latter ceremony, by permission of the W.M., being performed by Bro. Everett, P.M. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bros. W. Palmer, late of 177, and Bro. H. E. Price, 1744, as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed, in flattering terms, by Bro. Mann, P.M. In reply, the W.M. expressed his gratification upon the hearty manner in which his health had been received. In the course of his speech he congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity, and hoped that before the expiration of his year of office that that prosperity would still further be increased by the admission of several eligible candidates. "The Health of the Initiates" followed, and was duly responded to. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. took occasion to allude to the almost unprecedented number of visiting brethren present that evening, and he trusted that their visit had been in every way agreeable to them. This toast was warmly drunk, and Bros. Skowring, Dr. Bott, and Malony duly acknowledged the compliment on behalf of themselves and colleagues. "The Past Masters," came next in order, and this pledge was responded to in exhaustive terms by Bros. Mann and Everett. "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Webb and Marsden, terminated the proceedings.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by officers, members, and visitors. Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M., presided, and the following officers were present: Bros. Kibble, S.W.; Keeble, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Baber, S.D.; Fendick, J.D.; Jenkins, Org.; Skinner

and Durrant, Stewards; and Potter, Tyler. The Past Masters present were Bros. Stevens, Freeman, Stannay, and Hamer, and the following members: Bros. Matthews, Davis, Greening, Parker, Lodge, Hartley, Keene, Bertram, Frost, Hooper, Hugo, and others. The visitors were Bros. Jacobs, P.M. 45; Taylor, P.M. 902; Partridge, W.M. 1445; Southcott, 733; Clemens, 1662; M'Annally, P.M. 1397; and Ducher, 1881.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Mr. Paul Johannes, who was a candidate for admission to the lodge, and it proved unanimous in favour of his admission. Bro. Gwynn, initiated at the last lodge meeting, was passed to the Second Degree. A telegram having been received from Bro. Benn, who was initiated at the last meeting, stating that his absence from London prevented him from attending on this occasion, the initiation of Mr. Metz was proceeded with. Both the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and the officers in a most efficient manner. Two cases of a sad reverse of fortune were then brought under the notice of the lodge, and to one the sum of ten guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund, the other being deferred until the next meeting for further consideration. The W. Master announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, when he hoped the brethren would support him with liberal contributions. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Ducher said: Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren,—Once more among you I am happy, but I know not how to thank you for the great honour you pay me in calling upon me to speak in so great an assembly on behalf of the visitors here present. It is indeed a splendid sight to see round these tables so many brother Masons. I cannot help admiring the peace, and harmony, and concord which reign in the Masonic brotherhood of England. And generally the great number of your visitors shows how keen a sympathy is felt with the Great City Lodge. Brethren, in our days it is not difficult to be a Mason; it is a pleasure, an agreeable thing—I even might say a sinecure. It was not so for our Masonic forefathers. They saw not such happy days. To give us the peace and comfort we now enjoy our Masonic forefathers have laboured, struggled, and suffered; many have been persecuted, judged, condemned, banished, cast in prison, and some even dragged to gallows, scaffold, and stake. If we look back upon two or three centuries we find the lot of a Mason hard indeed. He required prudence, perseverance, cunning, great strength of mind, proved faith, indomitable courage to accomplish his task. In those times of superstition and fanaticism, to all but his brethren and family a Mason was a villain, a reprobate, a wizard, a sacrilegious wretch, practising occult sciences, banned, hooted, castaway; hounded as a ferocious wild beast, he holds his meetings but in cavern and forest. This was the fate of our Masonic forefathers. Judge between them and we. But their virtue and perseverance, and two circumstances materially contributed to change this state of things, and have made the Mason of the present time a man taking a superior rank in modern society. The first of these circumstances is the religious reform in Germany, performed by Luther and Calvin, and in England, under Henry VIII. of matrimonial memory. This religious reform has broken the link of the chain which bound the world a slave to religious fanaticism—the Pope. The second circumstance is the great and immortal French Revolution, 1792, which abolished so many abuses and prejudices, which made all men equal before the law and proclaimed the rights of man. To these brethren we owe to be seated thus, to night, happy and comfortable, within these gilded halls. I will say no more of this, not wishing to give you a course of Masonic history, many of our brothers knowing more than I upon this subject; but what I wish to say is: That we must not think all is ended because we are happy, and that we have but to rest, as Annibal, in the delights of Capone. No. If our Masonic ancestors have struggled, fought and conquered, we still have much to do. We must labour for others, those who are coming, the future generation. Fearing no more persecution, since justice is rendered us, and headed by the justly popular Prince of Wales, our Great Master. We are no longer militant. It is by our virtue, charity, and benevolence we must shine, and I give you for example the Great City Lodge, who so nobly practise these virtues. Brother visitors, to acknowledge the kindly reception, we have received here to night I invite you to join me. Take your glasses, and with me drink to the prosperity and development of this truly fine lodge. Brother visitors, "The Great City Lodge." Bro. Parker also responded expressing the gratification he had experienced in visiting the Great City Lodge. Bros. Bertram, Stevens, Kibble, Parker, and Headon contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren with some excellent songs and recitations, and another thoroughly pleasurable evening was spent in the true spirit of Freemasonry.

MOUNT EDGCOMBE LODGE (No. 1446).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when the following members were present: Bros. T. Cull, I.P.M.; D. A. Ross, P.M.; A. Thomas, jun., P.M.; T. Gardiner, S.D.; T. Bailey, J.D.; R. W. Sutton, I.G.; B. Hosegood, J. H. Tarrant, P. M. Black, C. L. Bibra, J. Coates, E. Stimson, S.D. 15; and S. Steed, Tyler.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. J. Limebeer, through serious illness, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Cull, I.P.M., who after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, passed Bro. F. George to the Degree of F.C. in a masterly manner. It may be mentioned that all the offices were taken by brethren who had not before occupied their various positions, and that everything worked most smoothly.

Nothing further being on the notice paper, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren assembled to do justice to the excellent supper prepared by Bro. Roberts. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, when there were present: Bros. Ashley, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B.

Middx., S.W.; R. J. H. Saunders, J.W., W.M. elect; W. Taylor, I.P.M.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works Middx., Sec.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; Powell, I.G.; and Briggs, P.M. The visitors were: Bros. Motion, P.P.G.W. Essex; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; H. Pearce, 12; S. T. H. Saunders, Isle of Wight; and C. J. Jones, Granite.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. S. T. H. Saunders and C. J. Jones as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. The installation of Bro. R. J. H. Saunders, as W.M. for the year ensuing, was then admirably carried out by W. Bro. Wigginton. The officers invested were as follow: Bros. Walls, S.W.; Kennedy, J.W. (by deputy); W. H. Saunders, Treas.; W. Wigginton, Sec.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; Powell, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Briggs, I.G.; S. Saunders, Org.; Jones, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to W. Bro. Wigginton for his services as Installing Officer, and a like compliment was passed to Bro. Dodd for his kindness in attending the lodge to perform the ceremony, it having been thought that the former brother, through severe indisposition, would have been unable to attend.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. W. Bros. Wigginton and W. H. Saunders replied upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was given in kindly terms by the I.P.M., and it having been warmly received, the W.M. briefly responded, and then gave "The Visitors." This pledge having been acknowledged by Bros. Motion and Pearce, the toast of "The Installing Officer" followed. The recipient of this honour having made a happy and fluent response, "The Health of the Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Ashley, I.P.M., came next in order. In responding to this the I.P.M. thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel that had that evening been presented to him, which he should ever regard as a most interesting and valued souvenir of his Mastership of the Francis Burdett Lodge. "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Walls, S. Saunders, and C. Jones, followed. The former, in replying to this toast, referred to the melancholy intelligence that he had just received of the somewhat sudden death of their late respected caterer, Bro. Captain Baylis, which had taken place but a few minutes before the toast was given. The proceedings then terminated.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Thursday week, Bro. Smout, W.M., in the chair. The attendance of brethren was very large, there being over one hundred present. The visitors on the occasion were Bros. J. F. B. Firth, P.M. 227, 1435; J. J. Thomas, 753; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1423, P.P.G.P.; R. Fairclough, P.M. 1675; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. N. Frye, 195, Prov. J.W.; J. W. Hiscox, S.W. 1512; F. J. Moore, 1106; Ambrose W. Hall, Grand Chap.; W. Shead, 1266; W. Prevost, 861; H. Ruff, J.W. 95; C. Davey, P.M. 30; J. J. Michael, W.M. 1107, P.P.G.P. Kent; L. M. Myers, S.W. 188; Col. G. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 284, 1196; A. Dickinson, 55; G. C. Harding, W.M. 1238; C. Smith, S.W. 1489; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G. Deacon; J. Healey, 1348; C. W. Cunningham, 1612; L. Bryett, P.P.G.S. of Works Berks and Bucks; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; J. W. Cuff, W.M. 1608; G. Davis, P.M. 167; W. T. Wilkinson, 115, I.C.; L. Wall, 188; H. A. Spencer, 733; W. W. Morgan, jun., J.W. 1107; R. W. Bosworth, 230; F. J. Deacon, 1382; G. Cooper, P.M. 507; J. Jordan, P.M. 4; J. Fisher, 733; S. Etherington, 1305; R. J. Ward, S.D. 1541; W. G. Vassie, 1767; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; J. O. Surtees, P.M. 1248; J. Gillingham, S.D. 1238; H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*); and others.

Mr. John Henry Smith was initiated, and Bro. Philipps was raised to the Third Degree. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Smout. Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1480, afterwards installed Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed most impressively. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. S. Smout, I.P.M.; S. Smout, jun., S.W.; F. Frye, J.W.; George Penn, P.M., Treasurer; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Secretary; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chaplain; J. Bartle, S.D.; Woodmason, J.D.; W. W. Buckland, I.G.; F. Delevanti, Organist; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Wood, Assistant D.C.; F. Crabb, Wine Steward; R. Whitaker, Asst. Wine Steward; and Scholefield, Tyler. After Bro. Stephens had delivered the address the report of the Auditors, Bros. Henry Hart and Henry Taylor, was read and received. The balance-sheet showed the satisfactory result of the year's work of £41 Ss. 6d. in the hands of the Treasurer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The customary toasts followed. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G.C., responded to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," and, in the course of his observations, said it was the first time he had had the honour of dining in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and he was extremely gratified that on that first occasion he should have to reply for so august a body as the Grand Officers of England. In doing so of course he ignored himself, but he did not ignore those other Grand Officers who were present, because when in office they had done their duty well. Every one who knew either the Present or Past Grand Officers, as he did, knew they had the interest of the Craft at heart, and that what they did they did with all their soul. From the Grand Master down to the humblest officer in Grand Lodge they had much to do, and many difficulties to contend with; and although it might be thought they had only to wear gold chains, and put on a fine appearance, they had to make difficult arrangements connected with the Craft, which required their earnest attention, and that attention they gave with zeal and cheerfulness. It was also gratifying to him to see that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had done so much in its day and generation for charity, and by the inculcation of that beautiful Masonic feeling. He congratulated the W.M. on bearing sway over such a lodge, and the brethren on having such a W.M. and belonging to such a lodge. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney, who was also called upon, said he naturally took a very great interest in

the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, having for many years been connected with Notting-hill, and watched the progress of the lodge. He had seen the way it had supported the Charities, and thought the lodge might well be proud of the example it had set to other lodges. He congratulated the brethren on the position the lodge held in the Craft, and also on having such an excellent W.M. Bro. S. Smout, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.;" and the W.M., in reply, said he felt it a very great privilege and high honour to preside over this lodge, where he was associated with members whom he met in every day life on the Board of Guardians and in the vestry of Kensington. He felt it a very great pleasure to be associated with all these gentlemen, after doing business, in Masonry. As the brethren were aware, many members of the Board and the vestry were members of the lodge. Although he had been a Mason for thirty-seven years this was the first time he had been Master of a lodge. He felt very thankful that this should be the first time he presided over a lodge, because he was connected with those in it who were connected with the work of this great parish; and he felt very thankful for the kindness in which they had all received him. The W.M., in proposing "The Initiate," hoped that as Bro. Smith went on to the other Degrees he would still like Freemasonry, and never regret the step he had that night taken. Bro. Smith replying, said he had always had a desire to be a Mason, and at last he had reached to the extent of looking through a veil, so far, indistinctly. But he hoped to progress by a certain amount of energy which Masonry would call for, as other things did, and by perseverance to attain, he did not say the seat of the W.M., but perhaps a little higher than he was in now. He felt grateful to those brethren who had proposed and seconded him, and also to all the brethren for the very kind attention he had received that night, and for the way in which he had been received among the brethren. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M., after giving the list, said they had the Junior Member for Chelsea, Bro. Firth, present. It was now five years he had had the acquaintance of that gentleman, when he and Bro. Firth were elected members of the School Board. During the time they had been on that Board he had found that a more genial man could not be worked with, and he should always look back with pleasure on his association with him in giving our poorer brethren the blessings of education. Bro. J. F. B. Firth, P.M. 227, said he believed this was the first time he had had the pleasure and the privilege of returning thanks in that part of the metropolis for the toast of "The Visitors." He had, in the eastern part of the metropolis, known to them as "The city proper" proposed this toast on many occasions to the acceptance of the brethren of one of the ancient lodges of the Craft; but coming down to the west that night by kind invitation of the W.M., he confessed he had been astonished to find how largely the old Masonic virtue of hospitality had been developed among the brethren. He had listened to the names of visitors as it was read, and wondered when it would perforce come to an end. The lodge ought to be congratulated on carrying out in these early years of its existence the virtues which older lodges had endeavoured to carry out, develop and support in years, long since gone by. He had been connected for many years as perhaps they might from his advanced age suppose (laughter), with Freemasonry. He had been connected with it more than eighteen years. The Lodge 227, one of the most ancient, and he trusted one of the most respectable in the City of London, was not the only lodge of which he had the honour of being a P.M.; but he might say that he really never, in the whole course of his Masonic experience, had seen an illustration stronger than he had seen that evening of the future prospect and hope of Freemasonry. They had there, in the western part of London, a lodge established among men differing perhaps in many respects, who were, nevertheless, brought together in support of this ancient Craft, developing the features of an Order which brought together men who in many other respects, and in almost all other respects would be separate, uniting them in that common charity which was the watchword of the Order. It was to him no common pleasure to be present that evening, and to find that the Craft flourished as well in the west as it did in the east and elsewhere throughout the kingdom. He did not himself feel equal personally to return thanks for the visitors, which was one of the greatest responsibilities and gravest charges resting upon a Freemason; but, so far as he was justified in speaking for the others, they had the greatest pleasure in being present, and in recognising the present position and future prospects of Freemasonry, the prosperity of which they all had at heart. Col. Haldane, who was also demanded, said his knowledge of Masonry went further afield than Bro. Firth's. Bro. Firth spoke of India and the colonies. He had been Master of some colonial lodges, and had seen Masonry in many forms and phases, and, without making a long story, he would say he had never seen it better carried out both in working and in refreshment than in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Jordan was also called for. In reply he congratulated the lodge upon its numbers, the success which had attended it, and the very great charitable feeling it had exhibited since its formation. He believed there was no example of any other lodge contributing so largely to the Charities. The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Past Masters" was next given, and a handsomely illuminated testimonial, framed and glazed, was presented to Bro. S. Smout, I.P.M. The testimonial stated as follows: "Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. Presented, together with a Past Master's jewel, to Bro. Smout, I.P.M., by the brethren of the above lodge as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services during the period in which he has presided as W.M. Signed C. Darby Reade, W.M.; S. Smout, jun., S.W.; F. C. Frye, J.W.; George Penn, Treas.; W. J. Murlis, Sec." In presenting this testimonial, the W.M. trusted that Bro. Smout would have better health than he had lately been having. Bro. T. Smout, I.P.M., in reply, said it was with feelings of very great pleasure he rose to return his sincere thanks for the very handsome manner the brethren had behaved towards him, and the very kind things that had been said of him that evening. He should prize this gift to his dying day, and then it would be handed down to and respected by his family. All that he had done in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge he had done from a strict sense of duty. What he had done was the best he could do for the welfare of the lodge, the brethren, and the Craft. A few of them banded together and established the lodge, and he had always been proud to see the way in which it had

prospered. They had had many good and true brethren among them, which was shown by the way they had supported the Charities. He was going up himself for the Boys' School, but the lodge had already done so much it could not be expected to do so much again just yet; but it intended to do as much as it possibly could. He was a very bad beggar for himself, but he could beg for the poorer brethren in Freemasonry, and he trusted that for the credit of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and for himself who was going as Steward, they would do their best without distressing themselves. He hoped he should never cease advocating the cause of Charity, but still he hoped that the brethren would always observe prudence. That ought always to be thought of, and it ought to be a guiding principle in life. The other toasts were afterwards given and the brethren separated. Bro. Delevanti, Miss Delevanti, and some brethren of the lodge entertained the company with music and singing throughout the evening.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, the 14th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel. There were present: Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; Albert J. Altman, I.P.M.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Alfred Brookman, S.W.; Dr. Samuel Benton, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chap.; Samuel White, S.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.D.; Henry Matthews and Edward Angerton, Stewards; Thomas Benskin, W. H. Froom, Joseph Renals, Matthew Webb, jun., Arthur B. Hudson, and John Larkin. Visitors: Bros. John Bevan, G. Master Westland, N.Z.; P. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts; S. T. Lucas, W.M. 192; Wm. Ramsey, P.M. 1539, 1441, 1745; Weed, Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706; Hodges, Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706; and Harding, Unity Lodge.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fredk. Crockford, W.M. Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta, and Bro. John Larkin, No. 3, were admitted members. Bro. Alfred Brookman, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. John Derby Allcroft was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. H. Thomas, Tyler. Much regret was caused by the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, through illness, also the Secretary, Bro. Thos. Jones, through the death of one of his children. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., kindly officiated as Treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Froom as Secretary. The brethren dined together, when the usual loyal toasts were proposed and warmly responded to, the evening being enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Weed and Hodges of the Orpheus Lodge, and Bro. Albert J. Altman, I.P.M.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The first meeting since the installation of Bro. A. Rosenthal as W.M. of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Wednesday evening last. There were present: Bros. A. Rosenthal, W.M.; J. D. Langton, S.W.; Joseph Langton, P.M. and Treas.; C. E. Burnett, J.W.; S. A. Archer, S.D.; T. Drew, Org.; J. Westrope, Steward; J. A. Reid, I.P.M.; E. W. Hains, H. Garland, G. W. Plant. Visitors: Bros. J. Southwood, P.M. 1266; R. J. Archbold, P.M. 19; Rev. W. L. Rosedale, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire; Wallis Mackay, 1319; W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. Sudlow, of Lodge 18, and Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, was unanimously elected a joining member, several members expressing their satisfaction that Bro. Sudlow, whose services at the lodge of instruction were so much appreciated, had become also affiliated to the mother lodge. The W.M., in concurring with the views expressed, mentioned that Bro. Sudlow had consented to act as Secretary, and he purposed investing him with that collar at the next meeting. Bro. T. C. Royle, of Zetland Lodge, 511, was also proposed as a joining member. Bro. Plant was then raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Gilbert Bartholomew was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony in both instances being very ably performed by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed in graceful terms and duly honoured, the W.M. gave that of "The Initiate," whom he alluded to as being an able and successful man of business, and one who would do credit to their choice. Great responsibility, he said, was attached to the introduction of new members, and brethren should always personally satisfy themselves that the candidates they propose are worthy of their choice. A pleasant surprise was now afforded to those present by the introduction of Mrs. Rosenthal, wife of the worthy W.M., who most charmingly rendered a song of Randegger's, being accompanied by the organist, Bro. Drew. This was followed during the evening by others each faultlessly rendered. This new departure in Masonic meetings is a most welcome and a pleasant relief from the often inartistic amateur "Male" brother or the conventional "Artistic." We heartily commend the idea to all our brethren who are fortunate enough to possess home talent. The candidate in response to the toast of his health assured the brethren of his desire to be worthy of their choice. The I.P.M., Bro. Reid, then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Rosenthal," who had that evening performed his task with great ability. All he said must thank him for the way in which he carried out his duties and wish him a prosperous year of office. He was quite sure he had the interest of the Langton Lodge at heart and would promote its interests to the utmost. Bro. Rosenthal in reply said he was sincerely obliged for the warm reception the toast had met with at their hands. He had always endeavoured to perform his duty in the lodge, and while he occupied the chair he would continue to do so. The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed and responded to by Bros. Archbold and Southwood, the latter remarking that they were looking forward with much satisfaction in the John Hervey Lodge to Bro. Rosenthal becoming the W.M. next year. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the brethren separated. In addition to the musical treat offered by the lady before mentioned, several songs were given by Bro. Drew and others, and a very humorous recitation by Bro. Mackay.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The members of this old lodge were summoned for 7.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The

W.M. and officers were in attendance, but want of punctuality on the part of many brethren delayed the commencement of proceedings till 7.45, when the procession was formed and the respective chairs were taken as follows: Bros. C. W. Rudway, W.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., Warwickshire, I.P.M.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.S.W., J.W., Treas.; T. Willon, P.P.G.S.W., Dir. of Cer.; Cater, S.W.; Mercer, J.W.; Murlis, Sec.; Holmes, S.D.; Reynolds, as J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; H. Smith and T. G. Brown, Stwds.; Bigwood, Tyler. Among the members present were Bros. F. Wilkinson, Rubie, Moutrie, S. Mitchell F. Baldwin, Past Masters; and Chas. Wilkinson, Past J.W. As visitors were Bros. A. R. Bailey, P.P.G. Reg., 973; E. L. Hill, W.M. 906; Dill, P.M. 906; Glover, J.W. 906; Baker, 906; and Day, 906. Letters of apology for absence had been received from Bros. Braham, P.M.; Ames, J.D.; T. E. Wilton, Stwd.; and I. G. Wilton.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting, and also of the lodge of instruction, were read and confirmed. Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master of the Punjab, India, No. 782, and Bro. Wm. Archer, No. 349, were elected by ballot as joining members. A favourable ballot was also taken for Mr. Walter Bailey, as a candidate for initiation. The following proposition was made by the Treasurer, seconded by the I.P.M., and carried: "The Prov. Grand Lodge of Somerset having since the last meeting of this lodge held its annual meeting at Bath on October 12th, under the auspices of the three lodges in this city, when the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Somerset, conferred the appointment of Prov. G.S.W. on Bro. C. W. Radway, W.M. of this Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41. Resolved, that the members desire to express their satisfaction at the honour thus conferred on this lodge, and to offer their sincere congratulations to the W.M. on his receiving so exalted a position in the Craft." Among his observations in support of the above resolution, Bro. Ashley remarked that the Prov. Grand Master said that it had been the custom to offer the highest Provincial rank to the I.P.M., but on this occasion the brother who occupied that chair was already so fully decorated with honours, having given most liberal help to the charities, and having received the highest rank he could attain as G.S.W. of another province many years ago, that he felt no collar he could give him would add anything to distinguish him further. Moreover, he had been informed that it was the express desire of the I.P.M. not to prevent other deserving brethren from receiving those marks of distinction to which their Masonic exertions entitled them, by an accumulation of honours on himself. His lordship therefore felt that under these circumstances he could not do better than give the collar of Prov. G.S.W. to the W.M. of the lodge to which Bro. Dr. Hopkins belonged, namely the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41. In acknowledgment of the compliment thus just paid him by the lodge, the W.M. in responding said he could assure the brethren that he felt deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him, and through him of the compliment to the lodge over which he ruled. As yet he admitted his labour had not earned the distinction, but, if spared, he hoped to show that the collar had not been unworthily bestowed. He must however point out that had it not been for the self-denial of Bro. Dr. Hopkins in refusing farther rank, it is certain he must have waited many years, and perhaps would never have attained such high rank in the province; but happily the distinction had fallen upon his I.P.M., Dr. Hopkins, in learning from the Prov. Grand Master, in the presence of representatives from every lodge in the province, that his long Masonic services were fully appreciated, and that no collar he could bestow would add lustre to his well known Masonic fame. Messrs. J. L. Paget, J. T. Ackland, F. W. Fortt, and W. Bailey, who had been elected for admission into the Order, were introduced, properly prepared, and very carefully and ably initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony for the first time with all the nonchalance of an old hand. Bro. Holmes, S.D., explained the symbolism of the working tools, and the ceremony was brought to a close by the I.P.M., who gave the charge to the newly-initiated brethren, with which they seemed greatly impressed, and afterwards each expressed gratification at the scene through which he had passed. Bro. W. Peach, I.G., was prepared to deliver the lecture on the tracing-board, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was deferred. Bro. Ashley feelingly mentioned the recent death of Bro. Southcombe, an old member of the lodge, who was but little known to the younger brethren, ill-health having long prevented his attendance at the meetings. This testimony to his worth was supported by the W.M. and S.W., and the Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence to his widow. A letter from Bro. Clark, P.M., was read, in acknowledgment of a similar mark of sympathy from the lodge under his bereavement. No other business offering, the lodge was closed at a quarter to ten.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. Bro. H. J. Yeld, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Kimmond, the W.M., who was supported by a number of distinguished brethren of the town.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. G. C. Watson, W.M., in the chair. The following were also present, as well as many distinguished visitors:—Bros. T. M. Watson, acting as I.P.M.; J. H. Leech, S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; T. Twizell, Treas.; J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; R. Singleton, I.G.; J. J. Clay, P.M., D. of C.; G. Porteus, W.M. 949; G. Eggleston, I.P.M. 940; M. Douglas, P.M. 80; H. J. Yeld, W.M. elect 80; W. Beattie, P.M. 97; and G. Lord, P.M. So. Bros. Singleton, Swainhoe, and W. T. Pinkney were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. Bro. J. H. Leech, S.W., was elected the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Twizell, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Thompson was re-elected Tyler. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The W.M. of this lodge, Bro. Sydney Myer, at its last meeting received the fraternal visit of the W.M.'s

and officers of the Shirley and Albert Edward Lodges, in whose presence a brother was raised. A couple of very pleasant hours were afterwards spent over the usual Masonic toasts and in fraternal intercourse.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—At the meeting of this lodge on Friday last, Bro. H. T. Gardiner, W.M. in the chair, Bro. Chas. Ayre was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The principal business was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bros. Gardiner, R. Wright, and Hendley were respectively chosen. The W.M. in thanking the brethren for re-election, said that it had been with reluctance that he had consented to remain in the chair, but in the peculiar circumstances in which they had found themselves, as a lodge placed, he had felt it to be his duty to sacrifice his general inclination to the general wish. Suitable reference was made to the sad loss at sea of Bro. Captain Jones, and to the serious and sudden illness of Bro. P. M. Ward, P.P.G.P., W. Yorks.

GLOUCESTER.—Royal Lebanon Lodge (No. 493).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Spread Eagle Hotel. There was an unusually large attendance, and among the brethren present were R. W. Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., P.G.M.; W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith, D.P.G.M.; and Bros. Rev. H. G. Layton, P.P.G.C.; the Baron de Ferrieres, P.P.G.R.; John Walker, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Godfrey, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Anslow Sole, I.P.M. 82, P.G.J.W.; Russell J. Kerr, P.M. 1067, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Robinson, 493; W. Nicks, P.P.S.G.W.; John Knight, 493; H. R. Luckes, P.D.P.G.M. Herefordshire; John Bryan, P.P.G.J.D.; R. W. White, P.P.G.J.W.; James Bruton, W.M. 839, P.G.S.D.; C. H. Lloyd, 839, P.G.O.; E. H. Edgell, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Morton York, 1005; A. Champney, 1005; Henry Jeffs, I.P.M. 1005, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Moss, P.M. 493; G. W. Haines, I.P.M. 493; R. A. Matthews, W.M. elect 493; E. S. Joseph, P.M. 493, P.P.G.J.D.; E. D. Worsley, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. B. Stocker, P.P.G.J.D.; F. W. Fisher, P.M. 493, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. G. Woodward, P.M. 493, P.P.G.O.; A. V. Hatton, P.P.G.J.W.; J. A. Matthews, S.W. 493; J. A. Matthews, 82; Buckle, S.D. 493; F. G. Roberts, P.M. 1005, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Woodward, I.G. 493; G. Roberts, P.P.G.S.B.; Lewis Ford, P.M. 493, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Horlick, P.M. 1098; H. S. Crump, P.P.D.C.; A. Shileton, P.M. 493; T. Talbot, 1005; G. Lance, 1005; T. Cadle, P.M. 1067, P.P.G.P.; T. Gee, P.M. 1005; W. Summers, 839; T. H. Chance, 839; E. Lawrence, W.M. 246; J. M. McLeod, 1661; E. Gregory, W.M. 900; E. Fisher, I.G. 246; S. Bland, 493; H. C. Margrett, 493; James Murrell, 493; R. Read, 493; H. J. Jew, 1005; F. Collier, 1005; J. Croxford, 493; F. Niblett, 187; W. Freeman, 900; E. Turner, W.M. 338; F. M. Bridgwater, 1005; G. R. Richards, 839; and others.

The P.G.M. having expressed a desire to see the lodge in full working order, three brethren were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. R. A. Matthews was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by the Deputy P.G.M., assisted by brethren of the lodge. Bro. G. W. Haines, the retiring W.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel by Bro. S. Moss, in token of the able manner in which he had filled the chair; and in acknowledging the compliment the recipient explained that its value was enhanced by the fact that it came altogether by surprise. The newly-installed W.M. having invested his officers, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, after a very protracted sitting.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M. occupied the chair, supported on either hand by the chief visitors. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The P.G.M. responded for "Grand Lodge" and for "Provincial Grand Lodge," with which his own health was connected. On each occasion Sir Michael met with a very cordial and hearty reception, and he delivered an eloquent address upon the moral virtues and social advantages of Freemasonry, especially dwelling upon its great, though unostentatious, efforts in the sacred cause of charity, and the fact that it provides a neutral ground upon which men of differing creeds and parties can meet in thorough harmony for the promotion of good works. The P.G.M. afterwards proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and other toasts followed, interspersed with vocal harmony.

MONKWEARMOUTH.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 14th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Porteous, presiding. The officers present were Bros. A. T. Munro, I.P.M.; C. Cobham, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; J. G. Kirkley, S.D.; J. Grubb, J.D.; and J. Barlow, Secretary. Mr. Regimius Blake was initiated.

After adjournment to refreshments, "The Health of Bro. A. T. Munro, I.P.M., Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, was given by the W.M., on Bro. Munro's appointment as P.G.S.B. A pleasant evening was spent. J. Lowes, P.M. 80; H. Knight, P.M.; W. Steven, P.M.; J. H. Leech, W.M. elect 97; and M. Douglas, P.M. 80, were also present.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Brothers Lodge (No. 1069).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Southsea, when the W.M. was installed. There was a very large attendance both of members and visitors. Bro. Albert Wendor having been installed, appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. Gieve, I.P.M.; Atkins, S.W.; E. Mumbly, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chap.; Rastrick, Treas.; Cook, Sec.; De Rheims, S.D.; Duprez, J.D.; German, I.G.; Groves, D.C.; Monk and Lobb, Stewards; and Exell, Tyler. Bro. Gieve presented to the lodge a painting in oil of Bro. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

After the business of the lodge, the greater part of the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Saracen's Head Hotel. Among the visitors and brethren present were: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, Prov. Grand Sec. Essex; G. D. Clapham, P.M. 1543, 1312, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; James Terry, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. Stanley, Treas. 1769; T. C. Thomson, I.G. 1769; M. S. Rubenstein, 1642; J. Dehane, 1052, 905; G. Motion, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; J. Collinson, 862, I.G.; Smith, S.W. Hornsey Lodge; and others.

The ceremony of installation was performed, in the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., by Bro. James Terry with his wonted ability. The following brethren were then invested by Bro. H. Dehane, P.G.S. Essex, the W.M.: Bros. E. P. Shedd, S.W. 276, I.P.M.; F. Warner, S.W. E. Rattray, J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Chap., P.M. 276, 1543, P.P.G.C., P.P.G.S.W. Essex; F. J. Snell, P.M. 1543, Treas.; Dr. F. M. Williams, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. P. Lewin, S.D., W.M. 276, P.G.S. of W. Essex; E. O. Cockayne, J.D.; J. Lucking, I.G.; R. W. Russell, Tyler. The business of the lodge included the appointment of a representative to the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. Dehane, the W.M., who has taken considerable interest in the Masonic Charities.

After the brethren and their visitors had partaken of a banquet, to which ample justice was done, Bro. Dehane, who ably fulfilled his duties, introduced the loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to that of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the county, the W.M. expressed his regret that Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., had been prevented from attending. To Bro. T. J. Ralling, therefore was entrusted the duty of replying to the toast, which he did in brief but well selected sentences. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. E. Shedd, who spoke in terms of eulogy of Bro. Dehane's sterling qualities. The W.M. in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind way they had responded to the toast of his health. It behoved him to carry out the duties of the important post to the best of any skill and ability he might possess. He hoped to be able to do this creditably, with the assistance of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s. He should strive to observe a strict conformity to the rules and regulations in the Book of Constitutions and the bye-laws. Bro. Dehane pointed out that the active and individual co-operation of each officer was imperative. He considered tact was quite as necessary to a W.M. as the Grand principles on which the order was founded; and if tact was brought into play it would conduce to the welfare of the lodge and the harmony of the brethren. He trusted, that when he might have the honour of installing his successor, he might hand over the affairs of the lodge in so prosperous a state as to become its I.P.M. with the unanimous esteem of the brethren and the gratifying testimony of a clear conscience that he had performed the duties of W.M. in such a manner that he might follow in his footsteps without fear of reproach. The W.M. concluded by again thanking them one and all. Bro. Motion replied for the visitors. Bro. Shedd acknowledged the honour done to the P.M.'s, while Bro. Terry, in the dual capacity of Installing Master and representative of the institutions, was most eloquent. The Wardens and officers were all remembered, and, as usual, the Tyler gave the parting toast. Harmony throughout the evening was in the ascendant, Bros. Rubinstein, Lewin, and others successfully exercising their Masonic abilities much to the satisfaction of all present.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Railway Hotel. Present: Bros. John Mason, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.D. Middx., as W.M.; W. H. Goodall, P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect; F. Wadeson, as J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.G. Steward Middx., Treas.; T. J. Bird, P.G. Steward Middx., acting Sec. and J.D.; R. T. Fennell, as S.D.; R. H. Dillon, as I.G.; Isaac Dixon, P.G. Purst. Middx., D.C.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; C. H. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Eng.; Clarke, Sherlock, Mellin, Schmidt, Harris, Church, Smith, Pearce, Sanders, Winter, Brown, Bellamy, Fraser, P.G. Supt. of Works Middx.; Crombie, Stephenson, Ball, Chilvers, and Lawrence. Bro. J. Elliot, W.M., was unavoidably detained in London on professional business till the work of the day was nearly completed.

There was a large attendance of visitors, comprising: Bros. W. Clark, G. Purst. Eng.; H. Cox, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; R. Barham, W.M. 144; J. Osbond, W.M. 1602, S.D. 1897; R. Percy, P.M. 228; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1257, 1441, 1791; L. B. Pillin, P.M. 180; J. Boulton, 813; W. F. Poulton, J.W. 1602; W. C. Wigley, 1348; G. Granley, S.W. 898; W. Bartlett, 1512; R. Chandler, 749; J. Adams, 1194; H. Chamberlain, 1364; D. H. Harrison, S.W. 1681; P. W. Linging, 1503; and W. Thompson, 1046.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October were read and confirmed, after which the accounts for the year and report of the Audit Committee were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. W. H. Gathercole, of the Beacontree Lodge, 1228, was elected a joining member. Four gentlemen, Messrs. George Schriber, Jeffrey Lee Bennett, Stephen Nockolds, and Francis Dearsley Smithers were elected by the lodge, and initiated into the mystery of the Craft in Bro. Mason's usual able and impressive manner. The ceremony of installing Bro. Goodall into the chair of the lodge was then proceeded with, Bro. J. Mason being the Installing Master; Bro. W. Clark, G.P. Eng., S.W.; Bro. R. Barham, W.M. 144, J.W.; and Bro. C. H. Cottebrune, P.G.P. Eng., D.C. Bro. Mason discharged his duty in a manner which gained the approval and hearty thanks of the brethren, and the new W.M. gave proof of high qualities in the mastery style in which he invested his officers, who are: Bros. T. Duerdin Dutton, S.W.; R. T. Fennell, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middx., Treas.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Sec.; T. J. Bird, P.G. Stwd. Middx., S.D.; J. Dixon, P.G. Purst. Middx., J.D.; F. Wadeson, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, D.C.; R. A. Fraser, P.G. Supt. of Works, Middx., W.S.; and F. D. Smither, Org. One brother to join and a gentleman for initiation were proposed. After receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren present, the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned, but soon re-assembled at the banquet table, which, as well as the room, was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants by the kindness of Bro. Dixon. The menu was of a most satisfactory character, and the banquet was served by Bro. Harris in a style seldom met with in provincial towns; the assembled brethren doing ample justice to the good things placed before them.

The table being cleared, the W.M. proposed the toast of "H.M.G. Majesty the Queen and the Craft," and spoke in warm terms of the womanly sympathy Her Majesty has evinced on many occasions of national calamity or private misfortune at home and abroad, instances of which would be fresh in the minds of all present. The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M." was proposed and received in the hearty way in which his genial

manners, readiness to undertake work in all parts of the country, and the interest he is well known to take in the Craft, are sure to awaken in the heart of every Freemason. "The Pro. G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers" was next proposed and duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart," the W.M. spoke of the honour done to the lodge by the oft repeated visits of the R.W.P.G.M., and stated that he had received a letter from the R.W.P.G.M. regretting than an important previous engagement for the day, many miles from Feltham, prevented his being present. The brethren knew how great and personal an interest the R.W.P.G.M. had in all matters within his province and would regret the unavoidable absence. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers" were next proposed, the W.M. stating he felt some diffidence in proposing this toast as it had been his good fortune in common with some other members of the Elliott Lodge to be selected by the R.W.P.G. Master for P.G. honours, when the Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Feltham in August last. The I.P.M., Bro. John Elliott then proposed "The W.M." and spoke in high terms of the zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Goodall from the time of his initiation into the lodge to the present proud moment, and assured the brethren that in Bro. Goodall they would have a W.M. second to none of his predecessors and wished him health and prosperity in his year of office. Bro. Goodall, who is the first initiate of the lodge who has attained to the Master's Chair, and has attended every meeting of the lodge from the day he entered it, thanked the I.P.M. most heartily for his kind words and the brethren for their reception of the toast, pledging himself to be very zealous for the honour and reputation of the lodge during the ensuing year, and to endeavour to tread worthily in the steps of the distinguished Masters who had preceded him. "The Initiates" were duly toasted, Bro. Neckolds replying for himself and their newly-made brethren that they felt deeply the impressive ceremony in lodge, and would endeavour to become worthy members of the Order. "The Visitors," a numerous body, were next proposed, the W.M. saying that the Elliott lodge was always glad to welcome members of other lodges at both labour and refreshment. With the toast he specially coupled the name of Bro. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Herts, who congratulated the brethren on the very excellent work done in the lodge by the Installing Master, and in possessing so excellent a W.M. in Bro. Goodall, who had invested his officers in a style which was rarely equalled, and which he had certainly never seen excelled. He wished the Elliott Lodge as much prosperity in the future as in the past, and judging by the substantial addition to its members by four initiations on that day, he had no doubt the Elliott Lodge would prosper under Bro. Goodall's able management. The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. John Mason, and the Masonic Institutions" was then proposed, the W.M. making some very pertinent observations on the close connection existing between the worthy brother and the Masonic Charities. Bro. Mason's reply was a résumé of what has been done by the Three Institutions in time past and an earnest appeal to the assembled brethren to rally round their W.M., who had offered to represent the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1882. The lodge had done well last year, and he hoped they would do as well again. The I.P.M., Bro. John Elliott was then presented with the Past Master's jewel voted to him in October, and, in reply to the toast, said that as the welfare of the Elliott Lodge had been dear to him in the past, he should always as P.M. of the lodge have its best interests at heart, and although the jewel was not the first presented to him he should always look upon it with special pride. "The Officers" were next toasted, the W.M. stating that he felt sure the brethren appointed to office would be regular and attentive to duty, and give him that support and assistance in lodge which was absolutely necessary to the Master. The regular attendance hitherto given by all, and the temporary help often given in lodge by those not in office previously, was an earnest of faithful service to come. He felt sure the members would fully approve his selection. Bro. Bird, who was called on to reply, assured the W.M. on behalf of himself and brother officers that they would give him a loyal and hearty support during the year to come, and tendered their best thanks to him for their appointments and his kind words in proposing the toast, and the assembled brethren for the hearty reception they had accorded it. During the evening Bros. Cantle, Millin, Dillon, Linging, Pillen, and others contributed by songs and recitations to the enjoyment of the brethren. The toast list and menu were very happily adorned with Shakespearean quotations, each toast having its own appropriate motto appended. The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant day.

INSTRUCTION.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—At the regular meeting of this prosperous lodge, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on the 4th inst., there were present Bro. T. Loane, W.M.; J. West, S.W.; Bullwinckle, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; D. Moss, S.D.; J. Siegenberg, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; Haslip, W. J. Musto, Benabo, Probyn, G. F. Dix, Smith, R. Durell Buckle, Hirst, Clayton, W. J. Mitchell, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was ably rendered by the W.M., Bro. Haslip being candidate. The following Sections were worked: the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by the W.M., and the 6th and 7th by Bro. Stevens, the brethren assisting. Bro. W. J. Mitchell, of the mother lodge, 933, was elected a member, and Bro. J. West, S.W., was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 11th inst., after which the lodge was closed.

Another meeting was held on the 11th inst. The following brethren were present: Bro. J. West, W.M.; G. A. Payne (W.M. of the mother lodge), S.W.; Moss, J.W.; Hopkins, S.D.; Richardson, J.D.; Siegenberg, I.G.; Cohen, Benabo, Mitchell, Chappell, Bullwinckle, Gaskell, Levy, Dupree, Musto, jun., L. Nathan, E. Nathan, M. Isaacs, Webb, Blundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Secretary; Jones, G. H. Stephens, and others. After due formalities Bro. Benabo was entrusted, and the lodge was opened. The ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Benabo acting as candidate. Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M., worked the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. There being four Entered Apprentices in the lodge they were severally interrogated

to prepare them for their next degree. Bros. Jones, 749; L. Nathan, 205; E. Nathan, 205; and M. Isaacs, 511, were admitted members of the lodge. Bro. Payne was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., on the 2nd inst. The Fifteen Sections were worked here under the experienced presidency of Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, &c. The W.M. was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor of the lodge, as S.W.; W. Musto, P.M., J.W.; Partridge, S.D.; J. Robson, J.D.; G. T. Holdom, I.G.; Kimbell, Loring, T. Loane, Macdonald, Benabo, Stewart, Richardson, F. C. D. Fenn, Macgregor, Bailey, Laroom, Edwards, C. Smith, J. Smith, Galer, Richmond, G. H. Stephens, and others. After the usual formalities, lodge was opened up, and then resumed for the working of the lectures. Bros. T. Loane, W.S. 1421; B. Stewart, 1278; Smith, 933; A. Benabo, 212; and W. Richardson, 174, were unanimously admitted members of the lodge. Votes of thanks were passed to the W.M. and to the working brethren for the excellent rendering of the sections witnessed that evening, after which the lodge was formally closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—At the meeting held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., on the 7th inst., Bro. Thomas Butt, P.M. 907, was W.M., and was supported by Bros. J. F. Van Raalte, W.M. 917, as S.W.; J. Baker, J.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; Keeble, I.G.; Walter, Tyler; Hiscox, McButt, Field, Laurence, and W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge having been duly opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Field candidate. Bro. Van Raalte assumed the chair, and opened up the lodge. Bro. Hiscox was interrogated and entrusted, and lodge was advanced. The ceremony of raising was next carefully worked, and a most instructive evening passed. Some discussion ensued as to the desirability of returning to the old hours of meeting, *i.e.*, from 8 till 10, the alteration to 7 till 9 not being deemed to have worked satisfactorily. Bro. Hiscox was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and lodge was closed. The members of this lodge have it in contemplation to work the ceremony of consecration, Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, having a ready kindly consented to assist on that occasion.

Another meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 14th inst. Present: Bros. Hiscox, W.M.; Baker, S.W.; Field, J.W.; Winsor, Deacon; Lawrence, I.G.; Walter, Tyler; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; G. F. Goodenough, Sec.; J. Young, McButt, C. Taylor, and G. H. Stephens. The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Young acting as candidate. The Preceptor worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Baker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, E. Bro. A. G. Clements occupied the chair. Also present Bros. H. C. Clark, S.W.; Hubbert, J.W.; Hammond, S.D.; Shinfeld, J.D.; Brittain, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. Treas.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; B. Stewart, Sec.; Wheatley, Magrath, Moss C. Kendall, (W.M. of Mother Lodge), Robinson, T. L. Kennett, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Wheatley being the candidate. Bro. D. Moss worked the 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. C. Clark was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and Bro. Thomas L. Kennett, 1760, was elected a member. The room where the brethren of this lodge hold their meetings may be justly described as one of the convenient places we now enjoy on Monday evenings, business commencing at eight o'clock.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Steingraber, W.M.; Shaw, S.W.; Stoddart, J.W.; Duret, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Money, S.D.; Hallows, J.D.; S. T. H. Saunders, I.G.; Wells, Davidson, Chubb, Barnett, Marshall, Buc, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hunter, Mundy, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Buc, acting as candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was raised to the Degree of M.M. The following brethren were afterwards unanimously elected as members: Bros. E. W. Parkes, Thos. Oliver Harding, T. E. Mundy, Francis Harry Gruggen, Robert Manuel, Fenwick Paget, Howard Smith, Francis G. Bampfyde, H. Burton Chamberlain, H. Corbin Weld, and W. Hunter Johnson. The Secretary stated that the account of the festival showed a profit to the lodge of £2 13s., and a letter was read from Bro. Duret, thanking the lodge for electing him as honorary member. After a "call off" the First and Third Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Duret, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Shaw was then unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—The members of this chapter met on the 3rd inst., at the Horns Tavern, when there were present, among others, Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; H. Higgins, H.; J. Speedy, J.; W. Mann, I.P.Z.; G. Everett, P.Z. Treas.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Appleton, acting P.S.; Reinart, Janitor. Among the visitors were Comps. D. M. Dewar, P.Z. &c.; W. Palmer, late 177; and Woods, Prudent Brethren. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. P. Tyler, 1685, was duly balloted for and exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M. The ballot was likewise taken on behalf of Comps. Edward Ayling, 173, and W. Palmer, late 177, as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in each case.

The chapter having been closed the companions adjourned to the banquet. After the removal of the cloth, the usual routine of toasts followed. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z., and having been duly honoured Comp. Walls replied. The toast of "The Exalte" followed, and drew in response from Comp. Tyler a most excellent speech. In the course of his remarks he expressed himself highly impressed with the ceremony of exaltation. From the manner in which the whole thing had been carried out he felt convinced that the officers of the chapter must have devoted a great deal of time and study in mastering the intricacies of the Degree, and if they would allow him to say so, they were all to be commended upon the way the work had been performed. "The Visitors" came next in order, and this toast was acknowledged by Comps. Dewar and Woods. In their respective speeches they each expressed themselves delighted with their visit to the chapter, and passed some flattering encomiums upon its working. "The Second and Third Principals" followed, and was highly responded to by Comps. Higgins and Speedy. The toasts of "The Past Principals," acknowledged by Comps. Mann and Everett, and "The Officers," responded to by Comp. Everett, jun., Webb and Appleton brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 3rd inst. Those present included: Comps. W. J. Ferguson, M.E.Z.; W. M. Stiles, H., M.E.Z. elect; C. W. Hudson, J., H. elect; H. Stiles, E., J. elect; T. J. Hyland, W. Cooke, W. Sides, Augustus Holt, J. G. Humphreys, T. C. Edmonds, E. H. Deller, J. W. Gillis, F. Willis, W. Brown Kidder, and E. E. Brown Kidder. The minutes of the previous convocation were confirmed, and the installation of the Principals was proceeded with, Comp. James Terry, P.Z., who consecrated the chapter, officiating as Installing Officer. Comps. W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, and H. Stiles were respectively installed in the chairs of Z., H., and J. After the companions had been re-admitted, the appointment and investiture of officers took place. Comp. J. Willing, jun., was re-invested as Treas.; Comp. T. J. Hyland was invested S.E.; Comps. W. Cook, S.N.; W. Side, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, 1st Asst. S.; Augustus Holt, 2nd Asst. S.; J. G. Humphreys, D.C.; J. W. Sillis, W.S.; and G. H. Deller, Asst. S. The report of the Audit Committee was received and ordered to be printed. Four brethren were balloted for and approved, and two of them were exalted, the very interesting ceremony being worked most efficiently by the newly-installed Principals. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Ferguson, whose discharge of his duties as M.E.Z. last year were eulogised with the most cordial approval of the companions by his successor in the principal chair. Comp. Ferguson replied, and expressed a hope that Comp. W. M. Stiles would find his duties as M.E.Z. as agreeable and pleasing as he had. A vote of thanks to Comp. James Terry, who has installed the whole of the principal officers each year since the consecration of the chapter, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Some routine business was transacted, and the chapter being duly closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and honoured; that of "The New M.E.Z." being most enthusiastically received. It may be stated that the banquet, which was served under the personal direction of Bro. Clemow, the obliging proprietor of the hotel, gave the utmost possible satisfaction.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Chapter (No. 130).—The installation of officers in this chapter took place last week at the Masonic Hall, when Comp. C. A. Dyer, P.Z., undertook the duty, and the following were passed to the respective chairs: M.E. Comp. Robert Sharpe, Z.; M.E. Comp. T. P. Payne, H.; E. Comp. W. Waters, J.; E. Comp. R. S. Pearce, Treas.; M.E. Comp. J. R. Weston, S.E.; Comp. Sydney Myer, S.N.; E. Comp. H. P. Aslatt, P.S.; Comps. T. Lashmore, P.M., and C. W. Bemister, Assist. P.S.'s; and Comp. Biggs, Janitor. Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. G. M. Passenger, jun., and other officers, and an exaltation took place before the close of the chapter, the ceremonies of which were efficiently performed by the new officers, Comp. James Cole, in the absence of the P.S., taking his position.

WARRINGTON.—Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Monday last, at the rooms in Sankey-street. The Principals, Comps. James Jackson, W. H. Robinson, and J. Rymer Young, occupied the chairs of their respective offices, and were supported by Comps. John Bowes, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; P. J. Edelstein, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1250; Brierley, P.Z.; J. Paul Rylands, S.E., F.S.A.; Charles Skinner, P.S.; W. Robinson, Asst. S.; John Harding Asst. S.; W. Barlow, Dr. Young, Robt. Heaton, Edward Greenall, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Evans, P.M. of the Earl of Chester Lodge, Lymm, was unanimously elected at the last convocation, and being now in attendance he was admitted, with due caution, and exalted to the Supreme Degree, by the M.E.Z. We were much pleased with the quiet, dignified demeanour of the P.S. which added much to the beauty of this delightful ceremony. The M.E.Z. having to leave the chapter, his place was taken by the senior P.Z., E. Comp. Bowes. The lectures were given from the respective chairs, and we never remember hearing them delivered with better effect. The history, symbols, and mysteries became a reality, and well did the Principals earn the congratulations they received at the close. Bro. Dr. A. Mackie was proposed as a candidate for exaltation, and Comp. W. Robinson gave notice of motion to the effect that it be a rule that all companions attend the chapter in evening dress. There being no further business the chapter was closed.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace Chapter (No. 350).—The installation took place in this chapter last week, M.E. Comp. C. A. Dyer being the installing officer. The following were appointed:—M.E. Comp. Geo. J. Tilling, Z.; M.E. Comp. H. Dusautoy, H.; E. Comp. G. Cross, J.; M.E. Comp. W. Bowyer, S.E.; Comp. W. Berry, S.N.; M.E. Comp. J. R. Weston, Treas.; Comp. D. O.

Hobbs, P.S.; Comp. A. Algar, Assist. S.; Comp. J. Wilson, Assist. S.; and C. Biggs, Janitor. Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring M.E. Comp. J. Clark, and two brethren were proposed for exaltation.

Mark Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 139).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Monday, the 7th inst., at Bro. George Lilley's, the Balham Hotel, Balham, when the following officers and members were present: W. Bros. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., acting as I.P.M.; E. Mitchell, S.W.; James H. Hawkins, J.W.; John Walmsley, M.O.; W. Vincent, S.O.; E. Whitaker, J.O.; G. Lilley, Prov. G.A.D.C., P.M., &c., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.M., Sec.; G. S. Graham, acting Org.; Poore, acting S.D.; Basnett, J.D.; Allen, I.G.; Bro. Thomas, Tyler; and several visiting brethren.

The lodge having been opened in due form at half-past five o'clock, and the minutes of the installation meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three very worthy candidates for advancement, viz.: Bros. C. J. Hill, 1707; Charles F. Hains, 1679; and H. Clamp Stuart, 1632, which proved unanimous in each case, and Bros. Hill and Hains being in attendance the ceremony of advancement to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason was proceeded with, and carried out in a very impressive and able manner by Bro. Baldwin, the W.M., his officers rendering very efficient aid therein, especially W. Bro. Poore in undertaking, with his usual kindness, the important duties of S.D., and Bro. Dunkley those of Organist. After some ordinary business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A Royal Ark Lodge was then opened, with Bros. T. Poore, P.C.N., acting as W.C.N.; Mitchell, J.; Baldwin, W.C.N. 234, acting S.; Pulman, P.C.N., Scribe; G. Lilley, Treas.; Hawkins and Whitaker, acting as Deacons; Basnett, D.C.; together with all the above-named brethren. The lodge having been opened, Bros. Hains and Hill were elevated to this quaint and interesting Degree in the usual well-known perfect and faultless style of Bro. Poore, the acting W.C.N., the officers performing their respective duties very creditably. The enthronement of Bro. E. Mitchell as W.C.N. for the ensuing year then took place, Bro. Poore acting as Enthroning Master, when the ceremony was gone through in his most brilliant style, and the W.C.N. invested his officers.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts were very enthusiastically drunk and responded to by the Past Grand Officers and Prov. and Past Prov. Grand Officers present. That of "The Advancers, Bros. Hill and Hains," being responded to by both those brethren in very appropriate but modest terms. Bros. Poore, Baldwin, and Hains interspersed the proceedings with their admirable vocal powers.

TALBOT LODGE (No. 179).—Bro. Edward Daniel was recently installed as the Worshipful Master of the above lodge, by Sir Pryse Pryse, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for South Wales, and in the presence of a large and distinguished company of Mark Masons, amongst others being Bros. J. Marsden, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.; Jno. Rogers, Past D.P.G.M.; J. Thomas, Prov. G.J.W.; Howel Davies, P.G.S.O.; J. Griffith Lock, Prov. G.S.A.; N. D. Marks, Prov. G. Sec.; J. C. Sladen, P. Prov. G.M.O.; W. Rowe, Prov. G.J.O.; I. Lawrence Lewis, Grand Steward of England; George Allthorpe, Prov. M.O., Old York Lodge; A. Jenkins, Prov. G.M.T. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Daniel, then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. James Griffith Hall, S.W.; Rowland Thomas, J.W.; Thomas Thomas, M.O.; Walter Whittington, S.O.; Aaron Stone, J.O.; J. R. Jenkins, Registrar of Marks; Robert Capper, Sec.; D. C. Jones, Treas.; E. Sidney Hartland, S.D.; R. Dickson Burnie, J.D.; William Morgan, John R. Davies and T. R. W. Mason, Stewards; and John Ball, Tyler. Several Masons were proposed as candidates for advancement and as joining members, and the name of Lord Jersey as an honorary member. A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards held, when the bye-laws were considered and adopted, and other important business transacted.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet prepared by Bro. Stone, of the Mackworth Hotel, the chair being agreeably filled by Sir Pryse Pryse, who proposed the usual toasts given at Mark Masonic gatherings. The brethren were much pleased with their new chief, Sir Pryse Pryse, and success is sure to attend the labours of Mark Masons in South Wales under such an excellent Provincial Grand Master.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened at 5.30 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove, G.S. of W., supported by Bros. G. Clark, G. Stwd., S.W., W.M. elect; C. Kipping, as J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., P.P.I.G.; C. P. McKay, I.P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; G. J. Dunkley, C. J. Axford, G. F. Smith, G. Gilham, J. Wyatt, R. R. Johnston, E. Storr, J. Gibbs, W. E. Potter, A. J. Cox, J. Shilcock, W. O'Donnell, and Reinhardt (for Potter), Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. J. H. Hawkins, J. Cusworth, and W. Stephens, W.M. 1; and honorary members: Bros. D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; J. K. Pitt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and M. S. Larlham, P.M., &c.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. advanced Bros. Abrahams and Caterson to the Degree of M.M.M., efficiently assisted by Bro. Poore, as S.D. Some routine business having been disposed of, Bro. T. Poore then took the chair, and in his well-known style installed Bro. Geo. Clarke as W.M. After the usual salutes the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. C. G. Kiple, S.W.; G. J. Dunkley, J.W.; G. Gilham, M.O.; C. J. Axford, S.O.; J. Holliday, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; J. Wyatt, R. of M.; R. R. Johnston, S.D.; E. Storr, J.D.; J. Gibbs, J.G.; J. F. Smith, Hon. Org.; J. Shilcock, D.C.; and Potter (by deputy) Tyler. Past masters jewels were presented to Bros. Poore, McKay, and Lovegrove.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—There was a numerous gathering of the members of this popular lodge at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. Tisley, W.M., who was supported by Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Bro. Walls, P.M., acting as J.W.; and many other officers, brethren, and visitors. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, and after the transaction of some routine business, Bro. Saunders, 1503, and Bro. Dodd were advanced in Mark Masonry by Bro. Colonel Wiggington, who had received permission to perform the ceremony on behalf of his friends from the W. Master. The duties were most efficiently discharged.

A sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Clemow, whose arrangements gave universal satisfaction. The customary loyal and Mark toasts were honoured, "The Health of Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B.," being received with especial cordiality. Bro. Richnell acknowledged the compliment paid to him in suitable terms. In the course of the proceedings it was remarked that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold is a working member of the lodge which bears his name. Amidst an abundance of excellent music and singing, a very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE.—(No. 284).—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. During the short time since its consecration in July last the members have worked with such energy and spirit that it bids fair to be one of the first Mark lodges of the kingdom. The officers, &c., present were Bros. W. J. Meek, W.M.; J. V. Clements, S.W.; E. G. Lewis, J.W.; Major Dunbar, M.O.; J. D. Birkin, S.O.; A. G. Fidler, J.O.; W. Farquharson, Secretary; A. B. Little, Treasurer; Verry, I.G.; Greenhill, Organist; Oddy, and others. Bro. J. Stevens, P.G.J.O. Grand Lodge, and honorary member of 284, was also in attendance, and visitors from other Mark lodges were present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of advancing Bros. J. G. Garrod, W.M. 754; W. Dance, P.M. 754; and F. W. S. Wheelhouse, 1237. The ceremony of advancing the candidates was done in such a masterly manner as to draw forth from the visitors and all present "that they never saw the working done in such an admirable manner."

After business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a substantial repast was served in Bro. Oddy's splendid style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Stevens, in responding for "The Grand Officers," expressed complete satisfaction at the able working, and gave his opinion that many of the older lodges would do well to take an example from the High Cross Lodge.

CHELTENHAM.—Cheltenham and Key Stone Lodge (No. 10).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when were brought together a large and influential gathering of the brethren of this Degree. Of the Grand Officers of the province there were present: Bros. Rev. Charles Raikes Davy, Prov. G.M.; John Walker, M.A., Prov. D.G.M.; J. Robertson, P.S.G.W.; W. Forth, P.G.M.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.J.O.; W. L. Bain, P.G. Treas.; Bro. Henry Jeffs, M.O.; J. Brook Smith, S.O.; J. Balcomb, Reg.; W. C. Ferry, A.D. of C.; and E. T. Bryant, Swd. Br. There were also present: Bros. G. Norman, W. C. Heane, J. Thorn, M. B. Ricketts, J. S. Carleton, G. Peters, G. Stwd.; B. N. Norman, H. Phillips, Sweeting, E. Lawrence, W. B. Stocley, Arthur Jack, and others. The visitors were: Bros. L. Homfray, Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire, 330; Rev. Dr. Lyne, and Rev. H. E. Bayley.

Bro. J. Walker presided as W.M., and advanced the following candidates: Bros. W. Anslow Sole, John Brown, C. S. Atkins, and F. Fenner. Following this the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., was installed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the following officers with their collars: Bros. J. Brook Smith, I.P.M.; John Balcomb, Sec.; E. T. Bryant and W. R. Felton, Wardens; M. B. Ricketts and Carleton, Deacons; G. Norman, C. Heane, and G. Roberts, Overseers; H. Jeffs, D. of C.; Thorne, I.G.; Phillips, Tyler; and Sweeting, Org. A banquet followed, at which the sum of £2 was collected, which, in addition to £5 voted in open lodge, were ordered to be sent to a poor and distressed brother.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75). The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. George Smith, P.G.A. D. of C., P.M., &c., Treas., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, G.S.D., P.M., &c. The following brethren were present: W. Bro. W. T. Clarke, Past G. Steward, &c., S.W.; Bros. T. Cable, J.W.; S. Peters, M.O.; R. Paige, S.O.; H. E. Cox, S.D.; E. Bridges, J.D.; Rev. G. Rose Johnson, Chap., as Sec.; R. J. B. Powell, I.G.; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; J. Pearson, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; H. W. Bedford, and H. W. G. Abell. The minutes of emergency meetings held September 12th and October 17th were read, confirmed, and signed by the acting W.M. A ballot was taken for the advancement of Bro. James Ridge, M.M. Royal York, and he was unanimously elected. During his preparation apologies were read from W. Bros. Lord A. W. Hill, P.M. Dep. Prov. Grand Master; T. J. Pulley, W.M., &c.; W. Hudson, P.M., &c.; Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M., &c.; T. Paclham, J.O.; W. G. Bayliss, Secretary; and A. Burrows, R. of M. Bro. Ridge was then introduced, and very ably advanced by the officers in command. Bro. J. C. Buckwell, M.M. 1797, was proposed and seconded to become a member.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Unicorn Hotel, where a sumptuous spread was arranged by the worthy host, Bro. R. Paige, who knows well how to provide for the hard-worked and weary.

It may interest those brethren who are aware of the success of Bro. A. C. Alias's "Jersey" and "Winter Quarters" to hear that he has just finished an engraving for Messrs. Colnagi of a very pretty subject, entitled "In Disgrace."

Scotland.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—The annual assembly of the general Grand Conclave of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland, was held in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, the 28th ult. In the absence of the M. Ill. Grand Sovereign, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, who was detained in Forfarshire owing to the indisposition of Lady Kintore, and of the Ill. Em. Grand Viceroy, Captain Chas. Hunter, who was detained in Wales, V. Ill. Sir Knt. Major John Crombie, Grand Sen. General, presided on the occasion. The minutes of general Grand Conclave and Executive Committee were read and confirmed. The following Ill. Sir Knts. have been appointed the officers for the Grand Council for the ensuing year viz.: Capt. Chas. Hunter, Ill. Em. Grand Viceroy; Major John Crombie, V. Ill. Grand Sen. General; James Crichton, V. Ill. Grand Jun. General; Geo. Dickson, M.D., Ill. Grand High Chancellor; Jas. Carmichael, M.D., Ill. Grand Treasurer; R. S. Brown, Ill. Grand Recorder; William Edwards, Ill. Grand High Almoner; Jas. H. Balfour, W.S., Ill. Grand Marshal; Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, Ill. Grand Sword Bearer; Col. J. Todd Stewart, Ill. Grand Standard Bearer; and Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Bart., Ill. Grand Chamberlain. The following Sir Knts. were elected members of the Grand Senate, viz. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D.; John M. Martin, jun., of Auchindennan; George Miller, C.A.; Capt. J. Proudfoot Dick, J.H.; M. Bainsfather, S.S.C.; and John Fleming. A charter was granted to a new conclave for Glasgow, to be named the Saint Helena, No. 10.

After disposing of some other routine business the Sir Knights dined together in the Hotel, Major John Crombie in the chair, with Sir Knight J. Crichton as Croupier. The usual loyal and chivalric toasts were given and heartily responded to; Col. Stewart responded for "The Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces." Sir Knt. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary responded for "The Grand Lodge of Scotland." Sir Knt. Duncan proposed "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland," and congratulated that body on having secured the services of Ill. Sir Knt. Edwards as G.S.E., in room of Comp. Lindsay Mackersy. Sir Knt. D. Murray Lyon proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Major Crombie," and referred to him as a Freemason of high accomplishments, one who discharged the duties of his office in Grand Lodge with energy and ability, and who had done much towards bringing the north and south of Scotland together in the working of Grand Lodge. The toast was very enthusiastically drunk, and Major Crombie replied in felicitous terms. Among the other toasts were "The Croupier" and "The Grand Recorder" which were duly honoured. Several songs were excellently sung and the evening was passed very pleasantly.

Obituary.

BRO. J. CROSSLEY, SENIOR.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. J. Crossley, sen., of Ripley, which sad event took place at Bournemouth on the 5th inst. Bro. Crossley has occupied a leading position in Ripley for some thirty years, during which time, as proprietor of Ripley Mills, he has found constant employment for many of his neighbours, chiefly the female class, and his manufactory has proved a great boon to many a family. As a townsman he was thoroughly public-spirited, and for many years rendered most valuable service to the ratepayers as a member of the Local Board. He also served the office of Guardian of the Poor. As a religionist, he was an attached Wesleyan, and sustained nearly all the offices a layman can fill. In his early days he was a popular local preacher. It was chiefly through his instrumentality that Freemasonry got such a firm footing in Ripley, and now the Okeover Lodge, of which he was a P.M., is one of the best in the county. Bro. Crossley was also P.M. of several other lodges, and a Past Senior Grand Warden of Derbyshire, and a trustee of the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. Two years ago deceased spent the winter at Cannes, in France, in order to have a warmer climate than Derbyshire affords; this year it was agreed to spend the winter at Bournemouth, and about a fortnight ago he and his wife and family took up their residence there, but the change was very short. On Saturday, the 5th inst., his spirit took its flight, we trust to brighter regions and to a happier clime. His mortal remains were brought to Ripley, accompanied by one of his sons, on Tuesday, and the interment took place in the cemetery on Wednesday, the 9th inst. A site on the consecrated ground was chosen, but the funeral took place under the Burial's Act, and the Wesleyan ministers, the Revs. W. T. Nelson and S. E. Keeble, officiated. A hearse conveyed the corpse, which was placed in a beautifully-polished oak coffin with brass mounting; the bearers were six of deceased's late workmen. The chief mourners were three sons (one of the sons being in Australia), two brothers-in-law, a son-in-law, and a cousin. Several magnificent wreaths were placed upon the coffin, and a good display of flowers round the edge of the vault. The following brethren of the Okeover Lodge also attended the funeral:—Bros. Sir J. G. N. Alleyne, Bart., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Jessop, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Staley, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Allen, Treas., P.P.G.O.; W. H. Fisher, Sec., P.M.; Geo. Day, W.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; W. C. Briggs, J.W.; W. Abbott, S.D.; D. Upton, J.D.; W. de B. Jessop, D.C.; H. Barker, Org.; R. H. N. Alleyne, I.G.; Jno. Wain, H. Lomas, T. Goodwin, T. S. Woolley, G. Brown, W. Morton, J. T. Morley, and E. Shawcross. Each of the brethren carried a sprig of acacia, which they deposited in the grave.

BRO. ALBERT ORLANDO STEED.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Albert Orlando Steed, of the Stow Valley Lodge, which took place on the 25th ult., at Penge. Bro. Steed was a Professor of Music and an admirable teacher, enthusiastic in his profession, most painstaking and conscientious in all his work. He brought also to his work original thought; and his pupils, one and all, deeply deplore his loss. His death was caused by an attack of typhoid fever, contracted, it is presumed, on the Continent, where he had gone for a holiday. But there is no doubt that he went away with an enfeebled

frame, caused by overwork and anxiety. Bro. Steed has left a widow and six young children; one born with a cataract on both eyes. He has only settled near London about three years ago, whither he had come on the invitation of Bro. W. H. Cummings, and was rapidly making such a position and income as would have enabled him to provide for his family—cut off as he was at almost the very commencement of a promising career, they are left without any provision, except a small life policy. It is intended to nominate one of the children for the Boys' School.

THE 1728 CONSTITUTIONS.

Bro. G. B. Jay, Senior Warden of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich, has recently discovered and purchased from a local book-worm, an original copy of "The Book of Constitutions," dedicated to Lord Kingston (Grand Master, 1728), by Bro. Benjamin Cole. The work is printed entirely from engraved plates, and is in an exceedingly good condition. The scarcity of the book may be judged from the fact that the Grand Lodge library has not a copy, although it possesses two copies of the later edition, dedicated to Lord Lovel, who was Grand Master in 1731. The volume also contains a speech delivered by the Junior Grand Warden, at the Grand Lodge, held at York, in December, 1726; the speech of Bro. Edward Oakley, P.P.G.S.W., of Carmarthen, at lodge, held in London, on 31st December, 1728; and the prologue and epilogue, spoken at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London, on the 27th December, 1728, when Lord Kingston "bespoke a play," viz., "The second part of King Henry IV.," and ordered "a scene to be altered for introducing the 'Prentice's song, which was done accordingly, and all the Free Masons in Pit and Boxes joined in the Chorus, to the entire satisfaction of the audience. The prologue was spoken by Mr. William Mills, and the epilogue by Mrs. Thurmond, a Free Mason's wife."

VISITING.

On the 10th inst., accepting a very pressing invitation from the genial Master of the Mersey, 477, at Birkenhead, I found myself welcomed with some brethren of my lodge by the members of this well conducted and well managed lodge. After some kindly chat about a very pleasant picnic we had had in North Wales, the work of the evening was commenced by the W.M. initiating a candidate, Master and Officers working in first-rate style, after which the lodge was called off, and we were at liberty to inspect this splendid lodge-room, by far the most complete we have ever seen, the organ, the furniture, the painting, the new carpet (costing sixty guineas), all of the very best, and all specially got together for this lodge room (which is the meeting place for several other Lodges). I would specially mention the cosy armchairs for each brother to take his ease in. Leaving the lodge we passed through the well-furnished ante-room, adorned with the portraits of many old Masons and some present-day ones, and well furnished with comfortable seats, &c. So we passed on to the banquetting hall, on the next floor above. Words fail me to paint the beauty of this splendid room, decorated in the most splendid style, after the manner, I should judge, of a Grecian temple of pleasure. On the walls were some fine pictures of Grecian interiors. Lighted by sunlights in the ceiling, which, acting as ventilators, kept the atmosphere cool and pure. As we entered we noticed a splendid piano, by Broadwood, which we were told had cost eighty guineas, and which formed the special cause of our being there.

After a good dinner, all very clean, nice, hot, and well-cooked, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

Bro. DUTTON then proposed "The Health of Bro. Fraser." He said that there was no member of the Craft in Birkenhead who had rendered more important services to Masonry than Bro. Fraser. He had filled various offices, had always discharged the duties in an admirable manner, setting an excellent example to all who followed him, and he had also been a warm supporter of the educational and other charities. It was suggested some time ago that some recognition should be made of his services; the proposal was readily taken up by the members, and had resulted in the present testimonial, which he (Bro. Dutton) now proceeded to present. It consisted of a valuable pianoforte, which was the one we had seen on our entrance, and which had discoursed sweet music during the dinner.

Bro. GARDINER, W.M., then warmly supported the presentation, endorsing the remarks of Bro. Dutton.

Bro. MARWOOD then went on to say that this was a day of presentation with him, for he had only then returned from Knutsford, where he had been assisting at the presentation of his portrait to Lord de Tabley. In eloquent terms Bro. Marwood described that scene. He then went on to say how pleased he was to be with them on this occasion, as he had been Bro. Fraser's confere in all the labour and trouble that had been bestowed on these splendid rooms, though his had been principally the looker's on part of the work. That day the sweep had come to him and his reply as usual was go to Donald Fraser, and so our Donald Fraser had been the prime mover of all. Bro. Lloyd, W.M. 721, said it had given him great pleasure to come so far to see this present mode of showing their appreciation to a good Mason, Donald Fraser (they seemed to drop the prefix brother). He, Bro. Lloyd, could endorse what they said, for they in Chester wanting assistance sent over to Donald Fraser, and like the good Mason he was, Donald Fraser at once came to the front and rendered the assistance required.

Bro. FRASER feelingly acknowledged the splendid gift, thanking them for this kind mark of their approbation of his efforts. The usual toasts were then following, but time was up. Trains won't wait, so we left, after spending one of the pleasantest evenings I ever remember.

Amongst those present were Brothers A. K. Gardiner, W.M.; J. T. Thompson, S.W.; E. Evans, J.W.; Fred. Thompson, I.P.M.; John Dutton, P.M. and P.G. Sword-Bearer; J. G. Adams, P.M.; William Bennett, P.M.; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas.; S. Jones, P.M. and Sec.; Thomas C. Thornburn, S.D.; Thomas Inglesfield, J.G.; R. Bell, S.; J. Macdonald, S.; and several of the members.

Amongst the visitors were: Bros. Marwood, P.P.G. J.W.; H. J. Lloyd, W.M. 721; T. W. Shaw, P.M. 605 and 1576; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S.W. W. Lancashire; H. Chesworth, P.M. 1576; J. R. Simm, J.W. 605; A. E. Coveney, W.M. 605; G. Alister, J.W. 1276; O. Jones, S.W. 605; W. H. Cooke, I.G. 1013; T. E. Nabb, S.W. 721; J. Joinson, W.M. 721; and Thomas Brownall, 721.

Amusements.

COURT THEATRE.—This pretty little theatre, situated by itself apart from all the theatres, in Sloane-square, at the bottom of fashionable Eaton-square, is quite easy of access by rail, the station being opposite the theatre. The Court has lately been run down by the Press. We did not see the last comedy, "Honour," but we believe there is nothing to be regretted at its being withdrawn. It was a translation of a French play, and, whilst it may suit the Parisian taste, was unsuited and distasteful to English audiences. We have not yet lost all self-respect, or come to cling to immorality as a virtue. We trust it may never be so in England. Whilst Freemasonry flourishes and makes such rapid strides we think that day is very far off. Morality is the very essence of Freemasonry. But the Press has, we think, been too hard on the Court Theatre. Last week, "Mimi," by Bro. Dion Boucicault, was put on the stage, but the Press generally have not said anything in its praise. We have ourselves been, and most respectfully beg to differ from the critics. In the first place, there is nothing offensive in the plot or acting. The cast could not be better; the acting of each member is magnificent; and we sincerely hope there may be no occasion to withdraw it yet; at least until the public, who is perhaps the best critic, has judged for itself. We were in company with a young London clergyman, whose name is becoming known everywhere, not only as a beautiful singer, but as a brilliant preacher. He cheered most vociferously, and expressed his pleasure at the happy rendering of the different characters. He, himself, was stage manager when an under graduate at his university, and Bro. John Clayton, who plays Max in "Mimi," was his coach. We hope our readers will go and see this pretty comedy, and feel sure they will endorse our views. *Leo Chillingham* (Mr. Kyle Bellow) is the son of a rich lady of fashion, who has brought him up from childhood with the intention of marrying *Lady Maud Kennedy*, but he has seen a gipsy girl, and fallen in love with her, and married her after gipsy fashion, not in a church, but under the great heaven at full moon, before the eyes of the whole tribe. His mother takes his loss so much to heart, as he does not let her know where he is, that she falls ill and is near death. She sends a young artist, *Sandy McElrath*, whose father is a well-to-do doctor, to find him out. This vagabond artist, as he calls himself, falls in love with a circus rider and marries her; but he feels *Leo* in his step has done something wrong, for he had fortune and position to keep up, so gladly accepts the task of finding *Leo*. He comes across him in his travels, by meeting his old college scout *Furridge*, who it is thought has murdered *Leo*, as they disappeared together. *Sandy* persuades *Leo* to leave *Mimi*, his wife, on the pretext of his mother's illness. He does so, his mother recovers, and is determined he shall marry the lady *Lady Maude*, who is desperately fond of *Leo*. At a ball given by *Lady Maude Kennedy* she makes *Sandy* draw something in her album and *Leo* wrote a verse. *Sandy* sketches from his memory the gipsy girl *Mimi*, whilst *Leo* composes a verse in her memory *Lady Maude's* jealousy is of course aroused, and she questions *Leo* about this girl, and wrings out of him a vow that he loves her better now than the gipsy. *Mimi*, who on losing her lover sought him far and wide, and became ill with brain fever, at last traces him to this grand house, and on the night of the ball is led upstairs by *Max*. She only wants once more to hear his voice, and see his face, and die. *Max* tells her she shall, and on his approach with *Lady Maude* on his arm, hustles her into a side room. *Lady Maude* suspects from *Max's* movements something wrong, and when all have left the room enters the side room, and then takes place a scene between two women, both earnest-jealous of one another and loving the same man. She orders the broken-hearted and now consumptive girl to have her house, but sends a footman to follow her. The man bursts into the room before the assembled guests in their rich ball costumes with the news that the girl has fallen into the canal. *Leo* now understands from *Lady Maude's* face who the girl is, and when *Lady Kennedy* asks him before the guests to declare his love to her (*Lady Maude*) like a noble man, he taunts her with having extracted a declaration of love for her from him, and declares he loves *Mimi*, and that she is his wife. Of course he searches for her, but without effect, her body not being found she cannot be dead. *Leo*, *Sandy*, *Max*, and *Furridge* take a garret to live in, their parents having cast them off. They are at the last stage, when *Sandy's* wife, *Mazepa*, who had gone to America on starring business returns, and brings a fortune of twenty thousand pounds, left by an uncle. She asks for her friend, *Mimi*, but they have no answer to give, as they don't know. She offers her fortune to prosecute the search, but it is unnecessary, for *Dr. McElrath*, who is in heart a good sort, attends her in a hospital, and knowing who she is informs *Leo*. She comes to them, but it is too late; disease, brought on by a broken heart, has done its work. *Mrs. Chillingham* and *Lady Maude* pay a visit and ask forgiveness for their cruel conduct, for *Mrs. Chillingham* declares *Mimi* is only acting a comedy in pretending to be ill at the loss of her husband, and says it is quite different when remonstrated by the doctor, who reminds her how ill she was at his loss. The doctor asks her to look on the picture of "Love, Poverty, and Purity" in the girl, and adds her disease is a complication of maladies incidental to virtue. Of course *Mimi* forgives everyone before she dies in *Leo's* arms. We cannot single anyone out as superior in acting. The whole cast is so good. Mr. Henry Neville, as *Sandy*, Mr. Cooper, as *Dr. McElrath*, Mr. Denny, as *Furridge*, Miss Carlotta Addison, as *Mazepa* (the amusing character), Miss Carlotta Leclercq, and Mrs. Bernard-Beere, as the *Lady Maude Kennedy*, together with those we mentioned before, deserve all the praise one can bestow. As our clerical friend said, the piece may have a long run, in spite of its unfavourable criticism. Bro. Dion Boucicault has given us another good comedy from his fertile brain.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BRIGHTEN.—On the 11th inst., at 95, Blenheim-crescent, W., the wife of Bro. Charles Ricard Brighten, of a daughter.
COX.—On the 11th inst., at 3, Dean-street, Park-lane, W., the wife of Mr. Frederick Augustus Cox, M.R.C.S. Eng., of a son.
HAWARD.—On the 13th inst., at 16, Savile-row, Burlington-gardens, the wife of Mr. Warrington Haward, F.R.C.S., of a son.
JEPPS.—On the 13th inst., at 18, Cedars-road, Clapham-common, the wife of Mr. Jas. W. Jepps, of a daughter.
KESWICK.—On the 13th inst., at 3, Hyde-park-gate, Mrs. Keswick, of a daughter.
SOWERBY.—On the 13th inst., at Snow Hall, the wife of Mr. T. C. J. Sowerby, of a daughter.
TESCHEMAKER.—On the 13th inst., at Hyde Lodge, Winchester, the wife of Mr. W. H. Teschemaker, of a daughter.
THOM.—On the 13th inst., at 298, St. Vincent-street, Glasgow, the wife of Mr. Robert Wilson Thom, of a daughter.
WARREN.—On the 11th inst., at 3, Glynde-terrace, Lavender-hill, Clapham, the wife of Mr. John Warren, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

MORGAN-BAXTER.—On the 15th inst., at St. Jude's, Kensal Green, W., by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Morris, M.A., William Wray Morgan, J.W. 1107, to Emma, Grace, second daughter of George Thos. Baxter, Esq.

DEATHS.

CROSSLEY.—On the 5th inst., at Bournemouth, Bro. James Crossley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, of Ripley, Derbyshire, aged 53. Friends will please accept this intimation.
FINCH.—On the 13th inst., at Hurst-grove, Twyford, Berks, Mr. Peter Finch, aged 41 years.
JONES.—On the 11th inst., at Fir Grove, near Ruthin, the Rev. James Jones, M.A., of Jesus College, Oxford, in his 79th year.
MOON.—On the 12th inst., at 148, Camden-grove North, Peckham, Mr. Richard Moon, aged 67.
MORTON.—On the 13th inst., at Earl's-court-gardens, Harriette Anne, widow of the Rev. Ralph C. Morton, aged 80.
PURDY.—On the 9th inst., at 173, Downham-road, N., Bro. Purdy, P.M. and Secretary Finsbury Lodge.
ROE.—On the 11th inst., at Warrior-square, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Mr. Henry Roe, aged 87.
STEVENS.—On the 12th inst., at 7, St. John's-street, Clerkenwell, Alfred Edwin, the son of William and Caroline Stevens, aged 25 years.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Sleigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, one of the Trustees of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, has undertaken to represent his province as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School in May next.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cheshire, was the recipient of an exceedingly handsome and appropriate presentation on the occasion of his celebrating his seventieth birthday, on Thursday, the 10th inst. There are few Provincial Grand Masters who deservedly enjoy a larger share of popularity than his lordship does in the extensive province over which he rules; and the brethren of the various lodges accordingly subscribed for the purpose of having his lordship's portrait painted by Mr. Frank Hall, of London. The likeness is a most admirable one, natural, forcible, and expressive, and its private exhibition at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Macclesfield seemed the admiration of everyone who witnessed it. The presentation of the portrait was made by Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.P.D.P.G.M.

At a meeting of representatives from several Masonic Bodies of Washington, D.C., of which the late Bro. President Garfield was a member, held on October 24th, in the library room of the Masonic Temple, Bro. E. L. Stevens was elected Chairman, and Bro. Mathew Trimble, Secretary, when the following resolution was adopted:—"That there be erected in the city of Washington an industrial home for the orphan children of Master Masons, to be known as the Garfield Masonic Memorial Institute, where the orphan children of Master Masons of the United States may be provided with a home and education, or other such benevolent purpose as the Board of Directors may deem proper and expedient. That for legally carrying the above-named object into effect, an association shall be incorporated, to be known as the Garfield Memorial Association, under the general incorporation act of the district.

Comp. John White, the H. of No. 228, was at the last convocation of the chapter unanimously elected as M.E.Z. The installation of Comp. White into this high position was to have been on Tuesday next. A serious and dangerous illness has, however, befallen the M.E.Z. elect, who, after five weeks' confinement to his house, has, under medical orders, gone to St. Leonard's, hence his installation must be deferred.

Bro. Kendal will, it is expected, produce a new comedy at the St. James's Theatre early in the coming year, which is being written by Mr. Pinero.

Bro. Augustus Harris, lessee of Drury Lane Theatre, was married on Wednesday, the 9th inst., to Miss Florence Rendle, daughter of the late Mr. N. A. Rendle, who had an interest in the theatre. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in Paris.

Bro. Hyde Clarke has been elected a member of the Asiatic Society.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., in the absence of Mrs. Marshall, through indisposition, laid the first memorial stone of a new Baptist church at St. Albans, and contributed a cheque for £75 towards the building fund.

The thirty-first concert of the Great Western Railway Musical Society, which is under the presidency of Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, will take place at the Ladbrooke Hall on Friday, December 2nd, and a very pleasant evening is anticipated. All particulars can be obtained from Bro. Dehane, W.M. 1543 and P.G.S. Essex.

Bro. E. D. Rogers, C.C., took the chair on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at the twenty-first anniversary dinner of the Ingoldsby Club, at Anderton's Hotel. This is one of the best amateur theatrical clubs in London, and has had amongst its members Bro. Toole and Bro. J. Albery, and other well-known actors and authors.

ERRATA.—In our report last week of the Shakespeare Lodge, 1009, Manchester, by a typographical error the name of the W.M. was inadvertently given as Bro. Frank A. Hult. It should read Bro. Frank A. Huet.

Bro. Henry Wright, 1827, on the nomination of Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.D., has been unanimously elected on the Freedom and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, and was allowed by the Court to take them both up on the same day. The Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis) dined with the Company on Thursday night.

Bro. Bancroft has now returned to London from his trip through Egypt and the East, and, with Mrs. Bancroft, enters upon the leasehold of the Haymarket Theatre to-day (Saturday) in the comedy, "A Lesson," and "Plot and Passion," by the late Bro. Tom Taylor.

The members of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, have subscribed a very handsome sum towards presenting Wor. Bros. Townsend, I.P.M., and A. L. Emanuel, Hon. Secretary, with a testimonial each for the indefatigable exertions used by them in the formation of that lodge, the constitution of which our readers may remember was honoured by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The presentation will take place at the next regular meeting, 1st proximo, at which several influential brethren are expected. The Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford, is having a large painting executed of all the officers in full regalia, which he intends presenting to the lodge. The brethren of the lodge have subscribed amongst themselves the sum of £30, with which they have purchased a most magnificent banner, worked in silver and gold thread on a blue silk velvet ground. The lodge possesses close upon ninety members.

Bro. J. Larkin presided at the meeting of the Aldersgate Club on Wednesday evening.

By a curious coincidence the surnames of each of the three principal officers in the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, Manchester, commence with the letter H, and are of four letters: Huet, W.M.; Hine, S.W.; and Hunt, J.W.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., arrived at Maritzburg, South Africa, on Thursday.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Mr. Sheriff Ogg have issued invitations to a dinner which will take place at Merchant Taylors' Hall on the 26th inst.

His Majesty Bro. King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has been graciously pleased to confer upon Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows the Commandership of the Second Class of the Order of Wasa, as an acknowledgment of services rendered by him during his Majesty's stay at Bournemouth last spring, as well as to Bro. the Crown Prince of Sweden during his visit to England. The insignia of the order were officially presented to Bro. Dr. Meadows by his Excellency Count Piper, the Swedish Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. James's.

Bro. Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire, was on Monday elected M.P. for Tiverton, in the place of the late Rt. Hon. W. N. Massey.

The following members of the Craft were amongst the company invited to the Lord Mayor's (Bro. Alderman Ellis) dinner, on the 9th inst. at the Guildhall. Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Lord Tenterden, Lord Kensington, M.P.; Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P.; A. Cohen, Q.C., M.P.; Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms; Sir Garnet Wolseley, G. B. Gregory, M.O.; Sir J. McGarel Hogg, M.P., Chairman Metropolitan Board of Works; Ex-Sheriff Bevan, Ex-Sheriff Shaw, Sir T. Chorley, H. W. Eaton, M.P., Ex-Sheriff Waterlow, Ex-Sheriff Burt, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clarke, Grand Sec.; A. J. Altman, C.C., I.P.M. 1857; Sir John Bennett, Ex-Sheriff Bayley, Alderman Hadley, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Washington Lynn, C.C.; Alderman Nottage, Alderman Stone, Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott, Alderman Staples, Ebenezer Saunders, Sir John Monckton, Horace Jones, W. H. Pennell, C.C.; Henry Wright, E. N. Johnson, C.C.; Major Sewell, P. Morrison, C.C.; J. Perkins, C.C.; F. G. Faithful and Frank Green, C.C., W.M. 1827, V.P. Board of General Purposes.

The High Cross Mark Lodge of Instruction meets at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on the first Wednesday in every month, at seven p.m. All Mark Masters are invited to attend.

It is announced that His Royal Highness Bro. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, will shortly visit the town of Sutton, in Surrey. The object of his visit will be to lay the foundation stone of a new church in the New Town of that rapidly-growing place. The church is to be called St. Barnabas, and is the outcome of several movements for the increase of church accommodation in Sutton, in which parish there will then be four churches—St. Nicholas, All Saints', Benhillon, the iron church in the Brighton-road, and St. Barnabas. The visit of the Prince is already causing much excitement in Sutton.

Bro. Alderman Sir Benjamin S. Phillips is amongst the latest arrivals at Radley's Hotel, Southampton.

At a meeting of the Studholme Chapter, Rose Croix, on Wednesday last, a valuable picture of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was presented to the chapter by the Chevalier Desanges. This distinguished artist has already presented a picture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Grand Lodge of England, and we understand that H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught has honoured him with sittings for a picture, which he purposes presenting to the Royal Masonic Girls' School.

We attended the service in the afternoon at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, last Sunday, at which Bro. Jeyrkyl presides with great *éclat*. The music is always fully choral, and is sustained by a most efficient choir of professionals, consisting of Bro. Winn, Messrs. Birch, Hopkins, &c. The boys wear scarlet coats, trimmed heavily with bullion lace, knee breeches, and shoes. The Marquis of Winchester, who is eighty years of age, and can read without glasses, and is as active as many men of fifty, was present at the service, at which he is a regular attendant.

Bro. Bryon is engaged writing a new comedy for Bro. J. L. Toole, to be produced at Toole's Theatre, lately known as the Folly.

Bros. G. H. Ramey and Sons, of the "Masonic Eclectic," of Alexandria, Virginia, propose to publish in book form the history of the last great campaign of the Revolution, with the account of the proceedings held at Yorktown, in connection with the memorial to be erected there in commemoration of the Surrender of Cornwall. The work will be entitled, "The Mason's Souvenir, or the Yorktown Centennial."

Bro. Wm. Holland, the people's caterer, is, by the permission of Bro. Augustus Harris, to have a great benefit at Drury Lane Theatre, on Wednesday, the 7th of December.

Bro. E. D. Anderton, the Prov. G. Secretary of Cornwall has signified to Bro. A. Luke, the W.M. of Fowey Lodge, that the Provincial Grand Master has granted a dispensation to the brethren of the Fowey Lodge and to visiting brethren to attend the unveiling of the Trefry Memorial Windows on the 30th inst.—St. Andrew's Day—in full Masonic Craft clothing. The service is to take place at three p.m., the preacher being the Rev. J. Barter, of Redruth. A collection will afterwards be made for expenses in connection with the fund. If the weather is propitious, it is thought there will be a large attendance, as the worthy doctor was greatly respected and esteemed by the brethren.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey, intend to start for a cruise in Mediterranean waters directly after Christmas.

Lady Alice Fortescue, sister to Bro. Viscount Ebrington, member for Tiverton, died on Monday at 20, Charles-street, Berkeley-square.

The gavel borne to Yorktown by New York's only representative, Bro. Goodall, and used in laying the foundation stone of the centenary memorial is worthy of all mention. It is of very dark wood, being a piece of the quarter deck of the United States frigate Lawrence, flagship of Commodore Perry, of Lake Erie fame. It was used in laying the corner-stone of the monument on the battlefield of Monmouth, and by Grand Master Anthony in laying that of the obelisk in Central Park. It is the property of the Masonic Veterans of New York City, of which Bro. George H. Fish is President.

Bro. Alderman Hadley has removed from 143, Queen Victoria-street, to 5, Knight-riding-street.

Bro. Bulkley Hughes, the octogenarian member for the Carnarvonshire Boroughs, is greatly improved in health, and the hon. gentleman, who is staying at Plas Goch, his Anglesey seat, is now doing very well, and requires only rest of mind and body to enable him to resume his attention to his duties.

On Saturday the election of Common Councilman took place for the Ward of Bridge Without, Alderman Sir Charles Whetham presiding. Bro. Henry Squire obtained fifty-eight votes, the other candidate M. A. Darlacher getting twenty-five. A poll was demanded by the latter. We have great pleasure in announcing that on Monday last the polling took place, when Bro. H. Squire was elected by a large majority.

Bro. the Very Rev. Dean of York (Pury Cust), Grand Chaplain, will preach on Sunday next 20th inst., in the morning at the chapel Royal Savoy, and in the evening St. Paul's Cathedral. We would recommend our readers to go and hear the Grand Chaplain at the latter place; service commencing seven o'clock, doors open at 6.30.

Bro. Irving is drawing crowds in Edinburgh to hear and see himself and Miss Ellen Terry. Every night a large number of persons have to go away without getting in the theatre.

The *Metropolitan*, in addition to a biographical sketch of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis), gives a portrait from a photograph by Bro. A. E. Fradelle.

Bro. J. E. Shand, W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Albion Lodge of Instruction, John-street, Berkeley-square, W., on the 20th inst. The lodge meets at seven o'clock.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart, M.P., presided at a grand evening concert held in the large dining-room at Wynnstay, Ruabon, on Friday, the 12th inst. Among the artists were Miss Williams Wynn and Miss Mary Nesta Williams Wynn, daughters of the baronet. There was a large company, including the *élite* of the neighbourhood. During the evening Bro. Sir Watkin presented an address and souvenir to the Rev. J. S. Raymond, on the occasion of his leaving the Wynnstay chaplaincy, in fitting terms.

The first Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was held at York, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., under the banner of the York Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John Woodall Woodall, M.A., J.P., appointed his officers for the coming year. The Treasurer was then elected, and other business transacted. The brethren subsequently dined together.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, Junior Lord of the Admiralty, distributed the prizes to the Naval Volunteers on board H.M.S. Dedalus, at Bristol, on Saturday last. He informed the corps that the Admiralty were considering the position of the naval volunteers of the country as to the desirability of granting them a capitation grant.

The Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction meets at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., on the second and fourth Mondays in every month at 6.30 p.m., Bro. Turquand, P.M., Preceptor.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside at the next anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum, Mackenzie Park, Slough, to be held in the spring.

Bro. the Rev. J. Jackson Wray, delivered his third lecture on "Æsop's Fables," entitled "Old Friends with New Faces; or, rare Old Æsop once more," at Whitefield's Tabernacle, Tottenham Court-road, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. E. F. Storr.

The Perfect Ashlar Lodge of Instruction, 1178, has been removed to Bro. Chicken's (W.M. Prosperity Lodge, 65), Jamaica Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey, S.E. The lodge meets every Monday evening, at eight o'clock precisely. Bro. W. Kent, P.M. 879 and 1571, Preceptor.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, 73, by Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 879 and 1623, on Wednesday, the 30th inst. As Bro. Pennefather will be assisted by many excellent workers, a highly successful meeting is anticipated. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely at the Horse Shoe Tavern, 7, Newington Causeway, S.E.

Mr. George Peckworth has executed, from special sittings, a highly-finished portrait of Bro. Francis G. Faithful, M.A., clerk of the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors.

The funeral of Bro. Purdy, P.M. and Secretary of the Finsbury Lodge, will take place on Monday next. The cortege starts from No. 173, Downham-road, at twelve o'clock.

At the weekly meeting of the Society of Telegraph Engineers and Electricians, on Thursday, the 10th inst., a paper was read by Mr. John A. Lund, on the system of synchronising clocks adopted in London, and elsewhere.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, 1625, on Monday, the 28th inst. Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623, will occupy the chair, and will be supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933 S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445 J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M.; T. Wooding, S.W. 1306, Preceptor; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.

On Thursday, Nov. 24th, Bro. J. Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.G., S.W. Herts, Norths, and Hunts, will work the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at the Crusaders (1677) Lodge of Instruction, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock on this occasion. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, November 26, 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, NOVEMBER 19.**
Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1556, Addiscombe, Harewood House, Croydon.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1767, Kensington, Courtheld Hot., Earl's Court Station.
Chap. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
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, NOVEMBER 21.**
Lodge 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
" 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

- 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, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, 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, NOVEMBER 22.**
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-fields.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1441, Joy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

- 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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
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 Edgumbe, 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 Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.**
Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Page Green, Tottenham.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 8, Air-st., W.
" 1036, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-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, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
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.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, 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, NOVEMBER 24.**
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hot.
" 838, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End, Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 8, Air-st., W.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, 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-crt., 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, NOVEMBER 25.**
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 509, Fitz-Roy, Hd. Ors. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
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.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**
Lodge 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
" 1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Queen's-rd., Teddington.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21.**
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**
Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1075, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.**
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24.**
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.**
Lodge 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26.**
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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