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It is impossible in this, our first appearance in 1882, not to renew our best wishes to all our kind friends for these now commencing twelvemonths, and also to remind them how very great has been our loss in old friends, and public and Masonic worthies alike, in 1881. The necrology of the *Times* for 1881 is alarming to read much more to realize; the more so, as one of our contemporaries has said, we have lost in 1881 some of the most remarkable personalities who have figured in the realms of royalty and religion, literature and law, the army and the navy, the arena of science or the service of the state. We need only recall the EMPEROR ALEXANDER, LORD BEACONSFIELD, MR. CARLYLE, MR. STREET, LORD HATHERLEY, GENERAL BENEDECK, PROFESSOR LITRE, LORD AIREY, SIR W. HEATHCOTE, SIR F. W. KARSLAKE, and our old Masonic friend, MANOAH RHODES, to keep before us the appositeness and seasonableness of such monitory messages.

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As regards our other most needed and useful charities, the Boys' School has 215 boys already under care and education, and in April the probable number of candidates will not be less than seventy, while the vacancies will only, unfortunately, be fifteen. Every exertion should be made to aid the authorities, and if possible help forward the junior school. In the Girls' School there are now 233 inmates, and there will be twenty-eight candidates at the next election, and twenty-one vacancies, a very happy state of things in itself, but pointing to the serious responsibility attaching to those entrusted with keeping up the necessary expense of so large a number of orphans.

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THE returns of the Lodge of Benevolence for 1881 are very striking. It has, as we said last week, distributed during the last twelve months £9813, for 328 cases. The highest amount voted was, it seems, in November, when £1630 were allotted to fifty-five cases; the smallest amount was in September, when £365 was given to sixteen cases. In 1880, £9223 were voted to meet 306 cases, but in 1881 the Lodge of Benevolence voted more than in 1880, by £540; and, owing to its excess of expenditure over income, it has had to take £3000 from its invested resources of £50,000.

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THE attention of our readers may well be called to an official statement that the receipts of our Three Great Masonic Charities, from all sources, for the year 1881 amounted to £43,294 14s. Of this goodly sum the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had received £17,736 19s. 6d., the Boys' School £12,993 9s. 11d., and the Girls' School £12,557 4s. 7d. It is noteworthy that the amount received in 1881 is less than the amount collected in 1880 by £6467 17s. 5d., and less than the total of 1879 by £1287 17s. 9d. These are facts worth a good many "figures of speech," and deserve the attention and consideration of all who value and admire the work and labours of English Freemasonry.

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THE Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will take place in February next, and for which the first meeting of its Board of Stewards took place on Thursday, will deal with the interests of that important and valuable Charity, which is truly valued by English Freemasons. It has now on its list more than 300 male and female annuitants, and at the next election there will be 112 candidates—46 men and 66 widows—and only vacancies for 14 men and 7 widows. Something should be done by its friends to try and increase the number of annuitants to be elected.

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In a letter from the *Times'* correspondent at Paris, in the issue of Saturday last, appear one or two passages relative to Monsieur Brisson, now the President of the French Chamber of Deputies, which seem to demand a notice in the *Freemason*. In one passage the correspondent says of him, "He now wields the great and growing influence of Freemasonry." In another he adds, "There was not a single vote against him, nor will there be many whenever he chooses to make Freemasonry ascend to the Presidency of the Republic." These two significant remarks, covering a good deal in a few words, point to results alike serious and regrettable to Freemasonry in France. As an axiom of Masonic law, clear, and indisputable, and unchanging, it may be premised safely that in whatever country or in whatever form Freemasonry has mingled or interfered with politics it has invariably "come to grief." Its aims and its mission are properly entirely unpolitical; and whenever it leaves its own high vantage ground of pure philanthropy and universal beneficence, and touches the turbid stream of the party politics of the hour,

(just as pitch defiles), or descends into the noisy arena of conflicting sectionalism or overpowering passions, its use and blessings for the world are lost for the time altogether, sometimes irrevocably gone. It was always feared that certain proceedings in French Freemasonry had a concealed political bias and end. It was known to those who had been behind the scenes, that starting from the hateful "Morale Independante" of MASSOL, and the intrigues and ill-concealed manoeuvres of political professions as displayed during the empire in the Grand Orient, culminating in the absurdities enacted during the degradation of the Commune, there was a violent party in French Freemasonry of "libres penseurs" and "tetes exaltes" who were determined to render Freemasonry subservient to the fleeting follies of a revolutionary excitement, to ignore its true principles, and to drag it into the dirt. It is but fair, however, here to the Grand Orient to bear in mind that officially it had nothing to do with such ridiculous and insane proceedings. Its authority was defied, its prestige was departed, and it sunk for a time into utter abeyance and impotency. Subsequently certain mournful and destructive changes were announced,—that outcome of Masonic Nihilism which agitated French and alarmed Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. The present state of French Freemasonry is deplorable, in that it has abjured the great landmarks of Freemasonry, and is now, as far as we can see or safely say, a secret political Society, with this peculiarity,—that it is tolerated by the State. We hear, on good authority, that a large number of respectable citizens and good Freemasons have left the lodges, and we fear that at the present moment,—it is useless to conceal it,—no Anglo-Saxon Mason true to his undertakings can safely enter into or co-operate with the French lodges. We sincerely deplore such a state of things, as it is not difficult to predict either the inevitable tendency or assured result of such a prostitution of Freemasonry.

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It may be asked, we think, fairly enough, "What do you consider the great landmarks of Freemasonry, inasmuch as you are constantly deprecating changes and innovations, and denouncing the oblivion of time-honoured declarations?" The whole of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry existing at the moment we write dates truly and really, be it remembered, from the revival in England of 1717. France, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, North America, South America, and the entire East have derived their actual jurisdiction from original English warrants. And though we do not deny the inherent power of any Grand Lodge or governing body to introduce mutations and amendments in its laws, rendered necessary by the lapse of time or altered circumstances, we yet have a right, as there is a sort of "mutual contract" in Freemasonry, to require adhesion to what have been the unchanging tenets of Freemasonry all the world over. These, briefly stated, are acknowledgment and reverence of T.G.A.O.T.U., loyalty to the Supreme Authority of the State, abstention from secret conspiracies or revolutionary associations, a respect for religion, order, law, the sacred theory of entire toleration, and a religious principle of universal sympathy and humanitarian benevolence. Let us test Freemasonry by these few and simple "works," the "works," we make bold to say, of "true" or "spurious" Freemasonry, and then we can rejoice to think that we are honest members of that great Anglo-Saxon Fraternity, which is at this hour so loyally and so manfully upbearing the goodly standard of true Freemasonry in the world.

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UNDER the genial "regime" of our esteemed and distinguished Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, the Order of Constantine seems to be flourishing and progressing. Its last official report clearly and tersely records both its past struggles, its present position, and its future hopes.

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A VERY important decision was come to at the last monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, though we understand it is not a new one, which, as it must affect a large number of similar cases and candidates, we think it well to advert to to-day. The petition for a child's admission on the list of candidates sets forth that the father had subscribed for four years, then "demitted" on account of poverty, and so died out of Masonry, but the petition claimed admission for the child under Law 55. Now Law 55 says this: "No girl shall be eligible for election unless the father has been a subscribing member to a lodge for seven years, except in the case of death, fire, shipwreck, or of his having become afflicted with blindness, paralysis, or other infirmity during such membership, permanently incapacitating him from earning a livelihood." The petition was rejected on the ground that the child was ineligible because the father died out of Masonry, that is to say, that his death did not occur during his Masonic membership, or that he had not subscribed seven years previously to his leaving Masonry. The law, as it stands, contains a qualification, and two exemptions from the qualification, which is a "sine qua non," which we have given. It may, however, be a question how far the word "death," &c., is governed by any expressed condition of "membership," if strictly interpreted it does not do

away with any test of seven years. In the second exemption, the word "membership" alone applies to that special exemption, and not to "death," &c., the paragraph being an alternative and additional "exemption," and is separated from the previous context by the disjunctive "or." It was urged that there was nothing to limit the "death" to the seven years; but it was replied, that Masonic membership was intended "ab initio," and that if a brother left Masonry, not having subscribed seven years, and died out of Masonry, the child was ineligible. This view all but unanimously prevailed, and the petition was rejected, as we are told similar petitions have been rejected before. We need hardly point out the importance of this distinct ruling and decision, and think it well to call attention to the fact, for the information both of metropolitan and provincial readers.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 5th inst. There were present: Bros. W. Clarke, G.P.; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Joseph Storey, P.P.G. Supt. Kent; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; George Mickley, F.M. 449; William Lake, P.P.G. Registrar Cornwall; Edgar Bowyer; Henry Faija, P.M. 1540; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; Wm. Grove, W.M. 749; W. R. Crozier, P.M. 433; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1326; James Coopes, W.M. 55; H. R. Cooper Smith, P. Prov. G. Warden, Oxon; F. R. Charubon, P.G.W. Berks and Bucks; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 1804; J. Drew Bear, J.D. 1548; R. A. Morgan, S.W. 1671; G. Macdonald, Z. 1275. J. H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; G. P. Festa, S.W. 1900; F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1124; C. Belton, J.W. 777; R. Lambourne; Wm. Vincent, P.M. 1194; T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; Benj. Turner, W.M. 1328; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Bedford Lemere, W.M. Confidence; R. Barham, W.M. 144; J. F. Van Raalte, P.M. 917; R. D. Cummings, J.D. 1677; H. Carman; J. Poulton, S.W. 1056; Thos. E. Taylor, P.M. 161; J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; Geo. R. Watts, P.M. 194; Jas. Terry (Secretary).

Bro. W. Clark, G. Pursuivant, was elected President, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.W. Herts, Treasurer, and the amount to be deposited by each Steward to the Festival Fund was fixed at £2 2s.

The Secretary announced that H.R.H. the Grand Master had sanctioned the alteration of the date of the festival from Wednesday, the 22nd, to Tuesday, the 21st February, the former being Ash Wednesday.

The Musical Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Dr. Meekley, J. W. Baldwin, E. F. Storr, Cleaver Hastings Miller, George Kenning, and Bedford Lemere.

The next meeting was fixed for Friday, February 10th, at 4 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

On Wednesday afternoon, according to annual custom since Bro. James Terry has been Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the New Year's entertainment to the inmates of the Institution at Croydon was given in the hall of the Institution. For some years past it has been the desire of Bro. Terry to give greater accommodation to the inmates and the visitors, on the occasion of the New Year's and summer entertainments. When they were first projected the visitors, who were really the subscribers to the entertainment, the funds of the Institution not being infringed upon for the purpose—only amounted to some nine or ten, but the entertainment proving very successful, the subscribers became more numerous, and, consequently the visitors increased in number. The hall of the Institution was, in fact, the room used for the purposes of the Committee, and when originally built was more than large enough for the uses to which it was to be applied; but when a little rejoicing at the opening of the New Year was provided for the old people, it was at once seen that if it grew in proportion the dimensions of the hall were not large enough for anything like an extended festivity; and after the visitors had for some years endured a good deal of crowding with the utmost equanimity, seeing that it was not for their pleasure but for that of the old people they attended, Bro. Terry laid before his Committee a proposition for enlarging the room. The scheme ripened, and the result is that since the last summer entertainment the whole of the offices to the rear of the hall have been thrown into it, so as to make one large room, while the approaches are a portion of an extra building added to the old structure.

The appearance, on entering the main doorway, is of a much superior character to that presented in the old building. Facing the entrance is a staircase in the centre, branching off at the first flight of stairs to two staircases right and left, and, on reaching the first floor, retiring rooms, with every convenience, are fitted up on either side. Doors similar to the old doors of the hall are in the centre, and, at the same time, there is an entrance to the hall from the retiring rooms on the left. The accommodation which is added by the alterations will allow of at least fifty or sixty more persons being seated with comfort than in the old room. The ceiling is divided into squares, and two large fireplaces afford the means of both warming and ventilating the hall with perfect comfort to the occupants of the room.

The brethren, ladies, and non-Masons who were present, most of whom went down to Croydon in special saloon carriages kindly attached by the South-Eastern Railway Company to the 1.9 p.m. train from Cannon-street, were: C. Dagoussat, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. Charles James Perceval, Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M. 554; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Bro. W. H. Tatter-hall, Bro. Edward Davies, Bro. H. W. Alford, Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 1978, &c.; Bro. Joseph Steele, Bro. W. W. Morgan, jun., and Mrs. W. W. Morgan, jun., Bro. Charles Lacey, P.M. 1421; Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, and Mrs. F. R. W. Hedges, Bro. J. Constable, P.M. 185; Miss Kate S. Terry and Miss Constable, Mrs. Terry, Dr. H. J. Strong (House Surgeon to the Institution), Bro. W. H. Wallington, P.M. 850; Bro. Charles W. Smythe, Miss Ellen Webster, Mrs. C. J. Newton, E. E. Boulter, Jessie E. Terry, Mrs. H. M. Mason, F. Steward, Miss Constable, Miss E. H. Culmer, E. Webster, Bro. Ernest R. Davies, Miss M. C. Terry, Mrs. Emma Pulett, Bro. James Cutbush, and Mrs. Cutbush, Mr. John Pulett, Bro. George Bolton, Bro. John Henry Leggott, Mrs. C. W. Smyth, Mrs. Leggott, Mrs. Bolton, Bro. H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*), Mrs. H. Massey, and Miss A. R. Massey, Mrs. E. J. Allen, Mrs. W. Wallington, and Miss M. Wallington, Mr. C. Townsend, Bro. Thos. W. C. Bush and Mrs. Bush, Bro.

J. R. Gallant and Mrs. Gallant, Mrs. Tattershall and Master Tattershall, Mr. James E. Terry, Mr. A. Faul, Bro. Thomas J. Barnes, P.M. 552 and 933; Bro. John J. Berry, P.P. 554; Bro. G. H. Stephens, Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Bro. F. Binckes, Bro. C. F. Matier, Bro. Charles Daniel, and Miss Daniel.

Bro. Terry was in attendance at the arrival of the visitors, and gave them all a hearty welcome.

At two o'clock the inmates of the institution were summoned by sound of bell to partake of banquet, and on their having taken their seats, Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon to the Institution, announced that the hall had been enlarged for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, and he then proclaimed it open, and withdrew a curtain which concealed a tablet placed over the doors, recording the fact of the enlargement of the hall.

Dr. Strong afterwards presided at the banquet, which was most liberally supplied. The lady visitors sat down with the old people, and Bro. Terry and Bro. Cubitt assisted Dr. Strong as carvers of the viands. The other brethren formed themselves into a board of general assistants, and with a strong body of waiters administered to the wants of the guests.

When the banquet was over, Dr. Strong gave "The Health of the Queen," and next "The Founders of the Feast," pointing out that the expenses, with the exception of a small sum, were provided voluntarily by friends of the Institution. To the liberality of those friends he passed a high eulogium, and congratulated the Institution on having found such a number of warm supporters.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER responded, but stated that there were many who more deserved than himself to have their names coupled with the toast.

Bro. STRONG then proposed "The Health of the Warden (Bro. Norris), and the Matron (Miss Norris)." He stated that only those who had visited the Institution could have the high estimation which he had of the services of both the Warden and Matron. Their services to the Institution had been most advantageous, as they had contributed greatly to the comfort and happiness of the annuitants who were resident there. To the Matron, he must say their great thanks were due for the banquet that day, as it was under her superintendence that it was prepared, and with the appliances at her command it was wonderful how perfectly she had succeeded.

Bro. NORRIS replied, and speaking especially on behalf of his daughter, said, she deserved every kind thing that could be said of her. Perhaps he might look at her through a coloured medium, but still he could not help saying she had been a treasure. Respecting himself, it was scarcely necessary to say he had been a resident at the Institution for twenty years, and having attained the position of Warden, he endeavoured all he could to promote the welfare and happiness of his co-inhabitants. He believed he had, in some measure, succeeded; at least, the proposition of his health in such kind words made him believe it. All the residents had but one common feeling of gratitude, and affection, and respect for the Committee and the kind friends who looked after them so tenderly. They were really like children there, for there was scarcely a thing they could ask for that they did not get.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART proposed "The Health of Dr. Strong," who he said was ready at the beck and call of the old people at the Institution. He took a great interest in the Institution, and the Committee and all the subscribers of the Institution were proud of him. His services were invaluable. He received nothing for those services, which were given entirely for the love of Masonry and of the Institution.

Dr. STRONG said in reply that it was one of the most pleasing duties he had to perform to look after the inmates of this Institution. He trusted he had studied their welfare and happiness. In fact, he knew he had done so, by the kind expressions which had fallen from the brethren in time past and on the present occasion. He only trusted he might have health and strength to follow in the same course as he had hitherto pursued.

The old people and the lady visitors then retired, and the lady visitors spent the afternoon in visiting the old folks and taking tea with them, while the brethren, who had devoted their attention to the comfort of the annuitants, partook of a repast. As none of these little refreshments in Masonry are allowed to pass without a speech or two—

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., the Chairman of the House Committee, who presided, proposed as a toast, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," to which

Bro. TERRY responded. He stated that at his last festival West Yorkshire came forward with £3,560, and the total of the subscriptions for the year were £14,000. They had seen by the papers that the Institution, in the course of the year 1881, had received £17,738. The announcement at the festival of the subscriptions was £14,100; but they had received £14,900, or £800 in excess of the announcement. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, had worked hard, and he obtained the second place on the list. When the year 1882 was ended a very grand result would take place in connection with Bro. Binckes' Institution. The Institution would then, very probably, shift places, but he (Bro. Terry), was looking forward to the results of this year with a large amount of misgiving. There must be a drop of £3,000 in the announcement the Benevolent Institution would have to make, as West Yorkshire last year sent up £3,560. Fortunately at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, an additional £800 a year would now come into the coffers of the Institution, which would enable it to enlarge its scope. But then they had 112 applicants for the next election, and only twenty-one vacancies; such a list as had not yet been exhibited to the Masonic world. The Boys' School and the Girls' School massed together could not make such a list, and therefore he thought that there was no Institution so worthy of support. Not disparaging the other Institutions, he ventured to say, in the presence of its strong supporters, there was not one institution that was more worthy of support. He wished the Boys' and Girls' Schools every success. He wished to state that since the institution of this entertainment, the brethren at Manchester had contributed £10 a year to its expenses, and had at the same time established a similar dinner to the aged brethren and widows there, and at the present time such a dinner was being given to them in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

Bro. BINCKES, who was loudly called for, said he only wished to say one word, as he was reluctant while the brethren were enjoying the hospitality of the friends of the Institution to say anything in the shape of a competitive speech to that of Bro. Terry. He wished he could demolish every word of Bro. Terry, and say there was no Institution like the Boys' School. But it would ill become him on an occasion like that to do so. For twenty-five years he had advocated the cause of the Boys' School and other institutions, and placed them all on a common footing. He did not wish to destroy that platform. Bro. Terry had spoken of the £3,560 from West Yorkshire to his Institution. The Institution had been still further benefited by an additional

grant of £800 a year from Grand Lodge. From the very moment he first heard of the Girls' School, that Institution had been, and always would be, the very centre that appealed to the softer feelings of the brethren. He hoped that Institution would ever be maintained in pride and prosperity, and he thanked God that there was not one of the Institutions that would ever lack the support it deserved if they only convinced their friends at large that the Institutions were managed with no other object than that their recipients should receive the greatest possible benefit.

Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE proposed "The House Committee," and congratulated those brethren on having succeeded so admirably in adapting the building to the requirements of these periodical entertainments.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART replied, and explained the different alterations that had been made. He concluded by thanking the brethren who had founded the feast for the repetition of their hospitality.

In the evening an entertainment was given by the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers and Glee Singers, under the direction of Mr. Harry Tipper, the corps consisting of Messrs. F. James, J. Wise, H. Sidney, and C. M. Fletcher. The entertainment, was greatly relished by both annuitants and visitors. Bro. Binkes also gave "Othello's address to the Senate," and Miss Strong, Miss Stewart, and Miss Terry, with other friends of the Institution, performed some beautiful music and sang some delightful songs.

In the interval between the parts the company were regaled with refreshments, and at the conclusion thanks were proposed to Bro. Terry, who responded, and again advocated the claims of the Institution, and to the House Committee, to which Bro. Raynham Stewart replied. During the evening the following telegram was received from Manchester, and read by Bro. Terry to the company:—"Hooper and Co., Manchester, to James Terry, Freemasons' Institute, Croydon. The old folks thank you for your message, and are now drinking good health to you all, wishing you a Happy New Year."

The visitors returned to town—after shaking hands with and wishing "A Happy New Year" to all the residents at the Asylum individually—in the special saloons attached to the 10.36 p.m. train, South Eastern Railway.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORFOLK.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Norfolk held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 8th ult., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Z. Unanimity Chapter, No. 102, Prov. G. Superintendent; E. Comp. Col. Bignold, P.Z. 52, Prov. G.H.; and E. Comp. Ham:an le Strange, 32^o, P.Z. 10, Prov. G.J. They were assisted by the officers, as follows: E. Comps. Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. 213, Prov. G.S.E.; Geo. Baxter, H. 213, acting Prov. G.S.N.; Richard Martins, P.Z. 100, acting Prov. G.P. Soj.; Geo. Smith, P.Z. 102, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. J. Pole, P.Z. 102, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; William Patrick, P.Z. 102, Prov. G. Treas.; Geo. S. Woodwark, P.Z. 107, Prov. G. Registrar; C. T. Ives, P.Z. 107, Prov. G. Std. Br.; A. J. Berry, H. 807, acting Prov. G. Swd. Br.; James Dunsford, P.Z. 213, Prov. G. D. of C.; S. N. Berry, P.Z. 807, Prov. G. Org.; J. B. Bridgman, J. 807, acting Prov. G. Steward; Comps. George Green, N. 807, acting Prov. G. Steward; R. Baldrey, E. 213, acting Prov. G. Steward; James E. H. Watson, J. 213, acting Prov. G. Steward.

Among those present, in addition to the above, were Comps. H. J. Barwell, Z.; G. B. Kennett, I., P. E. Hansell, H. C. Riches, Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., and Qtr.-Master F. Mills, of Royal George Chapter, No. 52; C. W. Morris, Z., G. W. Page, H., and Henry Green, of Philanthropic Chapter, No. 107; Joseph Stanley, Z., Thos. Isley, G. W. G. Barnard, J. J. Hosken, and H. Burgess, of Perseverance Chapter, No. 213; H. A. W. Reeves, Henry Rosling, Jefferson Holt, G. J. Berry, H. Thoulless, Jesse Weyer, J. Hoborough, M. I. Bailey, Joseph Guyton, and John W. Browne (Freemason), of Cabbell Chapter, No. 807.

Among the visitors were: the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.Z., Prov. G. Superintendent Suffolk, Major Oakes, Z., Prov. G.H. Suffolk, George Thompson, P.Z., of the White Rose Chapter, No. 1008; F. C. Atkinson (Organist Norwich Cathedral), of Charity Chapter, No. 302; and Dr. S. P. Crosswell, P.K. of Chapter 620 (Dublin).

His Lordship, with his officers and all Comps. holding the office of Z. and P.Z., entered the lodge room about four o'clock, and opened Prov. Grand Chapter in ancient form. The companions below the chairs then entered the lodge room, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The roll of chapters was called, and every chapter in the province proved to be represented.

Comp. Wm. PATRICK then read the account of P.G. Chapter, which showed a satisfactory state of finances.

Comp. G. S. WOODWARK, the Prov. G. Registrar, read his report of Royal Arch Masonry, and which showed a great increase of exaltations during the past year, and the province declared to be in a prosperous condition.

Comp. W. Patrick was then unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT then declared the offices of Prov. G. Chapter vacant, and proceeded to appoint his officers, who were duly elected amidst the plaudits of the companions.

E. Comp. H. I. Barwell being duly obligated, the officers appointed were as follows:—

Comp. H. le Strange	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. G. Barwell	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Edwin Baldwin	...	...	...	Prov. G. S.E.
" George Baxter	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Richard Martins	...	...	...	Prov. G. Prin. Soj.
" C. W. Morriss	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st Ass. Soj.
" W. J. Pole	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd Ass. Soj.
" W. Patrick	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treasurer.
" J. Stanley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
" John Bayer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" A. J. Berry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Dunsford	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. N. Berry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Organist.
" J. B. Bridgman	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" Geo. Green	...	...	...
" R. Baldrey	...	...	...
" J. E. H. Watson	...	...	...

His LORDSHIP, before closing the chapter, expressed himself highly satisfied with the success of the province, and thanked the Comps. for the reception they had given him. He also expressed his thanks to Ex. Comp.

E. Baldwin, P.G.S.E., for his indefatigable exertion in promoting the welfare of R.A. Masonry in Norfolk, assuring the Comps. that to his labours must be accredited the success of the meeting as of the province.

M. E. Comp. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, in the course of the proceedings, spoke in favour of the general success of the meeting, and invited a friendly intercourse between the Companions of Norfolk and Suffolk, giving a general invitation for the Comps. of Norfolk to visit Prov. G. Chapter of Suffolk, who, he assured them, would be received with a warm and hearty welcome.

The chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form.

The Comps. then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most recherché banquet had been prepared by the steward of the club, Comp. E. Wilkins, at the conclusion of which the usual Royal Arch, loyal, and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

HIS LORDSHIP, in giving the toast of "The Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," congratulated the Comps. and himself upon the high honour in having at its head so distinguished a personage, observing that inasmuch as it was a fact H.R.H. resided amongst them, he was sure H.R.H. would be pleased to hear of the general success of this meeting, which his Lordship promised to communicate to him.

Other toasts followed in due course, and the meeting broke up at about eleven o'clock.

Some pleasing glees were rendered by the comps. of the Cabbell Chapter: Comps. Hy. Thoules, H. A. W. Reeves, J. W. Browne, S.N. Berry, and A. J. Berry, and some excellent songs were given by M.E. Comp. Rev. C. J. Martyn; Comps. J. S. Offord, F. C. Atkinson, Robt. Baldry, G. J. Berry, and others.

We congratulate his Lordship on his successful meeting, as evidently showing him to be a general favourite with the Masons of Norfolk. We have before had occasion to render him a similar tribute, and are assured that his presence at any meeting would be an honour not lightly esteemed by any lodge or chapter at which he might be pleased to be present.

We would also congratulate E. Comp. E. Baldwin, P.G.S.E., on the general success of his labours, and, looking at his past career in Masonry, assure him he has the warmest thanks of all Masons, whether of Royal Arch or in Blue Masonry.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED BRETHREN LODGE, No. 1923, AT MALTA.

The consecration ceremony of this lodge took place on Friday, the 23rd ult., at Beaconsfield House, St. Julian's, Malta. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and the bad state of the roads, a large number of the brethren, including many of the most distinguished Masons of the district, assembled to witness this interesting ceremony, the first of the sort that has been seen in Malta since the consecration of the Zetland Lodge in the year 1846.

The District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. William Kingston, having arrived, District Grand Lodge was formed in procession, entered the lodge room, and was received in the usual manner, under the able direction of Bro. Hewson, as District Grand Director of Ceremonies. The consecration was then proceeded with by R.W. Bro. Kingston, in the able and impressive manner for which he is so well known; and District Grand Lodge having retired, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room to do ample justice to a substantial repast, provided under the management of Bro. Hewson, S.W.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly given and honoured, Bro. HEWSON, S.W., rose to propose "The Health of the D.G.M." He confidently predicted a successful future for the United Brethren—united not only in name but in fact—founded as the lodge was on pure Masonic principles, without regard to the external advantages of rank and fortune. He could not express the pride and pleasure he felt at having a Masonic lodge held in his house; and referring to the somewhat out-of-the-way situation of the house, he alluded humorously to the fact of several brethren having made their way into the wrong house when on their way to a meeting of the lodge. Bro. Hewson then proceeded to speak of the fact that he had, in the absence of his W.M., presided over the lodge and conferred Degrees, and of the unfavourable comments made on his doing so by many Masons in the district. He, however, was happy to inform his hearers that the Grand Lodge of England had decided that, in the absence of the W.M., the I.P.M., or any other P.M. of the lodge, the S.W. should confer Degrees, and that therefore the Masons he had made were as regularly and lawfully Masons as any in the Craft, and that, having had the advice of such experienced P.M.'s as W. Bros. Roe and Watson, he believed the ritual had been faithfully rendered. To return to the subject of his toast, he wished every success, happiness, and prosperity to the R.W.D.G.M. and his family, and he (Bro. Hewson) trusted that the distinguished subject of his toast would remain a near neighbour, and frequently honour the United Brethren with his presence.

The R.W.D.G.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Hewson for his cordial expressions of good will, and trusted that the future of the United Brethren Lodge would be as successful as their past. Although he had for twelve years occupied the post of D.G.M., the ceremony of consecration was not familiar to him, and he must, therefore, be excused for any little imperfections.

Bro. PAULSON proposed "The Health of the District Grand Lodge Officers and the Visitors Generally;" and short speeches, in reply, were made by W. Bro. Roe, P.M. 1604, W.M. 1926; W. Bro. Yeoman, W.M. 107, D.G. Reg.; Bro. Donovan, 398 and 1926; Bro. Pearce, W.M. elect 515, D.G.S. of W.; and W. Bro. Lippett, W.M. 387 (I.C.)

The S.W. next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Crabtree," congratulating him on his safe return from England.

The W.M. briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received him after an absence of several months, and concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the caterer for his great and praiseworthy exertions on their behalf that evening.

Bro. HEWSON, in reply, caused some amusement by his remarks to the effect that, in the United Brethren Lodge, the hyper-laudatory style of effusion was not encouraged, and that even if occasionally practised, it was done with a sort of reserve, which seemed to say, "you know it's all humbug, old fellow." However, to speak of the little he had done would be false modesty, for he had done a great deal, and he certainly believed that the brethren all liked him very well—(hear, hear)—even if they did not treat him to highly eulogistic speeches.

After several capital songs from Bros. Titmäs, Savin, and others, the brethren separated on good terms with themselves and each other, to find their way by the dark and muddy roads to their respective homes.

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Obituary of the late Bro. Professor Prag.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Australian Freemason," "The West London Advertiser," "Boletín Masonica del Grand Orient de Mexico," "Canadian Craftsman," "Liverpool Journal of Commerce," "The European Mail," "The Hull Packet," "Era," "Der Long Islaender," "New York Dispatch," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Keystone," "The Liberal Freemason," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular."

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MASONIC LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last, "Observer" gives his interpretation of certain points of Masonic Law and solicits opinions thereon. Two of his points seem to invite remarks. The first, "That the resignation of a member must be accepted although his subscriptions are in arrear."

In this I would remark that it seems too sweeping, as I think the bye-laws of most lodges provide for the mode of resignation, such mode generally involving payment of all arrears. The second, "That the Secretary of the lodge can also be a Deacon, and that the I.P.M. can be Treasurer or Secretary."

Remark. Why a Secretary may be a Deacon rather than any other officer does not here appear. The Book of Constitutions, after enumerating the Master Wardens, Deacons, &c., as officers of a lodge, says, "there must also be a Treasurer and Secretary." The word "also" seems to lead to the conclusion that the Treasurer and Secretary are intended to be individuals distinct from those before named. It is, I know, not an unusual practice to consider that a brother can only hold one appointment from the W.M., but that the office of Treasurer being on the election of the lodge may be held by any other officer, even by the W.M. himself. I can, however, find no distinct authority for this view in the Book of Constitutions, though it certainly seems a not unreasonable one, and should like to know the opinion of others.—Yours truly,

P.P.G. Reg.

THE RITUAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I agree with many of the remarks made by "Cestrian" in your last number, but we differ as to "ancient custom."

The "ancient custom" referred to in the lodge warrant is not the "ancient custom" of any private lodge, but the "ancient custom of the Craft in all ages." My contention is, that an *Installed Master only* can administer the obligation and communicate the secrets to a candidate for initiation.

I do not see how any mere Master Mason can do this, as it is quite contrary to his obligations in the Three Degrees. He must wait until he is placed in the chair of K.S., "according to ancient custom," then he can make Masons by virtue of the authority contained in the lodge warrant.

The principle contended for in this discussion is, I think, a very important one, and ought to receive the attention of the rulers of the Order, as I should suppose they will have amongst the ancient records materials for settling the point.—Yours fraternally,

January 3rd, 1882.

OLDHAM.

BEGGING MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having followed the advice given by the V.W. the D.P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, in a letter to the *Freemason* four or five weeks ago, will you allow me to state the result, as it appears to me to be the best means of detecting impostors, and stopping the practice of those unworthy brethren who tramp the country living on Masonic charity?

Bro. Richard Skinner, initiated in Lodge 589, Redruth, and joining member of Lodge 1486, Kingsbridge, called on me last week for relief. I asked him to leave his certificate, and call again; in the meantime I sent a telegram to the Secretary of the Kingsbridge Lodge—"Bro. Richard Skinner is here asking relief, says he is a member of your lodge. Is he worthy? Reply paid." When he called again I told him what I had done, and that I could not entertain his application until I received a reply. He went off in a hurry, and has never called for his certificate, nor have I seen him since. The reply was as follows: "Name erased; if you have anything to give, send it to wife and family here; home deserted; could do well."

Yours fraternally.

B. HUNN, S.D. and Almoner
Thames Lodge, 1895.

P.S.—Will you kindly say to whom I should send the certificate?

Reviews.

EGYPT OF THE PAST. By Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S. Kegan Paul, French and Co. Second Notice.

One of the great charms of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson's work on Egypt is, that it takes you lucidly and easily along the often intricate pathway of Egyptian history. Many of us to whom the annals and monuments of that interesting and remarkable people have ever been a "mystery, a marvel, and a delight," must feel very grateful to our Egyptological brother for having given them so much help in healthy studies and pleasant researches. One point, among many more, a very abstruse one, by the way, like a good Freemason, Sir Erasmus Wilson admirably elucidates and elaborates for us poor, hungry students of the still discoverable wonders of the Land of Mizraim. He alludes to the "Hyksos," or Shepherd Kings. There is a good deal of mystery attaching to them. Some have even in their too great zeal declared that they were the "Jews," forgetting that in so doing they invalidated the very testimony of the sacred writings they thought foolishly to "prop up." Idle theory! Let us always feel assured that the Scriptures need no support from man, though it is wise and proper to elucidate, illustrate, and unfold them by the appliances of human critical wisdom, and also the discoveries of archaeological research. The Hyksos seem to have been, as Sir Erasmus Wilson says, a semi-Asiatic horde. After the 12th dynasty, the 13th and 14th dynasty seem to have been "synchronous" one dynasty reigning at Thebes, the other at "Nois." The 13th dynasty, which had taken to the worship of the crocodile, "sebek," and was called after it, seems to have had eight kings, and the 14th 76, according to Manetho ruling 184 years, though practically under the control of foreign colonies on the eastern frontier of lower Egypt, and who paved the way for the 15th, 16th, and 17th dynasties all Hyksos. Ramesses II. has been identified by some as the king who knew not Joseph; while the king who received Joseph and his family is said, though why we know not, to have been one of the 18th "Hyksos" dynasty. We doubt it for various reasons. But we have already lingered too long amid these pleasant pages, and can only hope that others have found a much interest in the perusal of our distinguished brother's work as we, ourselves, have done.

OUR RIDE THROUGH ASIA MINOR. By Mrs. SCOTT-STEVENSON, author of "Our Home in Cyprus." With map. London: Chapman and Hall, Limited, Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, 1881.

No country has so deep an interest in the future of Asiatic Turkey as Great Britain, and that interest has been intensified since the close of the last Russo-Turkish war and the famous convention by which we have obtained, under the name of Protectorate, the sovereignty over Cyprus. No one can look for an instant at the map without being able to form some idea of the military importance of this island, situated, as it is, so proximately to the coasts of Syria and Asia Minor. Should it be found necessary at some time—nearer or more remote, as the case may be—for England to embark in a war with another Continental power, there is no gainsaying the geographical fact that Cyprus is admirably situated for purposes of offence and defence in connection with our status as an Asiatic power. However, be its importance great or small, there is nothing surprising that English folk, when they find themselves in a new country or within easy reach of one of which but little is known, should set about exploring it. Whether we inherit this spirit of adventure from our Saxon or our Danish ancestors is immaterial; it exists, and must be satisfied sooner or later; the satisfaction, in the majority of cases, following sooner rather than later.

It is, no doubt, owing to this love of enterprise that we are indebted to Mrs. Scott-Stevenson for this graphically-written narrative of a "Ride through Asia Minor." Apart from that curiosity which is said to be the special attribute of her sex, it was quite in the nature of things that she should make herself acquainted as soon as possible with the country which, for some time, at least, was to be her home, as well as with its resources and products, and the manners and customs of its people; and, having the pen of a ready writer, it was equally in the order of things she should publish to the world the knowledge thus acquired. But only an unusually adventurous woman would have undertaken the journey that is described in these pages—a journey that was both difficult and dangerous; difficult, owing to the country that had to be traversed, and dangerous, owing to the laxity of the Government and the fanaticism and predatory habits of some of its inhabitants. Indeed, the fatigue alone of journeying on horseback so great a distance would have deterred many people from

attempting it. However, she had faith in her own pluck and power of endurance, as well as in her husband's ability to protect her; and this faith it was which carried her safely through some very ugly adventures back to that "Home in Cyprus" she has described in a former volume.

The route followed by the tourists may briefly be described. The party, which originally included Dr. Johnstone, took steamer for Beyrout, where they were reinforced by Mrs. Bertram. Continuing their journey by sea to Tripoli, and thence to Alexandretta or Scanderoon, they obtained, after some difficulty, the necessary mounts, and made inland for Aleppo. Striking due north for Killis, they described a kind of rough semi-circle, *via* Aintab, Katur Hissar, Pullanick, and Jami Keuy to Missis, on the river Pyramus. Thence to Adana, whence they continued the journey to Tarsus, where Dr. Johnstone and Mr. Bertram left them, and Captain and Mrs. Scott-Stevenson, except as to the necessary guide and zeptiehs, completed the rest of the tour aione. The route from Tarsus lay north to Kaisariyeh—the ancient Cæsarea—and then by a devious road *via* Urgub, Nem Shehr, Nigdeh, Kiz Hissar, Eregli, and Karabunar, to the holy city of Koniah, anciently Iconium. From Koniah the adventurous pair travelled southwards to Karaman and then for Killindryeh, or Chelindreh, on the coast, a short, but as it happened, somewhat roughish sea-trip to Kyrenia, completing the tour. This much is clearly enough delineated in the very excellent map, by Lieut. Kitchener, R.E., of the journey with which the volume is furnished. But, as may be supposed, the bare particulars above given afford no insight whatever into the dangers and difficulties, or the pleasurable excitement experienced by the travellers in the course of their journey. For these the reader must look to the admirable, yet unpretentious, narrative of the author, who, sensible traveller that she is, is careful to record in sufficient detail all that is likely to interest her readers. Cities and towns, with their present and past associations and condition, the habits and customs of the people, their daily routine of life, their sympathies and antipathies to the foreigner, their mode of government or misgovernment, the products and resources, actual and potential, of the country, all these are placed before us in due order and in a narrative which is as easy and graceful in style as to all appearances it is truthful.

Of course, in the narrow limits of a review, it is impossible to do more than advance a few arguments in favour of one's judgment, and these arguments invariably take the form of references to, or quotations from the most important or most interesting passages. But there is so much that is important and interesting in the sense of being novel in the course of Mrs. Scott-Stevenson's story, and its tenour is so agreeably even from beginning to end, that we are somewhat in a difficulty in making a selection. We have marked several passages, but they are so numerous, and would occupy so much of our space if we quoted the half of them, that we must fain content ourselves with a selection haphazard. Thus, of the Jews' quarter in Aleppo, the author remarks:—

"This was, to me, rather an interesting, and more than rather a curious, sight. All the ladies were standing about or walking in the open space of ground outside the gate. We were much struck with their beauty, and I was fairly astonished at their wonderful complexions. Unfortunately, the sweet illusion did not last; for a nearer inspection showed it was all rouge. I certainly have never seen so much paint in my life as I saw that evening. Old hags of sixty were reddened, blackened, and whitened, and even had blue chalk lines on their temples to represent veins; whilst little dots of four and six had rouge on their downy little cheeks! At a distance the women looked lovely. Indeed, I saw some young girls who were quite beautiful—the dark shadows under the eyes giving them a brilliance that was almost unnatural, yet strangely fascinating. But again the dream was dispelled; this time by Mr. Boscawen, who demonstrated how unpleasant it may be to know too much of men, or, in this case, of women and their manners, for he entirely took the poetry from this vision of fair maidens, by assuring me that nearly all of them wore wigs. It appears that a Jewess is never allowed to show her hair except to her husband, and so, to save trouble, they have it shaved off."

Historically, Chapter IX., which is devoted to "A Day in Tarsus," is one of the most interesting. It is certainly one of the most famous cities of Asia Minor. The reader will call to mind at once its Biblical associations; but how many cities are there with whose history are connected such names as that of Sardanapalus, King of Assyria, its supposed founder, who, according to the legend, is said to have built it in a single day; of Xerxes and Alexander the Great, the latter of whom nearly died of a fever caused by bathing in the Cydnus; and of Frederick Barbarossa, whose death is attributed to the coldness of this same river? But these are not all. It is not known when Tarsus was made a Roman Colony, but Pompey made Cilicia, of which it was the capital, a Roman province. Julius Cæsar spent some time in it. Here it was that Marc Antony had his first interview with Cleopatra, when the all-too-fascinating Egyptian queen "appeared sailing down the river in a gilded galley, with purple sails and oars of silver." Augustus Cæsar made it a free city; Hadrian rebuilt it; Justinian surrounded the city with fortifications and constructed a canal through it; the celebrated Haroun-al-Raschid conquered it; his son, El Mamoun, who was so famous for his learning, died and was buried there, 833, A.D.—though the place of his burial is unknown; and, finally, it became subject to the Turks after the reign of Bayazid II. In addition, we are told, "It was the same centre of commerce in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean, as Marseilles was in the western. It possessed one of the three great universities of the world. Strabo ranks it before Athens and Alexandria. The imperial family of Rome used to select tutors for their sons from here." Now, however, owing to the encroachments of the sea, it is an inland town.

More interesting still is the account contained in Chapter XXII. of the visit to the College of the Mevledi dervishes at Koniah, and the mosque adjoining, erected to the founder of the sect. What they saw in the mosque must have been, as it is described, most magnificent. Thus, at the top of the mosque, "are three steps of solid silver leading to a kind of table or altar, which is covered with a most miscellaneous heap of riches—gold and silver cloths, rich embroidery, carved pieces of wood, mother-of-pearl caskets, cases inlaid with precious stones, gold and silver and ivory scimitars, engraved goblets and lamps—altogether a blaze of jewels and reflecting lights, a glow of colour, and a mass of richness that positively dazzles the beholder. In barbaric

magnificence it is unrivalled. The costliness and fineness of texture of such objects, the superb workmanship of many of the articles, make the whole group an ensemble of splendour which can hardly be surpassed. Above hang two Venetian chandeliers, with coloured flowers and leaves between the branches, the glittering colours being in harmony with the magnificence below." On leaving this they were conducted to the kitchen, where the dervishes gave them a specimen of their dancing, instead of in the regular dancing-chamber of the mosque, the author being the first woman that had been allowed to set her foot in that part of the College. Well may Mrs. Scott-Stevenson exclaim towards the close of the chapter, "Surely, the Turks can hardly be called fanatical after this experience of them in their most fanatical city!"

It must not be supposed that the journey was all smooth sailing. At Kaisariyeh, the people—not the authorities—showed themselves unmistakably ill-disposed, a fact to be accounted for by the bulk of the population being Armenians, who are sharp and over-reaching, and dislike Englishmen. As evidencing the first two of these characteristics, the tourists were told of the legend that the devil once visited this city, and "walked about the bazaar, delighted with the bustle and prosperity, and expressed himself highly gratified with his visit. Suddenly he put his hand to his head, and found his fez had been stolen; on further search his purse was gone; and when he went to put on his shoes he found that they, too, had disappeared. Thereupon, he declared that the Armenians were too much even for him, and decamped by the first araba he could find." But worse happened at times than a mere cold, inhospitable reception. Once an attempt was made to beguile them into a dangerous country, where robbers and cut-throats hid in numbers. Another time the araba on which they were travelling came to grief, the driver was nearly killed, and the author was reduced to a state of utter exhaustion. Then she was toppled into a rapid stream, and narrowly escaped falling into one that would have swept her away instantly. Another time Captain Scott-Stevenson felt it his duty to thrash an impudent scoundrel of a muleteer, who, mistaking his forbearance for cowardice, presumed upon using foul language. However, their difficulties and dangers were endured with the best grace possible, and the strength of the captain and the pluck of his wife carried them safely through one of the most arduous, yet interesting, journeys of which we have read an account. And having said this we take leave of Mrs. Scott-Stevenson and her story of "Our Ride Through Asia Minor."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

A MASONIC ALMANACK OR POCKET BOOK.

I possess a German "Almanack oder Taschen Buch," apparently of date 1777, though the figures are unfortunately rubbed out. It has no printer's name, but is issued "mit Genehmigung der Obern," putting you in mind of the Jesuit formula, "Permissu Superiorum," and is intended solely "for the Lodges." It contains an interesting account of the death of the well-known "Freiherr Von Hund," the names of sixteen nations of German Princes and Rulers, a list of Masonic works, the names of the Scottish lodges and their Masters, and also of the German Craft lodges, some Masonic songs with music, and one or two interesting German addresses, as well as some neat engravings of Masonic medals. One, however, of the main reasons why I allude to it is the reference it has to one Freemason's Calendar of 1775, from which it professes to take a long history of Freemasonry. I wish, therefore, to know if I can procure a copy of the 1775 Freemasons' Calendar.

MASONIC STUDENT.

INIGO JONES.

In the "Calendar of State Papers" from 1619 to 1623 (p. 172), there appears a letter, August 16, 1620, from Inigo Jones, Surveyor, and Thos. Baldwin, Comptroller of the Works to the Commissioners of Buildings. The abstract of the letter as given, is to this effect, that—"many Masons employed on the Banqueting House, Whitehall, have run away, and others will do so unless there be some punishment inflicted. Give the names of the ringleaders." This letter is dated from the Office of Works, Scotland Yard. Cannot this passage be verified by some student, and the names given? Has it occurred to anyone carefully to go through the rest of the "Calendar of State Papers" in respect of "Masons" or "Freemasons?"

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE TOAST SONG OF THE YORK LODGE (T.I.).

Discovered in an ancient pericranium formerly in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of York Cathedral.

We drink to the toast, the Lodge we love most,
Success to Old York—Now two, three, six,
Whose Masters can work, and Brethren of York,
All love, heart and soul, what's Masonic.

The Masons of York, are true-blooded stock,
And hail from the time of Prince Edwin.
Who everyone knows, our history shows
Enroll'd all his Masons as Craftsmen.

In York Minster Crypt, they learnt the true grip
Where Athelston gave them their charter;
And ne'er was ashamed, to hear himself named
Their Patron, their Friend, and their Father.

York Masons soon spread, in England's homesteads,
Taught freedmen Masonic progression,
Till th' days of Queen Bess—who sent Lords t'inquest
What on earth could possess th' York Masons.

The Lords were soon taught to knock and report,
And aprons put on, as true Masons;
They told that loved Queen—"there's nought that was
mean

"To be understood amongst Masons."

Now Brethren serene, we'll drink to our Queen;
The Royal Grand Master of Masons;
Lord Zetland and all, who're duly installed;
And th' good Old York Lodge of Freemasons.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—On Monday afternoon the annual meeting of the members of the above ancient lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect and transacting other important business. The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock by the W.M., when the following P.M.'s were present, viz., Bros. F. Dunn, T. Hines, W. Carr, J. Dann, and C. Roads; and among the members were Bros. G. Ford, J. Hartley, W. Richardson, W. Russell, J. Simmonds, W. Lloyd, W. Abrahams Cox, J. Gifford, P. Burgis, J. Braund, E. Williams, W. Whiffen, W. Stokes, D. Craddock, W. Morris, E. Boyton, A. M. Hiscock, F. G. Rooney, J. Tear, W. Haswell, E. R. Williams, W. Murrell, E. N. Lewcock, R. Brown, J. Yardley, G. Horton, J. Reid, A. Tear, and N. J. Craddock. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. M. Lott, P.P.J.W. 245, 1766 and 1929; H. Francis, P.P.J.D. Surrey, 857; W. Farthing, 55; W. Woodward Wellington, 543; C. V. Jones, Enock H. Rand, 720; T. Riddle, and J. Dixon, 1728; R. Voisey, 1641; A. Bellis, 1901; H. Willey Wright, S.W. 1827; H. Allen, J.D. 261; A. Reid, 1287; W. C. Davey, J.D. 1512; B. Hayne, 27; C. Wise and J. Turnbull, Southern Star Lodge; J. Brock, 975; J. M. Grisham, 1790; B. H. Lloyd, 753; R. Foster, 1441; W. Bennett, 177; F. Jovey, W. G. Barnard, 1815; T. Carrington, C. Portridge, and I. J. Brinton, J.D. 1329; T. Beddle and J. Rand, 720.

The minutes of the preceding lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. F. G. Craddock, T. S. E. Townsend, and Morris Vidal Portman, 1727, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The latter brother is about proceeding abroad, where he will fill an important diplomatic position, hence the reason of his being raised in this lodge. Afterwards Bro. J. W. Hartley was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Messrs. John Robert Cottrell, G. Horton, and W. Haswell were initiated, having been unanimously balloted for. The manner in which the W.M., Bro. Darch, performed these workings deserves much praise. The time occupied, owing to the great care bestowed, was considerable. The installation then commenced, which was performed by Bro. Nunn, P.M., for the thirty-fifth time. Bro. Nunn, P.M., was initiated in this lodge in the year 1847, and from that time down to the present he has devoted the utmost care and attention to the interests of the lodge, and no doubt, owing to his exertions, the lodge has not only attained, but maintains its present proud position. It would be a work of supererogation, under the circumstances, if were to detain our readers by attempting to enter into details associated therewith. Bro. L. Dodson, P.M., D.C., has been a member of the lodge for upwards of twenty years, and for a long series of years has, as Monday evening, directed the ceremonies with tact and ability. The installation was, therefore, instructive, solemn, and impressive, and those who were favoured to take part therein will cherish the remembrance thereof for many years to come we are confident. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed Master, Bro. F. Thurston, proceed to invest his officers for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed throughout in a most graceful manner. The investiture fell on the following brethren: Bros. A. Darch, I.P.M.; J. M. Bates, S.W.; E. Walker, J.W.; H. Salter, S.D.; N. Turner, J.D.; G. F. Jenkins, I.G.; C. Dodson, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Cox, A.D.C.; H. Webb, P.M., W.S.; W. J. Morgan, A.W.S.; Fox, Org.; H. Webb, P.M., Treas.; J. Nunn, P.M., Sec. The labours of the evening did not come to an end before eight o'clock; when the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to an adjoining-room, in which a banquet, for which this hotel is celebrated, awaited them. At the conclusion of the *recherché* repast, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and pledged, the W.M. prefacing each with some judicious and apposite remarks. "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by the National Anthem, being rendered by Bro. J. Tear in an efficient manner. "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," evoked a Jubilee fire; "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being also honoured right loyally. Bro. A. Darch, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He remarked that their W.M. elect, who had been unanimously chosen, and for whom each member of the lodge entertained the highest possible esteem, possessed every essential quality to enable him to fill the chair with honour to himself and advantage to the lodge; it, therefore, afforded him (the speaker) a great amount of pleasure to propose his health. They were fully aware that their W.M. had been most attentive to the duties which had already devolved upon him; in addition, they had all experienced his aptitude for business, and also the interest he felt in all that appertained to their Order. He was not afraid of labour, and would enforce that upon his officers—if need be—for their attendance to their respective duties. He had commenced his onerous duties under favourable auspices. They had had a year of prosperity—he might add an unusual one—and most sincerely did he hope that there would be a continuation thereof. They all, no doubt, hoped the same thing, but the events of the future no one could look into; a most merciful provision. Passing over many other matters they all knew that everything depended on the Master of a lodge as the motive power. They would find that quality in their Master. His amiable qualities would go far towards making his year of office a pleasing one. They were, one and all, glad to see him where he was, inasmuch as they deemed him worthy to fill such an exalted position. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment, said that he knew full well that in all sincerity they had pledged his health, and for which he heartily thanked them. Perhaps they would pardon a little egotism when he remarked that he felt proud to fill the position he at that moment occupied among them. Only six years had elapsed since his initiation in their midst. A question was then put to him—"Do you intend going forward?" to which he replied in the affirmative. He had gone forward. He had made up his mind what to do—if possible—and the result was patent to them at that moment. Perhaps some would inquire, "Why do you mention this?" His answer was, to endeavour to incite the younger brethren around him to do likewise. There had been abundant opportunities

during the period he had been in that lodge to make himself conversant with the duties associated with each office, and what he had observed, others could also observe, and follow onward to the chair as their goal, and then afterwards enjoy the rest attendant thereon. He knew a lodge which was in a stagnative condition, and, as a consequence, no one therein knew his duties. What was the result? When an initiate presented himself no one could perform the ceremony! That was, indeed, a lamentable state of affairs. It was impossible however, that that could be the case with those of the Royal Jubilee. He anticipated a year of happiness and unanimity, inasmuch as he had officers to assist him who were conversant with their duties. He could depend on their able and zealous co-operation. They possessed able hands and willing minds, therefore, under such circumstances he had nothing to fear. Their kindness extended to him that evening was a guarantee of what would ensue during the forthcoming year. The W.M. then called for a bumper, in order to drink "The Health of their I.P. Master, Bro. Darch." He did not desire to make any invidious remarks, but he was confident that all who heard him would endorse what he asserted, namely, that no Master had discharged the duties of that office more satisfactorily than had that brother. He had maintained the prestige of the lodge and had done all things well. The lodge having voted him a jewel as a slight appreciation of the manner he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, he would there and then place it on his breast in the name of the lodge, and in so doing he felt that their brother was worthy of being recognised in such a manner. Suiting the action to the word the investiture was then made. Bro. Darch, I.P.M., in response, said he was at a loss for words, for his feelings overcame him; so many reminiscences came to his mind, so many acts of sympathy and kindness came to his recollection, that he fain would utter much, but he found he could not utter a sentence. He thanked T.G.A.O.F.U. that his had been a year of success. It was, indeed, something to be Master of such a lodge as the Royal Jubilee. The jewel with which he had been invested he should ever regard as being the most valuable of his earthly possessions. He should hand it down as a heirloom, and point to it as being something beyond all price. He had a son, who, at no distant date, he hoped to initiate in that lodge. A more pleasing sight to him there could not be than to see a father and son in the same lodge. As they were aware, he had been appointed as Steward for that lodge on behalf of the Girls' School, and therefore he called on them to come forward liberally with their contributions, so that when he attended the festival in April next he should be able to hand in a good round sum. P.M. F. Dunn, whom to name was to call forth applause, last year handed in £100, but he (the speaker) was desirous to exceed that amount. If the brethren co-operated with him nothing could be easier than to accomplish it, and he relied on their hearty concurrence in the matter. If he were an affluent man he would contribute liberally, for the object was a noble one, and the money would be well applied. He then narrated an instance of a little girl, educated in the School, whose interests he had so much at heart, whom he had seen recently, and whose account thereof filled him with delight. He intended calling on all the brethren, and would not be content with denials; give they must, and give they should, if it were only to maintain the honour and good name of their lodge. He intended to hand in more than £100, and he gave them instructions thereof, so that they may be prepared, and as ready to contribute as the managers of the School were to distribute. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," to which each responded. "The Visitors" were also proposed, to which toast Bro. Willey Wright replied. "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Director of the Ceremonies," "The Wardens," and other toasts followed, all of which were responded to. We must not omit to mention that the vocalisation of Bros. J. Tear, Ford, A. J. Cox, and Tear contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings at a late hour.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Monday last at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Bro. Richard Baker, W.M., presiding. The attendance of members and visitors was very large, there being no less than 113 brethren present, of whom thirty-two were visitors, which must be acknowledged to be a powerful testimony to the hospitality of the lodge and the appreciation of the endeavours of the members to make every one comfortable. Among the brethren present were Past Masters L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, Israel Abrahams, A. G. Dodson, H. Hymans, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, Obed Roberts, E. P. Albert, Sec., and Bro. Lyons, the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge; and there were also present the following visitors: Bros. H. Sheard, 1366; W. H. Baker, 180; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Gardner, I.G. 1900; J. Beckett, B. S. Woolf, 185; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; A. Clifford Eskell, 188; George P. Nightingale, 193; G. Penn, P.M. 1642; W. S. Lyon, 185; B. Kauffmann, 1732; Henry Mask, 205; F. Croaker, 185; J. E. Ryan, 422; A. Myers, 185; C. W. Meiter, 1971; G. A. Fletcher, W.M. 180; J. Baker, W.M. 1471; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. S. Salomons, I.P.M. 1017; W. H. Welshman, 599; H. S. Somerville Burney, P.D.G.D.; F. R. Hales, 34; A. J. Phillips, W.M. 205; F. H. Schweiser, 185; Edgar Bowyer, P.P. S.G.W. Herts; W. Oldey, 1642; John Measor, 315; P. E. Vanderpump, 1507; Louis Bamberger, P.M. 1366; G. J. Vanderpump, 1507; I. P. Cohen, I.P.M. 205; H. J. Tallent, 1350; F. Hallows, 1662; John H. Dodson, 55; J. B. Edwards, 861; S. Jewell, 1557; H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*) and others.

The W.M. first initiated Mr. Benjamin Blaiberg, and then installed in admirable style Bro. Lewis M. Myers, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair of W. Master. The board of Installed Masters numbered thirty-one brethren, a number which perhaps has seldom been equalled. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Richard Baker, I.P.M.; Benjamin, S.W.; Martin, J.W.; Bean, S.D.; Botibol, J.D.; Lyons, Treas.; F. P. Albert, P.M. Sec.; Wall, I.G.; P. E. Van Noorden, Org.; Lazarus, D.C.; Dewasap, A.D.C.; S. B. Alexander and Wyman, Stewards; Woodstock, P.M. Tyler. Bro. Baker at the conclusion of the investiture delivered the addresses, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for the praiseworthy manner in which

he had discharged the office of Installing Master. The Audit Committee's report was read, received and adopted; and, on the motion of Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M., the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Baker, I.P.M., who stands Steward of the lodge for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and an elegant banquet was partaken of, the W.M. presiding, having Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney, P.G.D., on his immediate right, and Bro. R. Baker, I.P.M., on his immediate left. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Colonel Burney responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M.," &c. In the course of his reply, he said there was a little anecdote which he might relate to show the universality of Masonry. It might be in the recollection of the brethren that last year a young man, employed by the Government in New South Wales on the Geometrical Survey, disappeared, and the boat in which he was, with two assistants, was found on the beach, but no bodies were discovered. The parents of this young man, whom he (Bro. Colonel Burney) had himself initiated in Masonry in the Bayard Lodge, wrote to him to enquire if he could suggest any means of ascertaining his fate by instituting enquiries among the Craft. He considered the matter, and he wrote a letter, which was forwarded to all parts of the world, asking the W.M.'s and Secretaries of lodges to do their utmost to endeavour to throw some light on this poor young man's fate, as the idea was that he had been kidnapped, and perhaps carried away to slavery to work in mines, or undergo some dreadful existence. These letters were sent out, and as a result, there was hardly a post arrived without his (Col. Burney's) receiving a newspaper from some foreign country publishing the whole correspondence. This showed that Masons did not neglect their duty, and would tend to show the world the advantages of Masonry. The Grand Officers, for whom he was responding, were at all times ready to do their duty, and perform all things that would forward the interests of the Craft. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., Past President of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, responded to the toast proposed in honour of that fund. In doing so, he said he was responding not only for himself, but for the committee, and he perhaps should dilate a little more than he was accustomed to do from the fact that it might not always be his pleasure and privilege to address the brethren on the subject. There might be many brethren present, for he was happy to say they had a large number of visitors, who were not at all aware of this fund, and certainly not aware of its origin. Besides, he was happy to say they had an initiate who could not possibly have known much about it, and for his information, as well as for that of the visiting brethren, he would endeavour to explain the origin and progress of the fund. In 1849, some two or three years before he (Bro. Alexander) had the honour of being a member of the lodge, the late Bro. Dr. Canstaect, had some idea that it was not so well always for poor brethren to go to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief. He, therefore, proposed and carried into effect, a Benevolent Fund of their own, and Dr. Canstaect for many years was the President. Since that time, as the brethren saw by the figures, they had progressed; but he must tell the brethren who were not aware of it, that within the last three or four years they had given a large amount away—some £300 or £400 in one year. Fortunately this last year they had not had so many calls, nor were the circumstances of the cases which came before them such as to justify them in giving beyond a certain amount. The Committee had never been sparing when applications had been made, but they had always been cautious, and considered the cases well before they awarded an amount. They had in very many instances given as much as £100 to an applicant, and he was happy to say that in some instances it had done a great deal of good. The number of years he had had the honour of being President he had always found the Committee and Vice-President ready and willing to give him all the assistance that lay in their power; and, while they were very cautious in doling out sums to applicants, they were at the same time, when circumstances rendered it necessary, very liberal indeed. Notwithstanding the very many calls they had had on the fund, they still—thank God!—had nearly £1000 in the funds, and he hoped and trusted that the amount would remain, and collect and amass to an almost unmentionable sum before they had another application; but, at the same time, however frequent the applications might be, the Committee would always be—although melancholy—pleased to assist where it was necessary. Having said this, he would for a moment digress and speak of himself. The brethren had heard from the worthy Secretary that he (Bro. Alexander) had resigned the Presidency of the Fund. He had had every reason to believe that so long as God spared his life and he was able to attend he might be President of that Fund; but it was once suggested to him that there would be something dignified in the Master of the lodge presiding at the meetings of the Fund. He took up the idea, and at the very first opportunity he made the proposition in the lodge that the Master for the time being should be the President of the Benevolent Fund. He was now quite pleased that that proposition was carried, and he was glad to say the present W.M. would succeed him in the President's chair. He hoped that he (Bro. Alexander) might have the opportunity on very many occasions of being among the Vice-Presidents or Past Presidents, whichever it might be—whether or not he might have that pleasure of addressing the brethren. Bro. Baker, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure the toast would meet with a hearty reception. They had all known Bro. Myers for a long time, and they all admired and esteemed him, and he felt assured that in placing him in the chair they had put the right man in the right place, and that he would carry out the duties and uphold the dignity of that chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. He felt this from the manner in which Bro. Myers had already discharged the duties that had been allotted to him in the various offices he had filled, and if he performed the duties of W.M. in the same manner the brethren would be amply rewarded. The W.M., in replying, said it was very kind of the I.P.M. to speak of him as he had spoken. Ever since he had the honour of being a member of the Lodge and held office he had striven to do his utmost, and it was a cause of gratitude in him to know that unless he had done his duty he should not have been elected to the chair by the unanimous vote of the lodge. It was no sinecure to be Master of a lodge, more particularly the Joppa Lodge. There

were so many P.M.'s who had done so much in the service of the Craft that it made a man a little nervous in climbing up that ladder; but he hoped the brethren would have no cause to regret placing him in the W.M. chair. All he required was that they should assist him during his year of office, and he hoped that time twelvemonth they would say he had done well, and that he might be proud of having been Master of the Joppa Lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. said he hoped that Bro. Blaiberg would be an ornament to the lodge. He had commenced very well by being very attentive to the ceremonial, and he had already shewn that great ornament of a Freemason—charity—by presenting a donation to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped he would strive to be a good Mason, and in some few years he might be elected W.M. He would tell him he might do it by attention, and by visiting lodges of instruction, one of which was attached to that lodge. Bro. Blaiberg responding, said that from his boyhood he had wished to be a member of the Order, and to-night his wishes had been fully realized. In time he hoped to attain to the dignity which the W.M. had now attained to. The W.M. proposed "The Immediate Past and Installing Master," complimenting him and congratulating the lodge on the fact of his so far finishing his work for the year in installing his successor with such faultless precision. He also presented him with a magnificent gold P.M. jewel, bearing the following endorsement:—"Presented to Bro. Richard Baker by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, in appreciation of his services during his year of office as W.M., January, 1882." He hoped Bro. Baker might be spared many years to wear the jewel, which was not to be looked at for its intrinsic value, but for the hearty feelings with which it was presented by the brethren. There was no P.M. who had passed through the ordeal of Master of the lodge with greater credit than Bro. Baker, and the P.M.'s were very pleased to receive him in their ranks. Bro. Baker, I.P.M., in replying, said there were times in a man's life which one could never forget, and that evening would be one of his. If he failed in words to thank the brethren sufficiently he hoped they would take the will for the deed, but as some of the brethren present had passed through the same ordeal he had no doubt they would know his feelings. Referring to the jewel which they had presented to him, he said it showed they appreciated his humble services during the time he had been a member of the lodge. To the best of his ability he had tried faithfully to perform the duties allotted to him, and it was the consciousness of that that made him set the higher value on their testimonial. The brethren of the lodge had also done their duty, and done it nobly; for a lodge might have the best W.M. in the world, and without the support of the brethren his efforts would be barren of fruits. As it was the brethren might congratulate themselves on having had a most successful year. Whenever he should look on that jewel it would remind him of very, very many happy hours he had spent among the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, and when it should please the Almighty Architect to take him over to the majority he hoped it would go down as an heirloom in his family, and stimulate them to a course which would merit the same esteem as that in which he was held by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge. Bro. Cohen, P.M. 205, and several other brethren replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. L. Alexander, in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," said it was usually considered that when a brother became Master of a lodge he became wedded to the lodge. That being so, this day was his silver wedding, for it was 25 years that night that he was installed Master of the lodge. He was truly thankful to the brethren for honouring the toast and also truly thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared him for so many years in health to attend regularly at the meetings of the lodge. Bro. Lyons, in responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he hoped both of them would be spared to try and do their best for the lodge. The office of Treasurer he had found hitherto to be a rather difficult one, but he hoped, with the aid of the brethren, it would not be so thereafter. He had tried to make things smoother and easier. As to taking care of the lodge funds, he thought it was the duty of every man who undertook the office to perform the duties of that office to the best of his ability. He should strive to do so, and he hoped that at the end of his year of office the brethren would have the same pleasure in honouring him with re-election as they had this time, and that he would be able to give them the same satisfaction. Bro. Benjamin, S.W., and the other officers responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. During the evening a charming selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Organist of the lodge, by Madame Liebhart, Madame Osborne Williams, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Herr Max Gonzava (cornet).

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The annual election meeting of the above old lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The business on the agenda being heavy, lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. by Bro. H. J. Phillips, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Da Silva, S.W.; A. Abrahams, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Vks. Essex, Sec.; A. Abrahams, S.D.; J. A. Gartley, J.D.; R. J. Paton, Org.; H. M. Harris, P.M., Steward; Norden, acting I.G.; L. Norden, I.P.M.; A. Bassington, P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; M. J. Emanuel, P.M.; H. Lonsdale, J. Saber, E. Nathan, C. M. Anderson, L. Nathan, A. Cohen, B. M. Nathan, L. Emanuel, S. Jacobs, S. H. Philcox, J. B. de Mesquita, E. T. Loewe, E. Schumann, A. Abrahams, M. Cohen, G. Salling, A. Hilt, A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. 1502; and others. The visitors present were Bros. G. F. Merds, I.G. 1321; J. Lipsun, 724; G. Green, 15; W. Vallentine, W.S. 1017; N. Hitchcock, S.W. 733; A. Possener, S.W. 15; Jonah Da Silva, 1839; C. W. Cox, 188; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last regular meeting having received confirmation, Mr. G. A. Hilt was balloted for, and was unanimously accepted as a candidate for the mysteries of the Order. The ballot was also taken for two brethren as joining members, Bros. Alfred J. Henochsberg, P.M. 1502, and Barnett M. Nathan, 9, with a highly favourable result. Mr. Hilt was next admitted in a most impressive manner into the Order. Bro. H. C. Lonsdale was next passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. E. N. Nathan and L. Nathan

were then passed to the Third Degree. Of the entire working it was universally admitted that more smooth and perfect rendering of the beautiful ceremonies could not be desired than as given by Bro. Phillips that evening in working the Three Degrees. The lodge next proceeded to the important duty of electing a W.M. for the ensuing year, with the gratifying result of a unanimous vote in favour of Bro. Joseph Da Silva, S.W., a result which must be deemed a great honour in so large and influential a lodge. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. J. Rawles, Tyler. The members of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund were also re-elected, Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., the father of the fund, again taking the post of President, which he has filled so ably for many years past. "Hearty and seasonable good wishes" having been exchanged, lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining chamber, where a plain but substantial supper was disposed of.

After grace had been chanted, Bro. Phillips, W.M., gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts in brief and appropriate terms. Bro. L. Norden, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said: In his capacity as the I.P.M. he had the honour of proposing this toast for the last time. He did so with a very great deal of pleasure; indeed, during the twelve months he had served under Bro. Phillips' Mastership he had had nothing but pleasure—in fact his office had been a sinecure. The brethren had seen how perfectly the W.M. worked, not only in the lodge but also at the festive board. He would imitate the example set them by the W.M., and be brief in his remarks. The unanimity which had been shown in voting a jewel to their W.M. was a proof that though the gift was small in amount the W.M. had secured the affection of the entire lodge, which was also shown by the large attendance of the brethren on all the nights of meeting—and not only when the "Fourth Degree" is worked. Bro. Phillips, who was received with cheers, said: He thanked the I.P.M. for proposing his health in so kind and appreciative a manner, and the brethren for cordially accepting the toast. In response, he could assure them that it was a source of great happiness for him to know that the slight labours he had gone through should have given satisfaction to the lodge. He thanked the brethren for their kind support, and trusted to merit the esteem of every brother in the lodge. The W.M. said: The next toast was one not to be disposed of lightly, it being always received in the Lodge of Israel with enthusiasm. They had received amongst them that night one, who, by the interest he has displayed during the ceremony, will be sure to be a credit to the Craft and to the lodge in which he was initiated. Bro. Hilt said he thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him. It would be his earnest endeavour to remember what he had learnt. He trusted that his future conduct would show that his deeds were not as empty words, but such as would raise him in the esteem of every brother of the lodge. (Cheers.) "The Visitors" were next toasted, Bro. Phillips extending a hearty welcome to all. The fare laid before them was not so sumptuous as usual, but it was wholesome, and they were heartily pleased to see their visitors. Bro. Maidwell, in his reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their hearty reception, and pointed out the good the brethren would derive by a regular attendance at lodges of instruction. Bro. Cox also returned thanks. Of the working, he declared, he had never seen better. It was a privilege to him to hear such working, and he should be glad if he could hear it more often. Bro. G. Green also bore testimony to the excellence of the working. He had travelled far and wide, and in different countries had heard the ceremonies performed by over 100 Masters, but never with more impressiveness and solemnity than on the present occasion. Bros. Silva and Vallentin also returned thanks. The next toast the W.M. said was a peculiar one, and one which only fell to the lot of the W.M. to propose once during each year of office. In giving "The W.M. elect" he approached the task with much diffidence, it required more of energy and eulogy than the W.M. felt himself possessed of. Their W.M. elect, Bro. Silva, had been among them a few years, and during that period he had gained universal esteem of the brethren of the Lodge of Israel. Bro. Phillips felt assured that when the term of office of the W.M. elect should have expired Bro. Silva would merit the approval of the brethren as highly as he did then. Bro. Silva in replying to the flattering reception of the toast, said the W.M. had said he approached the toast with diffidence. He could perfectly well understand this, as it was extremely difficult to predict upon the fortune of a future time. He trusted, however, that at the expiration of his year of office he would have a goodly company, and as many jolly faces as he then saw around him. An old saying remarked "that a day of death is better than a day of birth." He felt this to be especially true of a W.M. going from the chair and the ingoing one; one perhaps never in possession of it before, and scarcely fitted at first for it, and even if so, beset with so many contingencies at the opening of his career. It had been his ambition to arrive at and fill the chair well and worthily, but he found on gaining that position there is yet another eminence to surmount, for having attained that proud position as W.M. he had not only to occupy the position creditably but to retire with honour and dignity from the presidency of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the kind reception of his name, and hoped he should have the same support and have achieved the same success as their present W.M. "The Benevolent Fund," coupled with the name of its president, Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., was next honoured. At the conclusion of that brother's reply the brethren made their several contributions to the fund, amounting to £7 6s. Bro. Cohen said he would reserve his remarks until the next meeting when he would again make his annual appeal. He was happy to say, by the instrumentality of the fund, whenever a brother or the widow of a brother require assistance, they were able to extend relief with a full hand, and not give it in a niggardly manner. Bro. Cohen concluded by thanking the brethren for again electing him President of the Fund, and hoped soon to see it attain four figure proportions. They had not, he was happy to say, been called upon for over two years. "The I.P.M., Bro. L. Norden" was next toasted, the W.M. expressing his great indebtedness to that brother for that instruction in private which had enabled him to discharge his duties in the chair so much to their satisfaction. Bro. Norden said: He could not see why the whole of the P.M.'s were not coupled with the toast. However, whatever he had done he had been pleased to do both for the W.M. and every member of the lodge. He felt he had only done his duty, a duty which everybody who takes his Third Degree is bound to fulfil.

If he had been of any service to the W.M. it certainly was a credit to him, for their W.M. had acquitted himself capably. "The P.M." was next honoured, and Bro. M. J. Emanuel returned thanks. After a song by Bro. Maidwell "The Officers" were toasted and severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bro. E. W. Walter, W.M., opened the lodge, being supported by Bros. T. W. Tait, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Cross, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. as I.P.M.; J. J. Berry, P.M.; J. Hood, P.M.; G. W. Verry, P.M. Sec.; J. Taylor, J.D. acting S.D.; A. Wood, acting I.G.; also Bros. Baylis, H. Forss, Walter, G. B. Pooler, Poulter, Speight, P.M. Tyler, and others. Visitor: Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The Secretary having read the summons convening the meeting, Bro. Pooler was raised to the Third Degree in a highly creditable manner both to the W.M. and his officers. Bro. Walter was congratulated upon having cleared up all the work during his year of office, and left no arrears of work to be performed upon the next meeting, when he will have the pleasing duty of installing his successor into the chair of K.S. Lodge was closed in due form, "Hearty good Wishes" being interchanged.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The last meeting for the year 1881, and probably the last lodge to be held in the present premises, No. 34, Denmark-street, was held on Monday, the 26th ult. There was only a moderate attendance of members; owing to the day being held as a holiday in the district. Bro. J. G. Smith, W.M., presided, and was assisted by his officers. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, two propositions for initiation were made, and the brethren adjourned.

It is expected that this lodge will remove to the new Industry Masonic Hall, now being completed in West-street, Gateshead, for their January meeting. The foundation-stone for the new hall was laid with full Masonic honours in March last. The premises are nearly ready, and will be of great advantage to this old established and healthy lodge, which has for the last four years been very much cramped in the temporary rooms occupied during that time.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The regular meeting of this, the oldest lodge in Cumberland and Westmorland, was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, on Friday, the 30th ult., on which occasion the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. Henry Hogg, W.M.; F. W. Watson, I.P.M.; E. Medcalf, jun., S.W.; W. M. Middleton, J.W.; W. F. Robson, Hon. Sec.; George Turner, S.D.; J. H. Braithwaite, J.D.; Watson Ion, acting I.G.; Titus Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. J. McKay, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; John Banks, P.M.; R. J. Nelson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; F. C. Grayson, P.M., and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, two candidates were initiated—Mr. Joseph Mills, late of Wanganui, New Zealand, and Mr. J. W. Fleming, Kendal. The W.M. vacated the chair to Bro. George J. McKay, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, who expressed a desire to initiate his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Mills, into Masonry, which ceremony was performed in a faultless manner. The next ceremony was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, when the present W.M. was unanimously chosen for another year, an honour which has not been bestowed on any brother of this old lodge for many years, the S.W. declining, through pressure of his other avocations, to take the responsibility at present, which would have given great satisfaction to the brethren. Showing his interest in the lodge, the S.W., Bro. E. Medcalf, jun., allowed himself to be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. D. Cleary was unanimously elected Tyler. The usual business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshments, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the Newly-initiated Candidates" were specially pledged. After several songs, and the charity-box having been passed round in aid of a distressed widow, the brethren separated, having enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Charles Douglas Stentford was installed by his predecessor in the Master's chair, W. Bro. O. Knowles, assisted by W. Bros. George E. Stentford, Richard Lose, sen., P.P.G. Purs.; H. Trethewey, P.M. 159, with the following board of I.M.'s: W. Bros. W. Trevena, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Stephens, W. D. Thomas, W. Amery, B. S. Johns, P.M. 159; J. H. Stephens, A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 159 and 1847; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks.; H. Miller, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Welch, P.P.G. Purs.; J. Gidley, P.M. 156. There were also present during the proceedings, W. Bros. Andrews, P.M. 159; C. A. Nicholson, W.M. 1847; and J. Kinton Bond, W.M. elect 1247. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: W. Bro. O. Knowles, I.P.M.; Bros. J. T. Hardy, S.W.; J. Trevan, J.W.; W. Bro. J. H. Stephens, Treas.; H. J. Trethewey, Sec.; Bros. R. H. Carter, S.D.; Geo. Ellery, J.D.; H. Mortimore, I.G.; S. Chubb, D.C.; R. Selmon, O.; C. Marshall, C. F. Williams, Stewards; W. Bro. Jas. Bartlett, Tyler. W. Bro. H. J. Trethewey was unanimously elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The decease of Bro. William Henry Chapman, an old member of the lodge, was feelingly alluded to by the W.M., sympathy expressed with his family, and the attendance of brethren at his funeral invited. Bro. Chapman had been for nearly forty years a master mariner of the port of Plymouth.

In the evening the brethren of the lodge, with their visitors, dined together in their spacious banqueting-room at the hall. The W.M., W. Bro. C. D. Stentford, presided. At the banquet W. Bro. O. Knowles was presented by the lodge with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel. W. Bro. Geo. E. Stentford made the presentation with

warmly appreciative thanks to Bro. Knowles for his zealous services during his year of office, and cordial good wishes for his prosperity—sentiments that were unanimously and heartily emphasised by the rest of the brethren present. The jewel had engraved on it the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Owen Knowles, P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, in appreciation of his Masonic zeal. December 28th, 1881." During the evening a brief visit was paid by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S. G.D. England, whose health was proposed by the W.M. Reference was made to the distinguished position that Bro. Hughan had attained in the Order, to his researches into its history, and to his valuable and important contributions to Masonic literature. The toast was cordially received, and drunk with Grand Lodge honours. In responding, Bro. Hughan explained that it was only by accident that he was then in Plymouth and heard of the Brunswick meeting; and he put in an appearance thus late in the proceedings to testify his regard and esteem for the newly-installed Master. He had known Bro. Stentford for some years, and felt convinced that under his Mastership the lodge would have a successful and prosperous year.

DEVONPORT.—Friendship Lodge (No. 202).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., St. John the Evangelist's Day, at the lodge rooms, St. Stephen's-street. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Wm. Allsford, was installed by W. Bro. E. Murch, P.P.G.O., assisted by W. Bros. R. Grills, the retiring W.M.; J. B. Price, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Welch, P.P.G. Purs.; H. J. Trethewey; E. J. Kught, P.M. 202; with the following Board of Installed Masters: W. Bros. W. H. Terrell, P.M. 202; R. Jackman, P.M. 202; E. Parnell, P.M. 202; E. Binding, P.M. 202; R. Marshall, P.M. 202; V.W. Bros. S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; V. Bird, P.P.G.T.; W. Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Coath, P.G. Stwd. Cornwall; W. H. Gillman, P.G. Stwd.; E. Tout, W.M. 70; M. Emdon, P.M. 105; J. C. Stephens, P.M. 159; R. Blight, P.M. 159 and 228; R. W. Pitcher, W.M.; A. Rowe; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; J. T. Crossley, W.M. 954; R. Pearce, W.M.; J. Pearce, I.P.M.; J. Rawling, P.M. 107; R. Lavers, W.M. 1091; W. Stephens, W.M. 1136; T. E. Peck, W.M.; H. Cameron, I.P.M.; Thomas Gibbons, P.M. 1205; and C. A. Nicholson, W.M. 1847.

At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. Robert Grills, I.P.M.; Bros. S. O. Elliott, S.W.; Joseph Viggers, J.W.; W. Bro. H. Welch, Treas.; Bros. J. D. Sandy, Sec.; Charles Organ, S.D.; Charles Price, J.D.; J. F. Burns, D.C.; J. N. Taylor, A.D.C.; R. Carter, Org.; Eli Langmead, I.G.; John Leonard and George Bray, Stewards; and Joseph Benny, Tyler.

The Friendship Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in the province, its charter dates from September, 1771. Its members, following up the now general practice of lodges, have resolved to erect for themselves a Masonic hall. A piece of ground for that purpose has been purchased in Granby-street, near the Ebrington Masonic Hall, recently erected by Lodge Fidelity, No. 230. The Building Committee appointed in the matter reported that tenders had been received for the erection of the hall, the highest being £675, and the lowest £447. It was unanimously resolved that the lowest, which was that of Mr. Harley, Hoegate-street, Plymouth, should be accepted.

The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. J. F. Burns for gratuitously preparing the plans, and the vote directed to be recorded. In the evening the brethren and visitors, over eighty in all, dined together at the Royal Hotel, W. Bro. Allsford presiding.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John's (No. 209).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Masonic Hall. Bro. C. Cousins, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. A. Pears, S.W.; Dick Radclyffe, J.W., P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.G.J.W., Treasurer; J. O. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Secretary; J. Andrews, S.D.; A. Apled, J.D.; C. D. Hume, P.M., P.G.D.C., Organist; E. J. Petts, I.G.; H. Perks, D.C.; H. J. Stollery, A.D.C.; Fish, Hinckley, and Turton, Stewards; Nowell, Tyler; W. S. Nicholes, I.P.M.; R. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.; L. Bryett, P.M., P.P.G.S.Wks.; J. Strange, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. W. Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. R. Denne, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex; J. Cockburn, P.M.; H. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex; Spindler, Arnold, Larkin, Sevenoaks, Hobbs, Matts, Bringes, Ball, Harris, Suino, H. M. Stollery, Hiscock, Turton, and Volkman.

The visitors were Bros. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; R. Bradley, P.G. Sec.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Blundell, W.M. 742; Bullock, S.W. 1871; Hodges, P.M. 1566, P.P.G.S.W.; Nicholson, W.M. 1566; W. Beattie, P.M. 142; Green, 1022; Staff, Org. 1900; Sivera 771; Powell, 771; Summers, 771; Walford, 771; Brown, P.M. 214; Buck, W.M. 453; Lovebond, P.M. 1707; Gardener, I.G. 1900; Page, 214; Terry, 214; Harris, 1351 and 1567; Thomason, 1346; Coppen, 1719; Chamberlain, 1871; A. B. Hudson, 1637; Dixon, 1567; F. Manley, W.M. 771; Goddard, J.W. 771; Box Diamond, P.M. 40; Brill, 780; T. Nash, P.M. 865, P.G.D.C. Middx.; A. Richards, P.M. 8, P.G. Stwd.; Webb, 1223; Forge, I.P.M. 1793; Beard, S.D. 946; Clayton, J.W. 1872; Gassnar, 348; King, 1642; Glover, 334; Barratt, 3; Challen, S.D. 3; Terry, P.M. 3; Mason, P.M. 1867; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Hume, P.M., passed Bro. Arnold to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. again assumed the chair, and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. In recognition of the valuable services to the lodge by Bro. Wilson, the Treasurer, both in that capacity and also in many other ways, to present to him, in the name of the lodge, a set of Provincial Grand clothing. Bro. Cousins then presented Bro. Wilson with the testimonial to which he had referred, and Bro. Wilson, in expressing his thanks, said he did not know that he had done anything very particular. It was true he had been a member of the lodge some seventeen years, and he might remind the junior members that in that time he had only missed attending the lodge twice. He was always he believed able, and he trusted he was willing, to take any office that he might be called upon to fill. He begged to thank the brethren for the handsome present they had made him. The W.M. then, and on presentation duly made by Bro. Hume, P.M., installed Bro. Andrew Pears, S.W., and W.M.

elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. C. Cousins, I.P.M.; Dick Radclyffe, S.W.; Ambrose, J.W. (in his absence Bro. Wilson, P.M., Treasurer, was invested); Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; John O. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Secretary; Apted, S.D.; Petts, J.D.; Perks, I.G.; Hume, P.M., Organist; Stollery, Director of Cers.; Fisk, Asst. D. of C.; Turton, Steward; Hinckley, Asst. Stwd.; Sevenoaks, Asst. Stwd.; and Bro. Nowell, Tyler. Bro. Cousins delivered the addresses to the Master and Wardens, and Bro. Wilson the address to the brethren. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Cousins, and said that, in the opinion of the members of the lodge, and of himself, the business of the lodge had been well conducted during Bro. Cousins' year of office; so much so, indeed, that during the existence of the lodge there had not been a more prosperous year for No. 209. He was convinced that the brethren had only acted under a sense of what was due to Bro. Cousins when they voted him the jewel which he now presented. Bro. Cousins, in acknowledging the presentation, said the jewel would remind him of many pleasant days he had spent among the brethren. He hoped that he might be spared to spend many more such happy days; and he thanked the W.M. for the very kind words which had fallen from him. Bro. Carter, Secretary, informed the W.M. that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. Sir Daniel Gooch, the Prov. G.M.; General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Dep. Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks; and several other brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where an elegant banquet was prepared by Bro. T. Kernsley, of the Castle Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with plants supplied *con amore* by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, while the fruit was put on the table by Bro. Turner from his nurseries at Slough. Altogether the reception accorded to the brethren was most liberal and hospitable, and was well worthy of so distinguished a province as that of Berks and Bucks. After the banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed, the W.M. proposed the toasts. The loyal toast having been duly honoured, and the toast of "The Grand Master" having been also proposed and honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." The toast having been drunk, Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Past G.W., in responding, said, as a Prov. G.M., he had had the advantage of seeing the working of many lodges, but he must say the working of this lodge was *non secundus*. He informed the brethren that the Grand Officers possessed not merely a nominal office, but that they did actual work, and that it was in recognition of what they had done that Grand office was bestowed on them. Bro. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. of Berks and Bucks, responded to the toast of "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers." He said he wished that Bro. Sir D. Gooch had been present, but his state of health prevented his being with the brethren that evening. He had hoped to meet the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, the D.P.G.M., because he knew he intended paying a visit to Windsor within a very short time to make arrangements for the Prov. Grand Chapter, which would be held there on the sixteenth of next month. On behalf of the other Provincial Officers, he thanked the brethren for the way the toast had been proposed and received. For his own part, he was always very pleased to visit Lodge 209, the working was so well done and the welcome was so hearty. The brethren would be pleased to hear that during the past year the province had grown in numbers. They had added three new lodges to the province, and those lodges had been founded in places where there was a necessity for an addition to the lodges, and they hoped they would increase and prosper. They had also in this province done good service in the cause of Charity during the past year. They had had cases for all the Masonic Charities, and had been able to carry them all. In the coming season they had two very powerful cases, and they hoped to be able to carry them also. One was a case which would commend itself to all Masons; it was that of a distinguished Past Master of the province, who from unforeseen misfortune, had been obliged to apply for the charity. He had no doubt the province would be able to carry that case. The other case which had been adopted by the province was one for the Girls' School. Unfortunately, the brother had not been connected very much with the Masonic Charities, and the reason for that was that he was a very young Mason, who was cut off in the prime of life, and from having occupied a position of affluence and the greatest comfort, his wife was left entirely without support. That was a case also that commended itself to the brethren, because, from their previous circumstances, the family were of such a character that they would have been likely to do credit to the charity which now they sought. The next Provincial meeting would be at Reading, in the month of June, and it was hoped that it would be a good meeting. Reading was a central place, and there would be the best accommodation for all those who went there. Bro. Cousins, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who he thought might be congratulated on the brilliant assemblage he had before him. He (Bro. Cousins) took it as an augury of a most successful year of office. He was quite sure the officers the W.M. had selected would rally round him, and do their work as it always had been done in the Etonian lodge, and would, by their presence, at every meeting show their good disposition to the W.M. He would reserve to a future occasion what he had to say as to the qualities of the W.M., but on the present occasion he should say that the W.M. had all the good qualities of human nature, and he hoped that when he came to resign the chair to his successor the recollection of his year of office would be one of unmingled satisfaction. The W.M., in response, said it had of course been the height of his Masonic ambition to attain to the chair of his mother lodge. That ambition had been gratified that night, and he certainly must confess it had been fulfilled far beyond his expectations. It was, indeed, very gratifying to him to see such an assemblage. With regard to the future working of the lodge in his hands, he was afraid he must confess, he should have to depend to a great extent upon the assistance of the P.M.'s, more particularly his old friend and P.M., Bro. Cousins; but with his assistance he doubted not the old lodge might be kept going in somewhat of its old form. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Etonian Lodge," and said he wished he was as good a master of the art of saying nice things as the I.P.M.

proved himself to be when he was proposing the Health of the W.M." He (the W.M.) scarcely knew how to express his feelings with regard to Bro. Cousins for the kindness he had received from him that evening; not only had all kindness of spirit been evinced towards him (the W.M.), but every ability as an accomplished Mason. The P.M.'s of the Etonian Lodge were well known to the brethren—known to be, perhaps, as kindly a body of P.M.'s as the brethren had ever had any experience of. Bro. Cousins, I.P.M., on behalf of the P.M.'s of the Etonian Lodge and himself, thanked the brethren and the W.M. Although they were P.M.'s, their interest in the lodge of which they were members was by no means "past." The P.M.'s of the Etonian Lodge had an interest in the lodge, and would continue to have the same interest in it as they had when they were responsible for the duties of W.M. He did not think there was one that could be called upon that would not come to the assistance of the W.M. It was in accordance with the traditions of the lodge that they should do so. He was proud to hear the kind words which fell from Sir Francis Burdett and the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Madley. It was most encouraging to the lodge to have a few kind words from them, and he could assure them those words would not be forgotten, but the P.M.'s would do everything in their power to support the Master and maintain the prestige of the Etonian Lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and left the details of those Institutions in the hands of Bro. Terry. Bro. James Terry, said that for the first time in any Masonic assembly this year he now returned his very grateful thanks to the W.M. for having so kindly introduced to the notice of the brethren the subject of the Masonic Institutions, and as many of the brethren had read in the daily papers of the day before the report of the proceeding of those Institutions during the past year, it would hardly be necessary for him to inflict them upon the lodge again; suffice it to say that the grand result of the contributions of the members of the Craft in support of the three Institutions in 1881 amounted to a sum of over £43,000. That was a falling off as compared with the year 1880 of nearly £7000. In 1880 the highest amount was reached, viz., £49,750. Still, he felt confident, that in the present year every effort that could possibly be made would be made to recover the old position. He would in a few words state what were the requirements of the Institutions. He remembered full well the Pro Grand Master stating, when a vote of £4000 was proposed in Grand Lodge to commemorate the Grand Master's safe return from India, "Do not let us give it to our Masonic Institution; let us give it to something outside Freemasonry, that the world may know we are not selfish in our benevolence." It was a source of gratification to the brethren when the money was voted to the Lifeboat Institution. The Prov. Grand Master gave as a reason for not applying the money to the Masonic Institutions, that whenever there was a good cause for making an appeal on behalf of those Institutions it would be sure to be responded to most liberally and heartily. He (Bro. Terry) ventured to think that in this coming year they would have to bring forward the claims of the Masonic Institutions most forcibly and energetically. If they took it that they were less by £7000 in one year, it followed, as a natural consequence, that there must be that amount of money less to expend on the aged and the young. The Festival of the Benevolent Institution was the first of the year, and would be held on the 21st of February. At present there were no less than 112 candidates for that Institution, and there were only 21 vacancies. Unless, therefore, there was a very large addition to the funds of the Institution it would be a matter of impossibility to extend the bounty of the Institution to a large number; therefore he ventured to hope that the Etonian Lodge, when they had so popular a Master as Bro. Pears going up as a Steward for that festival, the brethren would not forget to enrol themselves on his list when he sent it round. The Prov. Grand Secretary had told them that there was a most important case for that institution coming forward from the province for the election in May, perhaps the most distressing that had ever been before the province and perhaps before the Craft, the case of a brother who had been a subscriber to his lodge for fifty years, held in high repute in Abingdon, who had done all he could to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and now in the decline of his life was left without a penny wherewith to console and comfort him in his declining years. That brother was now looking with something of confidence to the promise of Berks and Bucks to place him on the list of annuitants. They could help this brother if they would, and he (Bro. Terry) knew they would; the W.M. was sufficiently popular to command their respect, and with their support he might do something. With regard to the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, they knew how popular the Girls' School was, and how admirably it had been supported. They also knew it had a very large income, and a very small number of candidates for next election, and a very large number of vacancies—25 candidates and 21 vacancies. With regard to the Boys' School, it wanted more help. It had some 70 candidates for next election, and only 15 vacancies. But to come back to the Institution that was worse off, the Benevolent had 112 candidates, and only 21 vacancies. Such a list of candidates had never been before the Craft up to the present time. He ventured to ask the brethren of the Province of Berks and Bucks and the Etonian Lodge to uphold the interests of the Institution in February next. He thought they would, as they were endeavouring to uphold the dignity of the lodge, by sending a Steward. Bro. Charles Terry and Bro. W. Beattie, P.M. 142, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. Dick Radclyffe replied for "The Officers." The W.M. had been a most popular S.W., and he was still more popular as a W.M. Consequently it was with the greatest diffidence that he (Bro. Dick Radclyffe) responded for the officers. He should content himself by saying that he intended to support the Worshipful Master most loyally and cordially during his year of office, and would follow the W.M. in the same way as the W.M. had followed the I.P.M. He hoped at the end of the W.M.'s year of office he would have as clean a bill of health to show as the I.P.M. The officers would do all in their power to support the W.M.; they would not be a skittish lot, and would attend to the sound of the W.M.'s gavel. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been enlivened during the evening by some choice singing by the brethren. The arrangements throughout were excellent, and reflected the highest credit on all concerned.

GIBRALTAR.—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278).—The annual installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., and was, as usual, attended by a very large number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. W. F. Cottrell, supported by Bros. C. Johnson, I.P.M.; T. J. Haynes, P.M.; J. H. Haynes, P.M.; and A. Gomez, P.M.; and there were also present Bros. W. D. Kennedy, P.M., acting S.W. and W.M. elect; Jas. Speed, Treas.; W. F. Roberts, Sec.; H. Schott, D.C.; Dr. J. H. Bryant, I.G.; Jas. King, Org., P.S.W. 153; Rev. W. H. Bullock, Chap.; H. W. Carden, G. D. Twigg, R. M. Eden, A. M. Morrison, W. Stevens, Jas. Melrose, B. Culatto, F. R. Hemphill, E. Thornton, G. B. Paton, J. Pim, F. Griffin, W. T. Monkhouse, and W. Thornton.

Visitors: Bros. J. Francis, District Grand Secretary; J. Cunningham, P.M. 153; W. Glassford, P.M. 278; E. Barker, P.M. 153; P. Lyons, W.M. 153; F. Ashton, P.M. 576, S.C.; R. Jackson, P.M. 325; J. J. R. Morgan, P.M. 576, S.C.; H. Cavanna, P.M. 115; E. Valerino, P.M. 115; Alex. Boss, P.M. 325, I.C.; Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.G.M. for Morocco; J. Button, P.J.W. 153; E. Silva, W.M. elect 576, S.C.; C. E. Dawson, 1768; A. Patterson, 28; R. C. Healy, 620, I.C.; S. Worth, 77; J. Ghio, 153; H. Pereyca, 576; and J. Morrilla, 115.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes for the last regular and emergency meetings, the ceremony of installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Bro. William Fowkes Cottrell, P.M., W.M. and District Grand Senior Warden, performing the duties of installing officer, meeting with genuine and well merited marks of approval from all present. The new W.M. Bro. W. D. Kennedy, in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair of such an old and influential Lodge as the Friendship, No. 278. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, S.W.; W. F. Roberts, J.W.; J. A. Speed, Treas.; W. F. Cottrell, I.P.M. Sec.; J. King, Org.; J. H. Bryant, S.D.; J. Melrose, J.D.; B. Culatto, D.C.; T. Haynes, P.M. and A. Gomez, P.M., Stewards; F. B. R. Hemphill, I.G.; and Peterkin, Tyler. Bro. Cottrell, I.P.M., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge to the Past Masters who had so kindly graced the lodge with their presence that evening, he had never seen so large a number (eighteen) on any former occasion, it was a great compliment to the W.M. and the lodge. Bro. Dr. Bryant, S.D., next proposed a vote of thanks to P.M. Bro. Cottrell, for the very able and impressive manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Several propositions for candidates for initiation, and joining members were then made, and the lodge was then closed.

After a short interval, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in capital style by Bro. J. Canovas, in the large hall, which was, as usual, artistically decorated for the occasion, a life-size transparency of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, being affixed in the East above the canopy of the W.M. "The Queen and the Craft" having been proposed and duly honoured, "The Health of the Three Grand Masters" followed, and was received with the usual enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed "The District Grand Master and District Grand Officers." Bro. Cottrell, P.M., D.G.S.W., said that he rose with much pleasure at the call of the W.M. to return thanks for the District Grand Officers. There was a fair number present that evening, but he very much regretted the absence of the R.W. the D.G.M., through indisposition, and his Deputy, as he thought that the beautiful ceremony of installation was not the least important item of the institution. The I.P.M. then asked permission to propose the next toast, which was that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Kennedy." He congratulated the brethren on electing such a worthy brother to the chair of the Friendship Lodge. They had seen his ability in the little he had had to do during the past two years, and he had no doubt that during the year their good opinions would be confirmed. The W.M., in reply, said that there were few events in a Mason's life which impressed him more than being again elected to fill the chair of W.M. It had been his good fortune to have occupied the same position in the Royal Standard Lodge at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where, during his year of office, he had passed nearly three score of candidates into the Craft. Of course he did not expect to be so successful in numbers, but he would do his best, and endeavour to rule with firmness and moderation, which, he thought, was the only way to win the approbation of one's fellow man. The W.M. then proposed, "The Past Masters of No. 278," which was suitably responded to by P.M.'s Bros. Cottrell, Johnson, and Glassford. Bro. Johnson, P.M., then proposed "The Past and Worshipful Masters of other lodges in Gibraltar." Bro. Thoe. Haynes, P.M., as the oldest P.M. of No. 115, replied on behalf of that lodge; Bro. Lyons, W.M., on behalf of No. 153, who spoke in high terms of the cordiality and good fellowship that existed between the different lodges, and paid a well deserved compliment to the Installing Officer, Bro. Cottrell, P.M. He said he had been present at many an installation, but he never attended one with greater pleasure than the present; the ceremony he had rarely seen approached, certainly never excelled. It had been done faultlessly, and with an amount of energy and feeling which made it deeply impressive; and all must admit that the closing act of Bro. Cottrell's official career as a ruler of the Friendship Lodge, had been maintained with that marked ability which has characterised his past two years of office as W.M. Bros. Ross, P.M. and Ashton, P.M., replied for their respective lodges. The toast of "The Visitors" was then proposed by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, S.W., who said they were always most welcome to the Lodge of Friendship; he was pleased to see such a good Master, which was an evidence to him that a good feeling existed between the lodges in the city, and that they were going on the rule of brotherly love, which was one of the guiding principles of the Order. Bros. Stewart Patterson, Andrew Patterson, and Captain Healy suitably replied on behalf of the visiting brethren. Several other toasts were proposed, and that of the Tyler bringing a most thoroughly and enjoyable evening to a close. A selection of music was given by the string band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, under the direction of Bro. J. Campbell, bandmaster, and some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Cottrell, Dr. Bryant, Roberts, and the W.M.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on St. John's Day, the 27th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. D. J. Allans, was installed by W. Bro. D. Watson, P.M. 328, P.P.J.G.D., assisted by W. Bros. W. A. Goss, P.M. 328; J. Piggott, P.M. 328; W. Wakeham, P.M. 328; C. J. Harland, P.M. 328, P.P.J.G.D.; A. T. Blamey, W.M. 1402; J. C. Colston, W.M. 248, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Rev. Thornton, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Hamrick, P.M. 248; J. Scarle, P.M. 710; Captain J. Gordon, P.M. 443; W. A. Goss, jun., P.M. 1402; J. Doidge, P.M. 1402. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bros. W. Wakeham, I.P.M.; J. Mortimer, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; C. J. Howland, P.M., Treas.; D. Watson, P.M., Sec.; Bro. J. Grant, S.D.; R. Richards, J.D.; J. Cater, I.G.; T. Brooks, Org.; Rev. — Thornton, P.P.G.C., Chap. (*pro tem*); J. E. Bovey and J. Mugford, Stwds.; and J. Newton, Tyler. In the evening the members and visiting brethren, about fifty in number, dined together at the Royal Hotel.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 348).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Bull's Head Inn, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Alcock, W.M.; J. B. Taylor, S.W.; W. Crankshaw, J.W.; Thos. Raby, P.M., Treas.; John Alcock, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Horrocks, P.M.; Samuel Barrett, P.M.; John Wolstenholme, P.M.; Israel A. Greenhalgh, P.M.; Robert Harwood, P.M., Prov. G. Sup. of Works; John Harwood, P.M.; Jas. Kenyon, Partington, Beckett, Phillips, Wood, Walker, Chadwick, Topp, Orrell, and others. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Newton, P.M. 37, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Blair, W.M. 1733; Jas. Holt, 146; H. Tonge, 146 and 350; Wilson, 178; Kirschner, 178; and Thos. Naylor, 1723.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Thos. Raby, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thos. Higson, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Jas. Horrocks, P.M., was re-elected representative of the lodge on the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Committee. The auditor's report, which was of a satisfactory character, was presented and approved. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Taylor, S.W., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. John Alcock, P.M. Bro. John Harwood, P.M., then, in an efficient manner, invested the officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Crankshaw, S.W.; John Kenyon, J.W.; Thos. Raby, P.M., Treas.; John Alcock, P.M., Sec.; John Partington, S.D.; Richard Beckett, J.D.; Robert Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works, M. of C.; John Harwood, P.M., Org.; R. H. Phillips, I.G.; Thos. Higson, P.M., Tyler; and George Walker and William Chadwick, Stewards. Bro. Robert Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. John Alcock, P.M., with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary to the lodge during the past twelve years. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and the lodge was closed at 5.30 p.m.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was of a sumptuous character, and at which about forty brethren were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs and glees.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 2nd ult., under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. Geo. Green, which in every way proved a success. He was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, P.P.G.S. of W., I.P.M.; Jas. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.A.D. of C., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Henry Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne, P.G. Steward, J.D. (*Freemason*); Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.H., M.C.; Rob. A. Madge, Organist; Thos. Winter, I.G.; W. N. Cooper and Chas. Payne, Stewards; and Wm. Murrell, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. Thos. Ballard, P.M.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Geo. Thos. Nettle, P.M.; B. L. Nockall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. W. Bateman, Jefferson, Holt, Arthur Atkinson, P.M.; Thos. Reeve, A. Buttifant, M. J. Bailey, E. Pankhurst, P.M.; H. J. Wade, King, and E. Walkin.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.; J. Womersley, Atkinson, P.M., P.G. Organist; Coleby, 93; Joseph Stanley, jun., P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Offord, P.M.; Harold Youngman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Chas. E. Sexton and W. J. Butler, Prov. G. Stewards, 213; E. C. Thorne, W.M.; G. W. G. Barnard, J. Shorten and Francis, 943; Otr.-Master F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Harper, W.M.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.P.A.D. of C.; Thos. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Jesse Weyer, Chas. J. Campling, and C. W. Bacon, Prov. G. Stewards, 1500; A. R. J. Woolbright, W.M., and Chas. Barnes, 1808; and W. Wilson, 1084, New Brunswick (America).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the business of the evening was to ballot for Bro. Stratford as a joining member of the lodge, which resulted in an unanimous vote. The next business was to ballot for Mr. Francis Albert Lloyd and Mr. Geo. Hammond as candidates for Freemasonry, which also resulted in an unanimous vote. The W.M., Bro. G. Green, then performed the ceremony of initiating Messrs. Lloyd and Hammond into the mysterious secrets of Freemasonry in a manner not only edifying and attracting the attention of the brethren, but of impressing upon the initiates the beauty and excellency of our Order. By the request of the W.M., Bro. S. W. Berry, the I.P.M., gave the charge in an excellent and impressive way. This concluded the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most *recherché* supper had been prepared, and on the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. Some excellent singing was rendered by Bros. Atkinson and E. Walkin, which in no small measure contributed to the harmony of the evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Duke-street, on which occasion the following officers, members, and visitors were present: Bros. Chas. J. Dalton, W.M., P.G.

Stewart; Thos. Glessall, S.W.; Jas. Cooper, P.P.G. Org., I.W.; J. Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; J. McGill, S.D.; J. Angus, J.D.; Thos. Robinson, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, P.P.G.T.; Tyler; H. Burns, Steward; Jas. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G. J.D.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.G. Treas.; C. Merton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Rose, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; J. S. Braithwaite, G. W. Smith, T. Ellwood, T. B. Williamson, J. Cornthwaite, J. McGowan, W. Carmichael, W. Holloway, W. Lewis, J. Nixon, J. Winter, W. Curtis, J. T. Ray, J. P. Sawyers, J. Jackson, W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M. 119, P.P.G.T.; John Rothery, 119. J. Milligan, P.M. 119; John Casson, J.W. 119; M. Golithly, S.W. 119; George Sparrow, 119; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.; J. F. Kirkconel; W.M. 1267; J. Black, J.D. 1267; J. Dyson, 1267; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hartley, P.M. 1400; S. Hartley, 1400; W. Martin, P.M. 1660; R. Wilson, W.M. 1660; J. Harper, S.W. 1660; J. Banks, J.D. 1660; F. T. Allatt, Steward, 1660; B. Craig, Tyler 1660; E. Gibson, 1660; David Bell, S.D. 1660; J. Hodgson, 1660; and several others who did not sign the attendance book.

The lodge was opened in form, when Bro. Dalton announced to the brethren that Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy had kindly consented to act as Installing Masters. Bro. Dalton then assumed the chair, when Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P.G.A.D. of C., was presented, in the presence of nineteen Installed Masters, and duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. On being proclaimed, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Glessall, S.W.; G. W. Smith, J.W.; John Spittall, P.M., Treas.; Robert Twentyman, Sec. (for the tenth time); J. Cooper, Org.; J. Angus, S.D.; H. Burns, J.D.; W. Carmichael, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler; and T. B. Williamson, Steward. Bro. G. W. Kenworthy delivered the customary addresses in a manner which only requires to be heard to be appreciated. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the many visitors present, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M., faced by his Wardens, Bros. Glessall and Smith. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. During the evening a telegram, congratulating the W.M. on his installation, was received from the W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 252, Thornhill, N.B., the brethren of which were also celebrating the festival of the patron saint of Scottish Masonry. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was one of special interest on this occasion, it having become generally known that our much respected Bro. W. F. Lamony was, at no distant date, to take his departure for Australia. The newly-installed Master was anxious, not only to propose the toast himself and to couple our worthy brother's name for a reply, but that also it might be given with Highland honours, which was done in a most enthusiastic manner. Bro. Lamony feelingly replied, and on leaving the hall to catch the train the company, standing, poured forth the ever-inspiring song,

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind."

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, after a most enjoyable evening.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—On Monday evening last the installation meeting of this lodge took place, where, before a considerable gathering of the members of the lodge, despite the unfavourable weather, after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. C. Christopherson was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. and P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers, among whom we may mention Bros. Dr. Ring, P.M., S.W.; Hodgson, J.W.; Abrahams, Treas.; Wales, P.M., Sec.; Stamper, D. of C.; Wilson, S.D.; Coward, J.D.; and Nelson, I.G. Bro. John Banks was invested as I.P.M., to whom the lodge unanimously tendered a cordial vote of thanks for his most efficient services as W.M. during the last year; indeed, the lodge owes a debt of gratitude to Bro. Banks for his endeavours to restore the lodge to its pristine efficiency. The Greta Lodge, like other lodges, has had its seasons of prosperity and adversity, but seems now in good working order, and has apparently much sound material to look to for its future help and progress.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a "banquet," which had become their Festival of St. John, and which reflected no little credit on the Misses Franks and Coles, the caterers and lessees of the Keswick Hotel, where the lodge assembles. The usual loyal toasts were given and received with marked warmth of feeling, and the toast "Prosperity to the Greta Lodge," coupled with "The Health of its W.M.," as given by Bro. Woodford, was very heartily received, and effectively responded to. After an enjoyable evening, the brethren separated at an early hour, having been much interested with Bro. Woodford's statement respecting our great Masonic Charities, and the work and claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose festival will take place in February next. Everything seems to promise a year of prosperity to the Greta Lodge under Bro. Chas. Christopherson's rule.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. J. Atkinson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; W. Savage, J.W.; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, S.S.; H. Round, J.S.; J. O. Marples, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. J. Ballard, J. W. Brown, B. Streim, W. Addes, W. Campion, E. Graham, J. S. Hall, H. Williams, Webster Williams, J. Cantor, and others.

The Three Degrees were admirably worked by the W.M., assisted by his officers, Mr. James Boardman being initiated; Bros. Pitcher and Duncan passed as F.C.'s; and Bro. D. Cumming raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The usual toasts were given at the banquet which succeeded business, and a special compliment in this direction to Bro. Waterson, who had so kindly decorated the organ in the lodge-room. Songs were given by Bros. Webster Williams, J. Cantor, B. Streim, and others, and the accompaniments were played by Bro. J. J. Monk, Assistant Organist.

DOUGLAS (I. of M.)—Tynwald Lodge (No. 1242).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The lodge was opened shortly before four o'clock, and after the confirmation of the minutes, the newly-elected W.M., Bro. E. J. Bowman, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M. The manner in which the W.M. then invested his officers was most satisfactory to the brethren, as it proved that in electing Bro. Bowman as their W.M. they had bestowed their suffrages on one who would ably and conscientiously fulfil the duties annexed to the appointment. The new officers are Bros. R. T. Redman, I.P.M.; J. C. Bradshaw, S.W.; J. S. Goldie-Taubman, J.W.; J. A. Brown, P.M., Treas.; R. Swinnerton, P.M., D. of C.; J. A. Mylrea, Org.; F. W. Friend, Dep. Org.; J. F. Terry, Sec.; J. Morrison, S.D.; I. White, J.D.; and W. Kissack, I.G. The thanks of the lodge were passed to Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M., for the manner in which he had given the installation ceremony. This Masonic gathering was remarkable as having brought together what was stated to have been a larger number of P.M.'s and W.M.'s than has ever attended a lodge in the island, there having been no fewer than fifteen present, viz., Bros. Harwood, Swinnerton, Kennaugh, Webb, Bawden, Turner, Johnson, Quayle, Laughlin, Wild, Pattison, Bowman, Wood, Smith, and J. A. Brown.

After the business of the lodge the brethren, numbering forty one, adjourned to Bro. Harwood's Marina Lawn Hotel, where they sat down to a magnificent banquet, served a la Russe. Bro. Harwood is one of the founders of the Tynwald Lodge. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and what with music and speechifying a very pleasant evening was spent. The I.P.M., Bro. Redman, having, as is known, accepted an appointment in London, was unable to be present, but that his heart was with his brethren was evident, for during the evening the new W.M. received a telegram from him, saying: "I have followed you all through, and wish heartily I were with you. Tell my dear old friends that among the absent ones to-night none feel regret more keenly than I—none wish more sincerely than I success and prosperity to the Tynwald Lodge and yourself. May the 'Bulwarks' rally round you, old fellow, and may the many true hearts I know so well all help to make the coming year one of marked progress and prosperity for 1242." The musical portion of the programme was contributed to by the W.M. and Bros. Swinnerton, Bradshaw, Sharp, and Kissack, while the various toasts were given and responded to by the W.M., Bros. J. A. Brown, P.M., F. W. Friend, Bradshaw, S.W.; Kissack, I.G.; C. Kennaugh, P.M.; Swinnerton, P.M.; J. S. G. Taubman, J.W.; Jas. Hodgson, Webb, P.M.; G. H. Quayle, P.M.; A. W. Moore, Pattison, Cruikshank, Johnson, Morrison, and others.

During the evening two presentations were announced, one a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel for Bro. Redman, I.P.M., and a silver Secretary's jewel to Bro. J. S. G. Taubman, for their respective services—the former as W.M. and the latter as Secretary. We must not conclude without stating that advantage was taken of the presence of Masons from all the insular lodges of the island to discuss the desirability of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge for the island, and a hope was expressed that one result of this reunion would be the initiation of steps for securing that desirable object.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—On Tuesday last, the members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. William Berry, S.W., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. S. Pearce. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Pearce, I.P.M.; G. Grant, S.W.; I. Walton, J.W.; A. Algar, Treas.; Joseph Stevens, Sec.; Ireland, S.D.; Williamson, I.G.; Silverthorne, D.C.; B. Tanner, J.D.; Foster and Bailey, Stewards; C. Harrington and W. Vane, Tylers. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were: Bros. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; Henry Doman, P.M. of 319, P.P.G.S.D.; T. P. Payne, W.M. 394, P.M. 359; Irvine-Harle, P.M. 1780, P.P.G.P.; J. Parkinson, P.M. 1112, P.P.G.S.; all of the same province. Henry Masters, P.M. 319; William Grimper, W.M. 319; Silas Dore, P.M. 319; G. Cross, W.M. 359; G. Brooks, W.M. 112; W. H. Chapman, W.M. 1491.

During the proceedings votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the D.P.G. and P. Masters for their attendance, and also to the I.P. Master for his services during his year of office, and that day as installing Master. And it was further resolved that the lodge present him with a P.M.'s jewel. The hearty thanks of the lodge were also awarded to Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M. A Committee was also appointed on the motion of Bro. Irvine-Harle, P.M., consisting of the lodge officers, with power to add to their number, to consider a scheme whereby the funds of benevolent purposes might be very considerably increased, and a large number of votes procured for the various Masonic Charities.

The banquet was supplied by Bro. Gibbs, of above Barstreet, in his usual excellent manner. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, after which the brethren separated, great gratification being expressed at the days proceedings. It may be mentioned that Bro. Harle efficiently acted as Organist.

INSTRUCTION.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—At the regular meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. A. Walter's, the Green Dragon, Spring Garden-place, Stepey, E., Bro. Ellingford was W.M., and was supported by Bros. J. Andrews, P.M., S.W.; Alfred Wood, J.W.; J. Taylor, Deacon; W. Hawes, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., as Secretary; J. Tyler, G. A. Stephens, and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. T. W. Tait, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, being present, Bro. Ellingford, W.M., kindly offered to that brother the occupancy of the chair. This was accepted, and Bro. Tyler having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was carefully worked. Bro. J. Taylor worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Ellingford was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 10th inst., and the lodge was closed.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—A well-attended meeting of the above lodge was held, despite the holiday season, on the 28th ult., at Bro. Gregory's, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Bro. J. H. Pringle was W.M., supported by Bros. Ellingford, S.W.; Clements, J.W.; Bull, Deacon; Kennett, I.G.; Turquand, P.M., Preceptor; Breden, P.M., Secretary; B. C. Raw, W.M. 781; Daniell, P.M.; Hedges, Harvey, Austen, E. Gregory, Westcott, Pracey, Stephens, and others.

After due formalities lodge was opened up, and Bro. Harvey was interrogated and entrusted, and subsequently the ceremony of raising was capitally rendered by Bro. Hervey being candidate. Lodge was resumed and Bro. Ellingford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting—which, being the first in the new year, the W.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Ellingford would be well supported, and inaugurate another successful year for the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren held a meeting of the East London Masonic Charitable Association, in connection with the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Daniell, P.M., President; Turquand, P.M., Treasurer; and Breden, P.M., Hon. Sec. Subscriptions were received, and a ballot for £10 10s. was taken, resulting in favour of J. Hedges, who kindly placed the amount on the list of Bro. F. Robinson, J.D. of the mother lodge, who is acting as Steward to the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February. The Committee trust that brethren who are members of the Association will kindly pay up, and so enable the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction to be as well represented under Bro. Robinson's Stewardship as it has been in former years, when such substantial sums have been paid to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. This Association, which is the second of the kind formed in connection with Lodge 781, has already paid considerably over £100. The first annual audit was appointed to be taken on the fourth Wednesday in January, Bros. G. Harvey and G. H. Stephens being elected to perform that duty.

Another meeting of the above lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road. Bro. Ellingford occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Kennett, S.W.; Harvey, J.W.; Turquand, P.M., Preceptor; C. Breden, P.M., Secretary; Ould, S.D.; Lax, J.D.; Bull, I.G.; B. C. Rawe, W.M. mother lodge; Scheerboom, P.M., and others. Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Bull, candidate. The ceremony of opening the lodge in the Three Degrees was next practised, and lodge was closed down. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Turquand, Treas., and Breden, Sec., and to the Auditors, recognising their labours on behalf of the lodge, whose services, it was mentioned, had greatly contributed to the prosperity of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, and enabled it to pay over £14 from the lodge funds to various Masonic charities during the financial year just ended. We congratulate this lodge on its success in the past, and trust it may prove equally, and even more successful in the future.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 560).—At the meeting of this lodge on the 3rd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, there were present Bros. T. Clark, W.M.; Digman, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Wardell, S.D.; Smyth, J.D.; Gosling, I.G.; W. H. Wallington, P.M., Preceptor; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Basted, Baker, Darnell, Christian, Robinson, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting were submitted and confirmed. Bro. Clarke worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Robinson being candidate. Bro. Christian next favoured the brethren by giving the lecture on the tracing board, and at its conclusion the W.M. worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Digman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and all Masonic business being at an end, lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 10th inst.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, on the 30th ult. Present: Bros. A. Benabo, W.M.; T. Loane, S.W.; Dovey, J.W.; Macgregor, S.D.; J. West, J.D.; J. Siegenberg, I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; Job, Tait, Nathan, Benjamin, A. Hill, 205; Stephens, and others.

The lodge was opened by the Preceptor, Bro. Cundick, P.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cundick having kindly consented to work the installation ceremony, Bro. Musto, P.M., as D.C., presented Bro. Benabo for the benefit of installation. The entire ceremony, less the inner working, was most impressively rendered, the three charges being given with much effect. Lodge having been resumed, Bro. Macgregor worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Hill, 205, was elected a member of the lodge, and Bro. Dr. T. Loane was also elected W.M. for the 6th inst., when brethren are promised a Masonic treat. The lodge commences business on Friday evenings at eight o'clock.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—At the regular meeting of this lodge at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday last, Bro. Brittain occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. H. Hubbert, S.W.; F. Robinson, J.W.; D. Moss, S.D.; C. Kendall, (W.M. Mother Lodge) I.G.; A. G. Clements, acting Sec.; Past Master T. J. Barnes, Precept. and Treasurer; A. Scheerboom, M. Isaacs, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were submitted and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was worked very carefully, Bro. Isaacs being candidate. By request, Bro. Past Master Barnes assumed the chair to give the charge at initiation. This being satisfactorily rendered, Bro. Moss worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. F. Robinson, J.D. 781, informed the brethren that he was acting as Steward for the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and made an appeal to the lodge for some support to that excellent institution. It was unanimously carried that a sum

of £5 5s. should be taken from the lodge funds and placed upon Bro. Robinson's list. We may mention that this is the third subscription of a similar amount voted by this lodge; £5 5s. having been placed on Bro. Hollington's list last year, and £5 5s. on Bro. G. H. Stephens' list the previous year, showing how useful our lodges of instruction are in aiding our Masonic Institutions, beyond the good they do in uniting brethren together for the purpose of instruction and improvement. Bro. D. Moss also appealed to the lodge for any votes they possessed on behalf of a Bro. S. Marks, in whose case he is taking a warm interest. All Masonic business having been concluded with the election of Bro. W. H. Hubbert as W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close and lodge was adjourned.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. W. H. Johnston, W.M.; Marshall, S.W.; Pocock, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Chubb, acting Sec.; Shaw, S.D.; Barton, J.D.; Mande, I.G.; Allhawsen, Smith, Steingraber, and others.

The lodge was duly opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the First, when Bro. Stein graber, acting as a candidate for the First Degree, was duly initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. After a call off, the lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the First Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren; and the lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, the First Section of that Lecture was worked in a like manner. The lodge was then resumed in the Third Degree, and closed down to the First. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Marshall was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the Second Degree will be worked, and the First Section of the Third Lecture.

Royal Arch.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 213).—The Quarterly Convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Friday, the 2nd ult., when, owing to the unavoidable absence of Ex. Comp. Joseph Stanley, jun., M.E.Z. of this chapter, Ex. Comp. S. N. Berry, Z. 807, P.G.O., kindly took the 1st chair. He was assisted by the following officers: Ex. Comps. A. J. Berry, H. 807, acting H.; Jas. E. H. Watson, J.; Rob. Baldrey, S.E.; George Baxter, S.N.; G. W. G. Barnard, P.S.; F. Linging, 1st A.S.; James J. Hunt, 2nd A.S.; and J. W. Browne, Org. 807, acting Organist (*Freemason*). Among those present were Comps. J. G. Barwell, Z. 52; M. J. Bailey, E. Baldwin, P.Z. 40, 213, P.G.S.E.; Charles Haven, A. Atkinson, M. J. Bailey, and Thomas Isley. Among the visitors were Comps. J. B. Bridgman, Dr. Bailey, H. A. W. Reeves, Henry Rosling, Jesse Weyer and W. N. Cooper, 807; and Wilson.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of the exaltation of Bro. J. J. Hosken then took place, which was admirably and with marked correctness performed by the M.E.Z., Comp. S. N. Berry, and his officers. Indeed, too much praise cannot be accorded to them, for without doubt the constitution of the chapter, as formed that evening, would find few equals throughout the kingdom. After the ceremony had concluded the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, which resulted unanimously as follows: Comps. Geo. Baxter, M.E.Z.; Jas. E. H. Watson, H.; Robt. Baldry, J.; G. W. G. Barnard, S.E.; Thos. Isley, S.; F. Linging, P.S. (who declined that evening to name his assistants); Jas. Dunsford, P.G.D.C., Treas.; S. N. Berry, Org.; and Murrell, Janitor. The chapter was then closed in solemn and ancient form, and on dismissing the companions Comp. S. N. Berry gave the charge in an excellent manner. We congratulate Comp. Geo. Baxter on his being elected to so high a position, and trust that he may have the opportunity of displaying his proficiency in Royal Arch Masonry as he did in those of the inferior degree.

The companions then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent supper had been prepared by the Steward of the club, Comp. E. Wilkin, at the conclusion of which the usual Royal Arch, loyal, and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and the remainder of the evening spent in a most pleasant and enjoyable manner, Comp. G. Baxter occupying the chair.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. Present: Comps. Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G.S.N. as Z.; Jas. Richardson, H.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G. Treas. as J.; Hy. Stead, E.; Nathl. Nicholson, N.; Thos. Aldred, P.S.; J. Boothroyd, 2nd A.S.; Thos. Morris, P.Z.; Jas. Heywood, Wm. Court, and Geo. A. Mort. Visitors: Comps. Jas. Newton, P.Z. 37 and 348, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; and A. E. Cokayne, P.Z. 321, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Cheshire.

The chapter having been opened the minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved. The days of meeting were changed to the first Wednesday in March, June, and October. The following companions were elected to the offices placed opposite their names, Comps. Jas. Richardson, Z.; J. H. Greenhayle, H.; Nathl. Nicholson, J.; Hy. Stead, E.; Thos. Aldred, N.; G. A. Mort, P.S.; J. Boothroyd, 1st A.S.; Wm. Court, 2nd A.S. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th ult., at the Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Comps. Morris, Z.; Jas. Dawson, P.Z., acting J.; Sidney Henson, Treasurer, acting H.; J. I. Lambert, Scribe E.; H. L. Recca, Scribe N.; J. E. Steward, P.S.; J. Sly, Janitor; John Bladon, P.Z.; W. T. Sowler, H. J. R. Bayley, Robt. Tomlins, J. W. Edwards, E. L. Littler, Oldham, H. Walmsley, Sumner, J. G. Elderton, and R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in due form at six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

At 6.30 the companions adjourned to tea, and at 7.15 re-assembled in the lodge room. This being the night for electing officers for the ensuing year, the following companions were duly voted to serve: Comps. Jas. Dawson, Z.; W. Nicholl, H.; J. E. Steward, J.; J. I. Lambert (third time), E.; H. Walmsley, Scribe N.; Oldham, P.S.; J. W. Edwards, Treas.; and R. R. Lisenden, J. G. Elderton, E. L. Littler, and Sumner, Stewards. Comps. Almond and R. R. Lisenden were chosen by Comp. Oldham as 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners respectively. There being no further business the chapter was closed in the usual manner at 8.30.

MASONIC BALL AT MARYPORT.

On Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., the brethren of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, M.M.M., and the companions of Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, held their annual ball in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport. There was a very numerous attendance of the members and their wives, "sisters, cousins, and aunts," whilst there were several visitors present from Cockermouth. The proceedings opened with tea, after which the hall was cleared for dancing. At intervals, some excellent vocal and instrumental music was contributed by ladies and gentlemen present; whilst there was ample provision for those who preferred a quiet rubber at whist or the merriment inseparable from the "imperial" game of "Napoleon." The hall presented a very brilliant appearance, the Masons wearing the decorations of the Craft, Arch, Mark, and other Degrees; whilst here and there might be observed a lady adorned with a Masonic scarf. Altogether the entertainment was most enjoyable, and it is a pity these *en famille* parties are not more common amongst the Freemasons of Cumberland.

Amongst those present we noticed: Bro. W. Stoddart, W.M. 371, and Miss Stoddart; Bro. J. H. Banks, S.W. 371, and Mrs. Banks; Bro. J. Weatherston, J.W. 371; Bro. J. R. Banks, P.M. 371; Bro. J. W. Robinson, P.M. 371, and Mrs. Robinson; Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. and P.Z. 371, and Mrs. Gardiner; Bro. G. W. Thompson, P.M. 371, and Miss Thompson; Bro. T. Mandle, P.M. 371; Bro. John Wilson, 371, and Mrs. Wilson; Bro. F. Boyd, 371, and Mrs. Boyd; Bro. F. Harrison, 371, and Mrs. Harrison; Bro. E. G. Mitchell, 371, and Mrs. Mitchell; Bro. M. Wilson, 371, and many others. The following visitors were present: Bro. J. Black, P.M. 1002, and Mrs. Black; Bro. J. Mason, Sec. 1002, and Mrs. Mason; Bro. T. Armstrong, 1002, and Mrs. Armstrong; Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, and P.Z. 119, and Mrs. Lamony.

Amusements.

GLOBE.—This house has been re-opened for old English Comedies. Sheridan's "The Rivals" is promised. Just now we are treated to "She Stoops to Conquer." We do not intend giving a lengthy review of this play, for it is—ought to be—known, by every one who ever goes inside a theatre. Perhaps there are few comedies so popular at all times, with all classes, in all places, as Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," unless it be "School for Scandal," which runs it very close. The venture ought to be successful, seeing the company got together—a most distinguished one. We have Mr. Ryder who played *Mr. Harcastle*, Mr. Ansen (*Tony Lumpkin*), Mr. Dacre (*Young Marlow*), Miss Ellen Meyrick (*Miss Neville*), and the accomplished and every attractive Mrs. Sterling and Miss Litton, who played respectively *Mrs. Harcastle* and *Miss Harcastle*. To hear the applause these two ladies and Mr. Ryder received, before they even spoke a word, must have gladdened the heart of the management, as well as have been appreciated by them. All we fear is, that just now with so many other popular pieces going, it will not be possible to keep together such a talented company, whose salaries must be considerable; however, we hope our fears are groundless.

COURT.—On Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Claremont entertained their friends, together with the artistes and employes of the theatre, and some hundreds of children, at a Christmas tree. The tree occupied the whole of the stage, and was laden with fruit and brilliantly illuminated. Bro. Lionel Brough, Bro. Bryon, Mr. Anson, Mr. Kyrle Bellew, Miss Marian Terry, and Miss Carlotta Addison, attired as children, came upon the stage and contributed much to the mirth of the afternoon. After partaking of refreshments, the children and their parents went home, highly delighted with the entertainment Mr. Claremont had given them.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has given his patronage to the performance by the "Inseparable's A.D.C.," in aid of the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the Vienna theatre fire, and Mr. Corney Grain and Mr. Reed have given the free use of the St. George's Hall for the performance.

On Tuesday a few friends of Bro. Thorne assembled at the Vaudeville and wished him a "Happy New Year," and success to his undertaking to carry on the theatre alone. He has announced his intention of giving some matinees shortly of English comedies, commencing with "The School for Scandal."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Health or Wealth.—No sane person would hesitate an instant in the choice between these two conditions. Now is the season to secure the former either by restoring or confirming it. These Pills expel all impurities from the system which fogs, foul vapours, and variable temperatures engender during winter; this medicine also acts most wholesomely upon the skin by discharging the liver of its accumulated bile, and by exciting the kidneys to more energetic action; it increases the appetite for food and strengthens the digestive process. The stomach and liver, with which most disorders originate, are fully under the control of these regenerative Pills, which act very kindly yet most efficiently on the tenderest bowels.—[ADVT.]

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Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., presided at a meeting of the Institute of Bankers, in the theatre of the London Institute, where a paper was read by Mr. John Evans, D.C.L., LL.D., on "L. S. D.; or the origin of Pounds, Shillings, and Pence."

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Sheriff Hogg, will attend in State at St. Peter's-upon-Cornhill, on the third Sunday in Lent, when a sermon on behalf of the City of London Truss Society will be preached.

Bro. the Earl of Dunmore has been staying recently in New York. His lordship will shortly make a tour through the Southern States, with a view to the purchase of tracts of farming and grazing lands, with the ultimate object of inducing English and Scotch farmers to settle upon them.

At a meeting of Tregulow Lodge, No. 1006, Bro. John Francis Hooper, P.M. 699, and P.P.G. Steward and Organist, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., and Mr. E. Brydges Wilyams, M.P.'s for Truro, in accordance with their usual custom, very kindly placed £25 each at the disposal of the Mayor, to be distributed in such a way as the Mayor and Corporation thought fit for Christmas.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside on Tuesday, February 7th, at the annual general court of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women (late Royal Infirmary), Waterloo Bridge-road. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Bro. Sheriff Ogg have also promised their attendance.

Mr. Harrison Ainsworth, the well-known novelist, died at Reigate on Tuesday morning, in his 77th year.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* is now published at one penny.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey was present at the annual Druids' dinner at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, on Monday.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold and the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), have accepted the posts of Presidents of a Committee which has been formed in this country for the purpose of aiding the objects of the forthcoming Heraldic Exhibition at Berlin, and among the members of the Committee are Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, Mr. J. J. Howard, and Mr. A. B. Wyon, chief engraver of seals to Her Majesty (Honorary Secretary). Offers of objects for exhibition have been received from a number of gentlemen, and also from the Carpenters' and Goldsmiths' Companies.

Bro. Alderman Staples entertained the members of the Common Council for the ward of Aldersgate at dinner at his residence, Avenue-road, on St. Thomas's Day.

Bro. Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Roberts, Commander-in-Chief of Madras, will shortly proceed on a long tour. He first goes to Wellington to inspect that station in view of the proposed location of a European regiment there. He will then return to Madras, whence he will embark for Burmah; Kamptee and other stations being afterwards visited.—*Broad Arrow*.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has kindly promised to preside at the annual festival of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association.

Bro. Alderman Hadley, in a letter to the *Standard*, announces that the board of management of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society (of which he is treasurer), having had its attention drawn to the frequent cases of hardship arising from the fact that poor and deserving patients are unable to obtain a sufficient number of letters of recommendation to enable them to receive the artificial limbs or instruments they require, has decided to establish a benevolent fund, through which to assist this class. As this will involve a heavy charge, the assistance of the public is asked.

Bro. J. P. Knight, the manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, has received a Christmas present from Bro. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany. The present has been forwarded through Count Münster, the German Ambassador in England. The present, which is in the shape of a bronze bust of the Prince, it appears, has come from Berlin, and is intended as an acknowledgment of the many kind attentions shown to the Prince and Princess during their stay last summer in the Isle of Wight and on the South Coast. The bust has the following inscription: "To J. P. Knight, Esq., from Frederick William, Crown Prince of Germany and Prussia, 1881."

"Carols, Ancient and Modern," was the title of an entertainment given at the Hall of Zion College, by Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, who made his first appearance as a lecturer at the opening session of St. Stephen's Institute, London-wall. The subject kept the audience (which was a very large one, the hall being completely filled) thoroughly interested, which they testified by their frequent marks of approval, and occasionally by laughter at the humorous anecdotes of Christmas customs with which the lecture was interspersed. Bro. Cozens was assisted in the vocal department by Bros. Ashton, Brown, Gilby, Moss, Hubbard, and others, with twenty-two boys from Temple Church, and St. Stephen's, Coleman-street. It is needless to say with such a choir that the specimens of carols were well sung, the finest being "In Dulce Jubilo," "The French Carol," "The Manger Throne," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Sing Again, ye Happy Children," sung by Bro. Fred. Cozens, and "Nazareth," by Bro. Hubbard (both of which were encored), whose powerful bass voice was heard in the concluding piece, "The Watchman," proclaiming the hour from various parts of the Hall. Altogether it was a complete success, and the entertainment concluded by the Rev. J. W. Pratt, M.A., proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, which was carried by acclamation. After a brief reply, the National Anthem was sung by the choir. The audience, one and all, expressing their delight and satisfaction, and desire for a repetition of the entertainment.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, has appointed Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G. Treasurer, to act as Provincial Grand Secretary for the remainder of the current year, in the room of Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, who has resigned. Bro. Lamonby, who has accepted a three years engagement on the staff of the *Melbourne Argus* and *Australasian*, leaves Plymouth for Melbourne on the 25th of February.

The brilliant press luminary, the *Daily Telegraph*, albeit ordinarily a well-informed journal, gravely announced that on Monday, the 16th inst., Lord Mayor Ellis would be installed "as Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons." We claim to be fairly well posted in the Masonic news of the day, but we humbly confess we are ignorant of the one and only condition on which such installation is possible, namely, the resignation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Had our esteemed contemporary just looked into his "Cosmo," he would have at once discovered that the "Grand Master's Lodge" is no more the "Grand Lodge of Freemasons," than a part is equal to the whole, and we all know this latter proposition is set down by Euclid as a rank absurdity.

Bro. Taylor, Grand Master of New York, has appointed R.W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. James M. Austin, M.D.

Bro. Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P., is announced to preside at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Borough Jewish Schools, on the 15th of January.

At the monthly meeting of the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, held at the Masonic Hall, Lauceston, Bro. Henry Martin Harvey was elected the W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C., of the City Steam Works, Little Britain, and 64, Aldersgate-street, has admitted into partnership his brother, Mr. Edward Altman. The business will, as hitherto, be carried on under the style of Feltham and Co.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid with great ceremony on the 7th ult., at Durban, South Africa.

The *Globe* is enlarged from thirty-two to forty columns daily. The style and shape of the paper is not materially altered, and it consists of eight pages, but with an additional column on each page.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, was amongst the speakers at the opening of a new Coffee tavern, in Rochester-road, Westminster, called the Burdett Arms, in commemoration of the connection of the late Sir Francis Burdett with the representation of Westminster.

Bro. Capt. Hannah will be installed W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday next.

Bro. Alderman Knight has recovered from the unfavourable symptoms which he experienced consequent upon holding the wardmotes on St. Thomas's Day, and we are pleased to report that he is now again progressing quite satisfactorily.

Bro. Sheriff Hanson entertained Bro. Sir John Monckton and the Common Councilmen of the Ward of Billingsgate, at the City Carlton Club, on Friday last.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, the W.M. elect No. 1, Grand Masters Lodge, has given permission for the Richmond pantomime to be dedicated to him. The subject being "Dick Whittington," a great deal of wit is got out of his lordship's name, and the prophecy of his being thrice elected was received with great cheers, showing how popular the Lord Mayor is in his native town.

The Christmas Number of the *Freemason* has several interesting stories, the subjects and characters in them having invariably some references or allusions to Freemasonry, the difficulty of applying them being got over with great ease and success, showing that the writers were well acquainted with all matters connected with the Craft; while, from the interesting character of many of them, they will be read with pleasure by those who have not been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.—*The Era*.

Bro. Edwin Freshfield, the Bishop of Winchester, Right Hon. A. J. B. Beresford Hope, M.P., Bro. Sir F. Leighton, Mr. W. H. Gladstone, M.P. (for the Premier), Bro. Justice Kay, Mr. E. Lefevre, M.P., and Professor Lewis were the pall bearers at the funeral of Mr. G. E. Street. Amongst the many people present there were many members of the Craft, as is right there should be on such an occasion.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.C., rector of Burghclere, Hants, and Private Chaplain to the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, is, we regret to say, obliged to winter in the south of France, having overworked himself in his parish. The Bishop of Winchester has just conferred upon Bro. Portal an Honorary Canonry in Winchester Cathedral.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Countess of Carnarvon have left Biarritz for Pau, where they propose remaining for about two months.

Bros. Sir Erasmus Wilson, the Earl of Shaftesbury, and Henry Wright are amongst the contributors to the fund now being raised for a memorial to the late Dean Stanley. The Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Buccleuch, Bishops of London, Exeter, Durham, and Manchester, the Premier, Lord Wolverton, Lord Crewe, Canon Liddon, and Mr. Lionel Tennyson, are also amongst those who have given donations. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on Tuesday travelled from Sandringham to preside at a Committee meeting of the fund, held in the College Hall, when it was decided to give the work to Mr. Boehm, and the direction of the tomb on which it is to rest to Mr. Pearson, the Cathedral architect. It was announced that £3350 14s. 6d. had already been subscribed, and an executive sub-committee, consisting of twenty-one persons, appointed.

We believe H.R.H. Prince Leopold's wedding will take place early in the spring, and will be celebrated in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS.—Another movement in the direction of providing improved houses for the people has been made by the formation of "The Separate Dwellings Company," the distinctive features of which will be the erection of homes for artizans and others, which will afford to the occupiers all the advantages of a separate dwelling, it is believed, at a rent less than is usually paid for lodgings. The scheme is, to our mind, of a thoroughly practical character, and while we believe that there are few wider fields for the employment of capital than the erection of improved dwellings for the labouring classes, the specially attractive features of this company should make it more than ordinarily successful.

We are requested to announce that the meeting night of the recently formed lodge of instruction in connection with the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, is altered from Thursday to Tuesday evenings, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Business commences at 7 o'clock, and brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Bro. Alfred Williams, C.E., P.M. 49, had his portrait in oil, as Master of the Worshipful Company of Playing Card Makers, presented to him on Monday last, by the staff in his offices, 64, Bankside, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he is held by them. The picture is an admirable likeness of our worthy brother, but apart from its artistic merits, is a lasting record of those tender feelings towards him which an employer always has in his power to establish in the breasts of the employed.

The Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, will be consecrated this day, Saturday, Jan. 7th, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by several Grand Officers. A banquet at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, will follow.

Bro. J. J. Hosken, of the Norwich Post Office, has honoured the inhabitants of Lowestoft with his exhaustive lecture on "The Post Office, Past and Present," and on the 7th inst. delivered the same to a crowded audience in Norwich, who seemed highly to appreciate the history. We congratulate Bro. Hosken on his success.

Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, installed Bro. Geo. Yates, S.W., as W.M. of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-mare, on Wednesday last.

The celebration of the Festival of St. John took place on Wednesday, at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, when Bro. J. G. Vile, S.W., was duly installed W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity for the ensuing year. There was a large muster of brethren, including several visitors, and at the banquet which followed, the band of the 13th Regiment, by permission of Colonel Montgomery, attended, and performed several selections of music.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has sent to the younger members of the family of Mr. Kennard, to whom he paid a visit last month, his photograph signed by himself, and a letter expressing his pleasure at his visit to West Park and Salisbury.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., before leaving for England, visited Bishop Colenso, at Natal, and has taken up the case of the ex-king against John Dunn. Probably our worthy brother will entertain Cetewayo in England.

Bro. Henry E. Tucker, S.W., 1613, Preceptor, will preside at the next meeting of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, on Monday, January 9th, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.

It is stated that the Prince and Princess of Wales will shortly open a magnificent new wing and chapel added to the Margate Sea Bathing Infirmary by Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, at a cost of nearly £30,000. The additions include sheltered spaces, a bathing room available for an assembly room to hold about 400 persons, and numerous day and night wards, all faced with glazed bricks, avoiding the possibility of infection. The chapel is an exquisite building, containing about £2000 worth of stained glass.

The annual meeting of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, was held on Monday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. Paull, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., presiding. Bro. John Estlick, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. John Niness, P.M., P.P.G.R., was for the twentieth time elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Lean, P.P.G.T., was again appointed Tyler.

We regret to hear that Bro. G. R. Sims has met with an accident, which for a time has deprived him of the use of one of his eyes. Lighting a wax match, the top flew, blazing into his eye, burning the eyelid and the pupil, and making a blister on the iris. Bro. Sim's medical adviser told him he had narrowly escaped the destruction of the eyesight, but we were pleased to hear that he had completely recovered.—*City Press*.

We regret to learn that Bro. Sir John Monckton, President Board of General Purposes, has an attack of lumbago, and is now in Scotland to recruit his health. We hope he will soon be able to resume his official and Masonic duties.

Bros. Colonel Dundas, Major Savory, and Wm. Green were amongst the visitors at the Alliance Lodge on Wednesday. Major Wilde was proposed as an initiate by Bro. Lieutenant Henry Wright, and seconded by Bro. Major Sewell, P.P.G. Steward.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W., was on Wednesday presented, at the Mansion House, with his bust, as a mark of esteem for the way he carried out his duties of Lord Mayor, 1872-80. The presentation was made by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

We believe we are correct in stating that Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts will not succeed Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley at the War Office when the latter takes up the Adjutant Generalship, but that Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood of South African fame, will become Deputy Quartermaster General, Sir Henry Bulwer, K.C.M.G., becoming Lieutenant-Governor of Natal, although the Colonists would have liked to have had Sir E. Wood. Sir H. Bulwer has already had great experience in the Governorship of the colony.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, January 14, 1882.

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, JANUARY 7.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
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, JANUARY 9.

- Lodge 5, St. George's Corner Stone, F.M.H.
20, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
90, St. John's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, F.M.H.
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantaganet, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 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, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
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.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
180, St. James' Union, F.M.H.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
917, Cosmopolita, Cannon-st. Hot.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1199, Urban, F.M.H.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
1655, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
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. Win., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermy-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
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, JANUARY 11.

- Gen. Com. and Audit Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
15, Kent, F.M.H.
87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
147, Justice, White Swan, High-st. Leptford.
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
1718, Centurion, Regent M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mar 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
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, S.
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., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12.

- Lodge 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
258, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
534, Polish National, F.M.H.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
890, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.
1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., Lon. B.
140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
538, Vane, F.M.H.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
019, Beadon, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Rose Croix Chap. 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, 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-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent Garden, at 7.45.
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. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.

- Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
K.T. Precept. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermy-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.
Unite 1 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, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
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.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14.

- Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1328, Granite, F.M.H.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.
Mark 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., Hmsth.

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CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, January 14, 1882.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9.

- Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
1031, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
1490, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, M.R., Warrington.
Red Cross Conclave, Walton, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
293, King's Friends, Lamb Hot., Nantwich.
323, Peace, Warren Bulkley Arms, Stockport.
1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport.
430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., Liverpool.
1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
1315, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
780, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.
1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.

- Lodge 1280, Rock, M.R., Birkenhead.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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