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THE Great Educational Election Gatherings are over for 1882. The Girls' School Quarterly Court took place on Saturday last, when some very important business was transacted, after which the poll was opened and the election of seven out of twenty candidates took place. The polling was unusually high and vigorous. Indeed, the figures to which we allude later are such as to merit consideration and require study. It would almost seem as if each election would surpass the preceding one in keenness and severity. The Boys' School gathering passed over on Monday, when the normal business having been got through, the election of twelve candidates was proceeded with, out of a list of sixty. In the Girls' School 31,329 votes were issued at this election. Of these MINNIE DOBBY, the first successful candidate, polled 3394, and the lowest, MARY HANNAH HIRST, 2212. Thus the seven successful candidates polled 18,424 votes, leaving only thirteen candidates and 9612 votes to be carried forward, the highest number polled of which is 1762, and the lowest 19. There is the very large number of 3193 unpolled votes. There were, as regards the Boys' School, 39,990 votes issued, and 25,574 brought forward, in all 65,564 votes. The twelve successful candidates polled in all, two of them being candidates for the first time, 32,403 votes. The two successful candidates on a first application (CHIESMAN and SUTCLIFFE) polled 2696 and 2645 respectively. The unsuccessful candidates polled 31,368 votes, in all 63,768, leaving 1796 unpolled votes. The highest successful case was that of THOMAS MORETON NICHOLAS, with 3004, and the lowest HENRY A. ECCLESTONE, 2464 votes. We shall all feel that the elections are becoming very serious things. Among other moving incidents attendant on these recent elections, a little bird has whispered into our ear, of a certain helpful sister, who, by her own exertions, obtained 2000 Boys' votes and 900 Girls' votes for one meritorious candidate. Who shall say that the age of labourious efforts or untiring industry has passed away? True it is, as ever, that there is nothing like work, (real, sheer, good hard work), after all, and that nothing in this world of ours is so successful as success. Some of us may wish that we had had such potent and such friendly aid.

THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School came to a very important decision on Saturday, practically for the future excluding the purchase of a sister into the School, when there is one at the same time being educated, having been elected. It seems to us, with due deference to the Quarterly Court, that in the decision arrived at, they mixed up two entirely distinct questions, —election and purchase. It was perfectly easy to appeal to the sentiment and prejudice of "two in a family to the exclusion of others;" but nothing is in truth more illogical, or more misleading. The two systems of election and purchase stand on an entirely different basis, one being the right of the subscribers, the other the privilege conceded for exceptional cases and a money payment. There are many obvious reasons why, as there can be no objection on the part of the Committee if the candidate be properly qualified, a girl in the School is benefitted by having a sister by purchase educated with her; and, in many cases, when deceased Freemasons have deserved well of their Fraternity, the new regulation will act with hardship on the orphan children. For many a province or many a lodge would purchase a child into the school as well as elect one, if they were not now debarred by the rules of the Institution. The point, as markedly raised by Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, turns out, as was felt at the time, to be no point at all; inasmuch, as if it is good for anything,

it is against all purchase. If Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S argument is sound, all purchase should cease, as each purchased child keeps out a child properly elected by the subscribers. However, the Quarterly Court has so decided the question, and there let it rest. But we apprehend that one of the results of this somewhat hasty decision, (in the face, too, of the opinion of the GRAND REGISTRAR, in itself a strongish order), will be to call attention to the whole system of purchase; whether it is, in fact, on the arguments of Saturday, fairly maintainable at all, or whether, in justice to the other scholars and to the rights of the subscribers, all pupils ought not now to be placed on the same level, except as to endowed scholarships.

Two very curious facts came out the other day at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and two facts so serious that they deserve public Masonic notice, and, we think, condemnation. The two facts are these, that there is a certain good lodge which, having paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the modest sum of nearly £300, has received in annuities nearly £3000, and that it is a rule in the lodge, apparently, that every P.M., when he reaches the legal age, is placed on the list of candidates for the Annuity Fund. To say nothing of the obvious unfairness of such a proceeding, there seems to us to be an obliquity of the Masonic moral vision involved, inasmuch as there must be a "suppressio veri," or a "suggestio falsi" somewhere. It is not likely, on any grounds of probability, that every Past Master when he reaches the age of sixty, is in reduced circumstances, and no one, we apprehend, has a right to appeal to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution any more than to the Lodge of Benevolence, unless in a position requiring help. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is not a Benefit Society; the privileges it confers are given openly by votes; but for those requiring aid from a Masonic Institution certain qualifications are needed, among them the foremost being age, reduced circumstances, and Masonic membership. We, therefore, are induced to hope that this lodge will see the "error of its ways;" and as it has thus a "locus poenitentiae" awarded to it, as before the bar of Masonic public opinion, let it evince its recognition of great and astounding benefits extended to its members, by being markedly and fully represented on a Steward's list at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under our very distinguished and gallant Bro. General BROWNRIGG. Such a proceeding will, we think, disarm much of contemporary criticism, and even tend to soften Bro. TERRY'S anxious memory of the past, and his anxious anticipations for the future.

It will be noticed that Bro. General BROWNRIGG, P.G.M. for Surrey, presides over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in February next, and Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, P.G.M. for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, the Girls' School Festival, in May next. We augur, from the selection of these two distinguished brethren, very successful gatherings.

JUST now Freemasonry seems emerging from its chrysalis state, and developing into full activity and bloom in Masonic gatherings and festive aggregations. We congratulate many good friends of ours on being still, despite years and troubles, the cares of wealth, or the anxieties of domestic life, happily to the fore, "fresh as paint," hearty and cheery as ever. May all of happiness attend them—good digestions, serene health, and above all, no trying attacks of the old, old enemy.

THERE are some difficulties in the way of Grand Stewards from the provinces, which we think it right to advert to. One is the expense. Few of our worthy brethren in the provinces are, perhaps, aware that each Grand Steward pays about £25 per annum for the privilege of his office. The other is, attendance in London, which is necessary for the arrangements for the Grand Festival. These meetings of the Grand Stewards go on from February to June. There is also a compulsory attendance of Grand Stewards, by rota, at the Quarterly Communications.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.—IV.

The rules as to "Private Lodges" naturally fall to be considered at more length than those respecting the "Grand Lodge" and the "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." They come "close home to every one," and hence the various alterations and additions have been more keenly examined and criticised. Notwithstanding the severity of the examination, however, to which the new rules have been subjected, but few have been objected to, and all unite in generally supporting the revision.

There are several regulations, which, though they appear for the first time in the Book of Constitutions, have virtually been accepted as a portion of the "unwritten laws" of the Craft for many years. Of this class may be mentioned 121. The Master and Wardens of a new lodge to be constituted are those mentioned on the warrant, and *no others*. Hence, no alteration can be made in the names of either of these three brethren, "unless by special sanction of the Grand Master." Evident as this clause appears to those versed in the laws, its absence from our Constitutions hitherto, has led sometimes to other brethren being substituted for Wardens than those nominated on the warrant.

Another of this class is No. 126, which provides that a lodge must suspend its meetings should its warrant be lost or withheld by competent authority, until due restoration has taken place, or one of "confirmation" has been obtained.

Also No. 125 might be noted, respecting the possession of a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master, or a dispensation if in the Colonies or foreign parts, which is specially entrusted to the Master for the time being, "who is responsible for its safe custody and shall produce it at every meeting of the lodge." Exception is made in favour of the Lodge of "Antiquity," No. 2, and the "Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge," No. 4, which act under immemorial Constitutions." As many will be aware, there were *four lodges* originally that required no warrants, as they were working prior to the institution of the Premier Grand Lodge, in 1716-7.

No. 129 recites the titles of the regular officers of a lodge, viz., "The Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, an Inner Guard, and a Tyler;" and also states that the "Master may appoint a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, and Stewards." It will be noticed that the appointment, or, at least, the investment with a collar and jewel of an *Assistant Secretary* is not provided for, and consequently, is not legal. Also that the title of "*Master of Ceremonies*" is changed to that of *Director*, which accords with the practice of lodges generally for years past, and presents the sameness of the title throughout, *i.e.*, in lodge, Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and Grand Lodge.

We apprehend that brethren may be appointed or elected to other duties in the lodge than those embraced under the regular officers, such as Almoner, Assistant Secretary, &c., but such members must not be invested with any collars or jewels indicative of their position, because none other officers than those stated in rule 129 are the actual officers of a lodge. The last clause of this rule is new and beneficial in character, viz., "No brother can hold more than one office in the lodge at one and the same time." We have been asked if the *Immediate Past Master* would be considered an officer of a lodge in this sense; and our answer was, *we think not*, because all the officers are mentioned in the rule in question, and the *Immediate Past Master* is not included in the category. The *Immediate Past Master* is not appointed by the Master, nor elected by the lodge, but is the creation of the "Constitutions" expressly. The prefix "Honorary" is most undesirable as applied to any officers of a lodge, and, therefore, objectionable in relation to the Secretary.

The Constitutions were silent before the revision as to the service of the office of Warden to be in a lodge "under the English Constitution," to constitute eligibility for the chair, but 130 is now emphatic thereon, as well as in declaring that "No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he has been regularly installed."

As a sample of how the regulations have previously been arranged, those relating to Masters &c., might be cited, for clause 2 page 62, and clause 1 page 76-7 must be consulted, whereas now the rule 130 embodies all that is requisite. The rules affecting other officers are still more widely distributed in the previous editions, and are thus most awkwardly arranged for reference. Rule 148, *re* visitors, is in a much improved form, and much more explicit than formerly. It requires that no visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be (a) personally known to; (b) or recommended; (c) or well vouched for by one of the brethren present; (d) or until he has produced the certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong; (e) and has given satisfactory proof that he is the brother named in the certificate; (f) or other proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge. The first rule as to visitors we meet in the records of Grand Lodge is dated February 19th, 1724, and is, in many respects, the present regulation *in miniature*. "No visitor however skilled in Masonry shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he is personally known to, or well vouched and recommended by one of that lodge present." ("Constitutions" 1738). These sensible conditions ought to be well considered by the Masters of lodges, and should be faithfully followed. We much fear a laxity as to testing visitors has been gradually creeping into several lodges, and but little care is exercised, either in examining such brethren, or *first of all* making sure that their certificates prove them to be regular Masons. As there are spurious Masons hailing from "home" as well as "abroad," too much caution cannot well be followed on visitors presenting themselves for admission, and after the needful trials have been satisfactorily passed, the warmth of the reception can be commensurate with the exactitude of the previous ordeal.

Clause 2, page 89, is altered, or rather extended, for the better, in Rule 149 which enables the Master, not only to refuse admission "to any visitor

of known bad character," (as before) but also to object to any "visitor whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the lodge." Brethren have at times sought to force their company as visitors upon lodges when their presence was objectionable to one or more of the members, and having been refused admission, they appealed to the "Board of General Purposes," but their appeals were dismissed. It is well, however, to have the rule inserted in the Constitutions, and so we are glad to see it is added to 149 accordingly. Rule 150 is made stronger than clause 3 "of visitors" (1873), and now reads "no brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge shall be permitted to visit any one lodge, more than *once*, until he becomes a subscribing member of some lodge." It seems but fair to exclude non-contributing brethren from a regular attendance at lodge meetings, and it is a good motto to follow generally, "no pay, no privileges." As to the injury done to old Masons, who are poor and unable of themselves to subscribe, a private arrangement can always be made by "well-to-do" brethren, so as to keep worthy but indigent members on the Roll of their lodge, by paying the annual subscription on their behalf. Any way, the only safe and legal method to follow is, that the non-payment of subscriptions must involve a loss of the privileges of membership.

The law as to the removal of incompetent officers, promulgated at page 79 of Constitutions 1873 (as with the earlier editions), is far from satisfactory; first, because it singles out the Wardens, as if to be treated differently to the others, and then virtually includes *all* the other officers, as also subject to the lodge decision, not the Master who appointed them (save the Treasurer and Tyler). The new rule (140) is commendably precise. The Master, if not satisfied with any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge, and if the majority of the members present consider there is sufficient justification, he shall have power to displace such officers and appoint others. It also provides for the filling of vacancies in offices, other than Treasurer and Tyler. The two latter are only to be replaced after the lodge has had due notice, and has duly elected the successors for the remainder of the year.

The 141st Regulation, referring to the "death or incapacity of the Master," is very fully explained, and all possible contingencies are carefully provided for. The concluding paragraph is worth noting—"When a Warden rules the lodge he shall not occupy the Master's chair, nor can initiations take place or Degrees be conferred, unless the chair be occupied by a brother who is a Master or Past Master in the Craft."

Although this clause of No. 141 goes farther than any previous regulation on the subject, there are still many who do not consider it is sufficiently explicit, and they object strongly to any below the position of an "Installed Master" being allowed to give a degree. As it is now this rule expressly prohibits any Wardens or brother conferring a degree unless an *Installed Master occupies the chair*. According, however, to a recent decision of our esteemed Grand Registrar, any *Master Mason* can confer a degree, so long as a regularly "Installed Master" is in the chair. In other words, the presiding of an *Installed Master* legalizes all the "work" that is done in the lodge, whether by a brother who has "passed the chair" or not. This is practically the system adopted in Scotland, under which Constitution the degrees can be given by any *Master Mason*, only that in England the *W.M.* or a *Past Master* must occupy the chair. It has for long been a debated point as to the power of Wardens to confer degrees, but the Grand Registrar and the Rule No. 141, evidently extend that privilege to all *Master Masons*, so long as the condition named be observed. For our part we should much prefer a clause being inserted in the "Constitutions" prohibiting any degrees being conferred in Metropolitan or Provincial Lodges, save by *Installed Masters* (*i.e.*, *Worshipful Masters* or *Past Masters*), and allow the clause already noted to apply only to lodges in District Grand Lodges.

Rule 154 is made more emphatic respecting the initiation of others than the regular "material" for military lodges, by the concluding words, "by dispensation from the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master of the province or district wherein the lodge may be held."

Rules 160 and 161, relating to the by-laws of lodges, contain several additions. According to the revise, the by-laws of lodges must be printed, and when any alterations are made, they will not be valid until submitted and approved as with the original code. It is quite true that clause 5, page 63, is to a similar effect in 1873 edition, but then the preceding words neutralize their effect, viz., "when any *material* alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted." The word *material* is now omitted, and the paragraph reads as it should.

The Master at his installation, by his acceptance of the by-laws, "shall be deemed to solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them," and in like manner the acceptance of a printed copy, which must be supplied to every member, is deemed to be a declaration of submission to them. This system is adopted in preference to the "solemn pledge" in the one, and the "signature" in the other, and, being simple, as well as less easy of evasion or omission, we are glad to see these changes made.

The fifth article will be devoted to "private lodges" (2nd part) and sundry regulations.

Note 1. As we said before, we are glad to welcome all fraternal correspondence on the subject of the revised Constitutions, and so are pleased to see the letter by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre (Prov. Grand Sec. of Hants and Isle of Wight.) We are not aware however, in what article of the series we "have proceeded to argue that Provincial Grand Masters are only entitled to the 'Worshipful.'" Will Bro. Le Feuvre kindly look over the article No. 2 again at page 554? We state that "Right Worshipful," as a prefix, is accorded to the Present and Past Prov. (and District) Grand Masters. We mention the fact that the appointments of Prov. and District Grand Masters are not entitled to any prefix beyond "brother," unless the brethren possess other qualifications. We had a copy of the circular issued by the late Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, before us at the time, and we shall be glad to hear from our worthy Brother, that we are wholly correct in our estimate of its contents.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President. There were also present:

Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, G. P. Britten, Henry Garrod, William Stephens, Wm. Mann, Thos. Cull, Charles Atkins, Chas. F. Hogard, Chas. Dairy, Wm. P. Brown, W.M. 90; T. W. Tait, W.M. 554; H. B. Haddingham, P.M. 487; Geo. Andrews, P.M. 871; R. G. Barton, W.M. 771; J. Newton, P.M. 174; Henry Smith, P.M. 302; John O. Carter, P.M. 209; Edward White, P.M. 1305; F. Kent, P.M. 177; George F. Barrett, P.M. 409; Edward Barrell, W.M. 1050; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; J. C. Green, W.M. 1156; Thos. Harper, W.M. 1216; John W. Freeman, W.M. 147; William Holloway, W.M. 1158; Aug. Darch, I.P.M. 72; W. Clifton Crick, P.M. 1460; Walter Buckler Lethbridge, W.M. 1615; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900; Wm. Paas, P.M. 28; John E. Fells, W.M. 193; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1964; H. Potter, P.M. 11; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; F. R. Spaul, W.M. 1124; Lewis M. Angers, W.M. 188; Wm. H. Dean, P.M. 417; W. F. Smart, W.M. 766; R. P. Forge, W.M. 1950; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of last meeting of the lodge to the amount of £215. There were thirty-two cases on the new list. Four of these were adjourned, being incomplete, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £640, which was composed of two £100 (£200); two £50 (£100); one £40 (£40); four £30 (£120); four £20 (£80); one £15 (£15); six £10 (£60); and five £5 (£25). The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren, and among those present were:

Bros. J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, W. F. Smithson, W. H. Spaul, F. R. Spaul, H. A. Dubois, N. B. Webster, G. Bolton, D. Rose, J. S. Cumberland, Francis Tyerman, J. H. Matthews, William Nott, George Taylor, R. Vassar Smith, S. George Homfray, Henry Phythian, W. H. Saunders, Frederick Davison, Thomas Massa, T. P. Norris, Neville Green, Andrew Middlemass, T. H. Duff, Wynn Westcott, M.D., J. L. Hine, G. P. Brockbank (East Lancashire), R. D. Poppleton, H. Dehane, E. H. Crate, Edward B. Grabham, Walter Headingley, George Payne, F. Page, Felix Kite, George Drysdale, John Bodenham, L.G., John William Margetts, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. M. Money, J. R. Gallant, George Everett, Thomas Meekham, George Cooper, Charles John Perceval, John G. Stevens, George Brown, George J. Earney, Thomas Chesworth, H. G. Goodall, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the former meeting had been read, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., on behalf of Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., who had written to him expressing his regret at being unable to attend, moved the non-confirmation of that part of the minutes which recorded the resolution that neither by election nor purchase could a girl be placed in the the Institution who had a sister in there already, unless the vacancies in the School exceeded the number of candidates. If these minutes were confirmed, no purchase-girl could go into the Institution if she had a sister there. He held that this was legislating in mistake. The case of election stood by itself, and the case of purchase was also an exceptional one. It might be very much doubted whether the system of purchase was a good one or not, but still it was on the books, and the case that had been made out against a purchase case being admitted when the child had already a sister in the Institution, was only one of sentiment. If a Province with a very distressing case wished to purchase it in, it had a perfect right to do so. With regard to election cases, he went with the other brethren; but with regard to purchase cases, he moved, on the grounds he had mentioned, which he thought would commend themselves to everybody, the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes.

Bro. Col. H. S. SOMERVILLE-BURNEY, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., thought the minutes should be confirmed in their original form; the matter was well discussed before, and it was decided that there should be only one girl or one boy of the same family in the same Institution at one time. And very wisely the decision was come to. Why was the Institution to benefit one family to the exclusion of others? It had many claims upon it; and if the brethren carried on this system of admitting more than one child of the same family in each Institution at the same time, they might have four boys or four girls of the same family at one time. Would that be right, or would it be a proper way of dealing with the funds? This was thoroughly well discussed by the Grand Registrar and the whole Committee, and the conclusion that they had come to was that there should be only one boy and one girl of the same family in each Institution at one time. Surely the brethren were not going to stultify themselves for the sake of obtaining a few pounds, which would not enrich the Institutions. With all due deference to the Grand Registrar's opinion, he (Bro. Stewart) submitted that he was wrong in his decision; if they could not admit the children by ballot, they could not do it by purchase.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, P.M. 1607, supported Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART.

The motion, that the minutes so far as they excluded the purchase of a sister of a girl already in the Institution be not confirmed, was then put and lost, and the motion that they be confirmed was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The following report of the Joint Committee of the Girls' and Boys' Schools on the alteration of days of elections was taken as read:—

"At a meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Thursday, 29th June, 1882, present V.V. Bro. Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas., V. Patron, &c., in the chair; W. Bros. A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B., V. Patron, London; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., V. Pres., London; H. E. Dehaine, P.M., &c., Prov. of Essex; John Wordsworth, P.M., &c., Chairman Provincial Charity Committee, W. Yorkshire; F. R. Spaul, P.M. &c., N. Wales and Shropshire; the following notices of motion, considered at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Saturday, 8th April, and at that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Monday, 10th April, 1882, and in each case referred to a Joint Committee, were read:

"By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. and Charity Representative of the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire:

- (1) 'That the day of election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday, instead of Saturday, as at present; except when the Boys' election falls on a Thursday, then on Wednesday, and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly.'
- (2) 'That the day of election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday, instead of Monday, as at present, except when the Friday falls upon Good Friday, and then on Thursday; and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly.'

"Proposed by W. Bro. R. W. STEWART, V. Pres., London; seconded by W. Bro. H. E. DEHANE, Prov. of Essex:

'That the days of election in the two Institutions remain unaltered, provided only, that when the Quarterly Courts for the election of candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing week.'

"On which, as an amendment, was proposed by W. Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, W. Yorkshire; seconded by Bro. F. R. SPAULL, N. Wales and Shropshire:

'That the days of election in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be altered from the Monday immediately following the second Saturday to the Friday immediately preceding the second Saturday, with the same proviso as to Easter as contained in the original resolution.'

"The amendment was put and negatived. The original resolution was put and adopted.

"As a distinct resolution the following was unanimously adopted:—

'That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the election of candidates in the two Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week.'

"Letters were read from W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, enclosing circular with replies in support of the alterations proposed by him; W. Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. G. Sec. Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, with opinion in favour of alteration of days of election to Friday and Saturday in the same week; and from W. Bro. S. G. Homfray, P.G.A.D.C., Province of Mon. W. Bro. C. F. Matier, V. Pres., Province of East Lancashire, with opinions against any alteration in days of election, Easter, &c., excepted.

"Resolved unanimously:—'That the foregoing resolutions be reported forthwith, and referred for consideration to the Quarterly Court of each Institution in October next.'

(Signed),

"JOHN CREATON, V. Patron,

"Chairman of Joint Committee."

The CHAIRMAN said the brethren would observe in that report that no change was proposed to be made, except that when the elections fell on the Saturday and Monday immediately after Good Friday they should be postponed one week.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved the adoption of that part of the report which recommended that the days of election remain unaltered, except when they fell on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday. He did it on this principle—that the Committees had tried hard to accommodate all the brethren in one way or other; and, as in cases where they tried to accommodate everybody, they had signally failed. At the request of the provincial brethren, the days had been altered to their present position, and the reason the provincial brethren asked for those days was that they might have time to consider the position they stood in with regard to their votes, and also might have time for recreation on Sunday.

Bro. Colonel SOMERVILLE-BURNEY said he understood that Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed the first paragraph of the report.

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART replied that he did not; it was only the second paragraph.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL seconded the motion.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. of N. and E. Yorkshire, opposed the motion. No doubt when the alteration was made the days appointed were those which the provincial brethren found most convenient. But Bro. Stewart could not be alive to the position of the provincial brethren now. They had to leave their homes on Friday and to stay in London till after the declaration of the poll on Monday; and they had then to stop till Tuesday, unless they travelled all night. He had heard from many how inconvenient the present arrangement was. East Lancashire agreed with him. He thought some little consideration should be shown to the provincial brethren. The present day was all very well for those brethren from the provinces who like to stop in town on Sunday; they might do so if they pleased under the arrangement which he proposed; but do not compel others to stay who wished to go home. There was no Sunday delivery of letters in London, and this was very inconvenient to the country brethren. Then, as to expense; the London brethren could come to these elections at a small omnibus fare, but it cost the provincial brethren more shillings than it cost the London brethren pence. He, therefore, moved that the days be Friday and Saturday.

There was only one country brother on the Committee that the alteration did not seem to affect—Bro. WORDSWORTH—who said that the country brethren did not take much interest in the subject, but the Committee was called for the day after the Boys' festival.

The CHAIRMAN said the meeting of the Committee was called for that day for the convenience of the brethren who were in town.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said the brethren who attended the festival were not ordinarily the brethren who attended the elections. He had received several letters from provincial brethren approving of the alteration proposed by him, and he read one from East Lancashire.

Bro. J. L. HINE enquired by whom this letter was written.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said it was signed by Bro. Chadwick, Provincial Grand Secretary of East Lancashire.

Bro. J. L. HINE said the letter was written entirely on Bro. Chadwick's own responsibility.

The CHAIRMAN said that this meeting could not legislate for the Boys' School. Bro. Stewart's proposition as to the Boys' elections would come very well at a meeting of the Boys' Court. So far it was out of order.

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, Chairman Provincial Charity Committee West Yorkshire, said that Bro. Stewart should move that the day of election and Quarterly Court of the Girls' School should remain as it is, except when it immediately follows Good Friday, then to be postponed for a week.

Bro. Colonel BURNLEY said if Bro. Stewart moved both motions he should be quite satisfied.

Bro. STEWART observed that he would now move that the days of election of the Girls' School remain the same as they now were.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. STEWART next moved "That when the election-day of the Girls' School fall on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday it be postponed a week."

This motion was also seconded and carried.

Bro. STEWART next moved "That the laws be altered in that respect."

This was likewise seconded and carried.

Bro. Colonel H. S. SOMERVILLE-BURNLEY, P.G.D., in the absence of Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., moved "That a gratuity of thirty-five guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the second Assistant Governess on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School."

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov Grand Sec., West Yorkshire, had great pleasure in seconding the motion. He was present when Miss Triggs was elected as one of the school girls, and he had observed her conduct ever since.

The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN announced that he had just received the information that the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, had consented to take the chair at the next festival of the Institution in May, 1883.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the election of seven girls out of an approved list of twenty candidates was proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Dobby, Minnie 3394	Hammond, Mary Ethel 2431
Cookes, Beatrice Ada 2695	Besly, Norah 2412
Matthews, Edith Josephine 2671	Hirst, Mary Hannah 2212
Knott, Beatrice Emily 2609	

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Keily, Maude Pitt 1762	McLeod, Isabella 541
Hill, Ethel Augusta 1565	Beavon, Florence Maud 264
Mason, Florence 1388	Hayes, Ellen 214
Prebble, Frances Annie 1255	Woodward, Minnie 110
Stokes, Kate 978	Wortley, Kate 67
Willcox, Florence Mary G. 782	Lord, Ann Elizabeth 19
Hippey, Ethel Constance 667	

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut. Col. John Creaton, Grand Treas., in the chair. A large number of brethren were present. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved "that the days of election in this Institution remain unaltered, provided only that when the Quarterly Court for election of candidates shall fall on Easter Monday it shall be postponed to the corresponding day in the ensuing week." Bro. Stewart said that the Committee had taken great pains, as he stated at the Girls' School Quarterly Court on Saturday, to arrange the matter conveniently for the provincial brethren, and he thought that the arrangements ought not now to be altered.

Bro. J. SAMPSON PEIRCE, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. North and East Lancashire, moved as an amendment that the Boys' School elections should be held on the Friday immediately preceding the Saturday on which the Girls' School elections is to be held.

Bro. Dr. RAMSAY rose to order. This having been settled on Saturday, it ought not to be re-opened now. It was out of order. (Cries of "Oh, oh.")

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. Grand Sec. West Yorkshire, said Dr. Ramsay was out of order. It was only the day of election for the Girls' School that was settled on Saturday.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, continuing, said he felt strongly that the election in the two Schools should be held on consecutive days. He had several letters from brethren in the provinces on the subject—ten in favour of, and six against it. Several brethren had deputed him to speak for this, and to advocate that the Boys' election be on the Friday. In that case, taking his own province, the brethren would be able to get back to York on the Saturday night, or early on Sunday morning.

Bro. H. S. ALPASS, Grand Standard Bearer, seconded the amendment. To a man who had no friends in London, London was the most miserable of places. (Laughter.) It would be a great boon to brethren in the provinces if the two elections took place on the Friday and following Saturday.

Bro. Stewart's motion was then put and carried.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., for Bro. J. L. Mather, V.P., moved to amend Rule 56, as follows: "No boy shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase, or otherwise, who has a brother in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." He said it had been considered advisable to have this inserted, as a question had been raised whether the words of the law were sufficiently clear already, although it had been decided that no two boys of the same family shall be in the School at the same time.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK, P.G. Steward, seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Scrutineers of votes were afterwards appointed, and the election of twelve boys out of an approved list of sixty candidates was proceeded with. The following was ascertained to be the result at the close of the day.

SUCCESSFUL.

Nicholas, Thomas Moreton 3004	Jones, Wm. Vincent B. 2666
Jones, Geoffrey Stuart 2826	Templeman, Jas. P. G. 2648
O'Doherty, Chas. Patrick 2772	Sutcliffe, Godfrey H. 2645
Clark, William Edwards 2761	Crabb, Tom Walcot 2630
Cheisman, Albert 2696	Sanderson, Charles Jesse 2622
Taylor, George William 2669	Ecclestone, Henry A. 2464

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Crow, Charles John 2460	Shaw, John 299
Bowes, Arthur Keble 2404	Farrar, Ethelbert 291
Botting, Alfred Henry 2388	Windross, John Benjamin 256
Tustin, Henry Holman 2382	Worthington, Walter R. 252
Stewart, Charles Edward 1979	Gale, Horace 220
Stanford, William Bryant 1873	Woodward, Thomas 215
Hill, George Wm. King 1830	Long, Joseph William 154
Willett, George Cross 1751	How, John 140
Salter, Frederick Bruce 1621	Walters, John Edward 134
Basham, Frederick C. V. 1347	Coleman, Frederick F. 110
Skelton, Fred. Francis 1021	Cummings, Charles Brown 106
Hare, Harold Malcolm 940	Beaumont, Reginald 102
Hennah, Frederick Wolfe 809	Pudney, Frederick 97
Hooper, Lionel Charles 745	Collingson, James 69
Liversidge, Charles Percy 655	Searle, Richard Eardley 63
Tettenborn, Arthur J. 645	Hodge, William James 49
Williams, Arthur Frederick 597	Potter, George 46
Hippey, Henry Ernest 527	Hurden, John Henry 22
Pratt, Alfred 527	Pringle, William James 18
Rosier, Reginald Walter A. 451	Townsend, William Benj. 9
Simpson, Henry Edward 396	Bell, Frank William 3
Delafons, Richard Wm. 363	Douglas, Francis C. A. 3
Wyatt, Augustine Wm. 354	Mitchell, Reginald A. L. 2
Sykes, Richard Alfred 329	Pawsey, Thomas Edwin —
High, Herbert Alfred 324	Hill, Reginald Aug. L. (withdrawn) —

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman concluded the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday last. The Right Hon. the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.), presided, and among those present were—

Bros. John H. Scott, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; H. T. Prinsep, District G.M. Bengal; Col. Stuart, District G.M. Punjab; J. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; W. R. Wood, G. Purst.; Lieut.-Gen. Randolph; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Frederick Binckes, P.G. Stewd. Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. H. Hallett, P. Prov. S.G.W. as S.G.W.; F. Noakes, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; Gerard Ford, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; S. W. D. Williams, Prov. S.G.D.; S. Solomon, Prov. J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; T. R. White, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; C. M. Norris, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Roe, Prov. G. Org.; C. W. Hudson, E. Fryman, E. Taylor, A. Taylor, C. C. Cook, and E. A. Head, Prov. G. Stewards; C. Raymond Burrell, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. Dixon, P. Prov. S.G.W.; J. W. Stride, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. P. Henty, P. Prov. J.G.W.; J. St. Clair, P. Prov. J.G.W.; H. Davey, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. J. Smith, P. Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. J. O. McCrogher, P. Prov. G. Chap.; W. Dawes, P. Prov. G. Reg.; W. H. German, P. Prov. G.D.; S. B. McWhinnie, P. Prov. G.D.; W. Hudson, P. Prov. G.D.; C. W. Duke, P. Prov. G.D.; T. H. Crouch, P. Prov. G.D.; J. M. Reid, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; C. W. Tomes, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; S. N. Wyatt, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Tomkinson, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Marchant, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C.; F. Holford, P. Prov. A.G.D. of C.; W. A. Stuckey, P. Prov. G.S.B.; S. R. Legg, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. W. Turner, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Walter Smith, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. J. Hawkes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; G. Stone, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. King, P. Prov. G. Org.; G. Smith, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; and J. Eberall, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; H. Ellman, P.M. 1303; C. W. Thompson, P.M. 1601; J. Curtis; G. S. Godfree; J. Francis, W.M. 56; S. Peters, S.W. 1821; E. R. Currie; W. D. Stone, S.W. 811; F. Hatherley, 1636; T. Chandler, 315; B. Burfield, J.W. 1821; J. W. Broad, 311; W. H. Barrett, S.D. 38; Major-General Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; G. Straube Hughes, W.M. 851; Skindle, P.M. 851; C. C. Cook, P.M. 851; Jordan; Lloyd; Richmond; T. Packham, P.M. 315; W. Rudge, W.M. 1619; G. W. Holmes, J.W. 1619; G. Mitchell, Sec. 1619; C. Stedman, J. Head, P.M. Tyrian; C. W. Tomes, W.M. Tyrian; G. G. Bartholomew, Tyrian; H. Sutton, Tyrian; J. W. Dean, J.W. Tyrian; C. Harne, Tyrian; J. S. Cowland, Tyrian; J. Brown, Tyrian; R. Miggist; McDonald; W. J. Reynolds; Cowton, W.M. 341; Hennah, W.M. 40; S. James, P.M. 311; G. Cole, Sec. 1636; Lewis Lewis; W. J. Evershed, 315; W. Strickland; A. H. Thacker, I.G. 315; E. R. Aimer, 38; R. K. Ellman, P.M. 1303; W. D. Stone, S.W. 311; S. Stone, 311; W. Cowlan, 341; J. H. Hawes, Steward 38; H. E. Breach; A. Carpenter, 1829; D. T. Bostel, 1636; E. Histed, J.W. 732; B. Bennett, P.M. 732; F. Parsons, 1842; H. Kembal Cook, W.M. 811; J. Parsons, Treas. 607; W. J. Schofield, 315; W. H. Ewall, 38; G. W. Holmes, J.W. 1619; W. A. Tooth, Chap. 1821; H. Kent, Sec. 315; W. Newsome, W.M. 1821; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1636; G. Nash, P.M. 315; L. R. Styer, 315; G. E. Chapman, S.D. 311; G. Fieldus, Steward 1829; and T. Berry, 1821.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened by the Prov. Grand Master, W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, together with those of special meetings held since last October.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY having read the roll of the lodges in the province, the reports of the Board of Finance and of the Charities' Committee were read and adopted.

A letter from the Grand Secretary in reference to the proposition of W. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., to increase the quarterage fees from provincial lodges to the Fund of Benevolence was next considered.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that replies had been received from the various lodges in the province, and of these twenty-two were opposed to any alteration, and one was in favour of the increase, while one required further particulars before deciding upon the proposition.

On the motion of Bro. C. J. SMITH, it was unanimously agreed that no increase should be sanctioned.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the course of a short address, congratulated the brethren upon the increase of Masonry in Sussex. While in 1877 the province had but 784 subscribing brethren, the number now stood at 1100. He urged upon Secretaries the importance of making necessary returns to the Prov. Grand Secretary punctually, and gave excellent advice as to the management of lodge business.

On the motion of Bro. F. DANIEL, seconded by Bro. David SMITH, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge towards the fund being raised by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on behalf of the Royal College of Music.

Bro. R. Crosskey was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was appointed by patent, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master hoped Bro. J. H. Scott would live long to be his Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their respective offices:

Bro. J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Smith, Treas. 1821	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Gerard Ford, P.M. 271	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. Head, P.M. 1619	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. Taylor, P.M. 1110	...	...	Prov. G.I.D.
" C. C. Cook, P.M. 851	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Fryman, P.M. 341	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Curtis, P.M. 1797	...	...	Prov. G. Std Br.
" W. Roe, 1636	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Taylor, P.M. 1141	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Carvick, W.M.	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" T. Francis, W.M. 56; S. Turner, P.M. 311; L. Lewis, P.M. 811; G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1829; T. Packham, P.M. 1829; F. S. de B. Cooper, W.M. 1842	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Hughes	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided. At the termination of the repast,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon;" and "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In giving the last toast, he said he was pleased to find that they had no less than eight brethren present who had taken office at Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Bro. H. T. PRINSEP, District G.M. Bengal, responded. He felt no little difficulty in responding, for he was a stranger among them, his lot being cast in distant parts. He gave interesting details of Masonic work in India, contrasting the difficulties there with the comparative ease with which lodge duties were carried on in England. He regretted that he had not been able to avail himself of the many kind invitations he had received to visit lodges since his stay in this country, but should carry back with him lively recollections of the hearty reception he had received from his English brethren, and particularly from those in Sussex.

Bro. A. E. J. MCINTYRE, M.P., G. Registrar, proposed "The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex," and congratulated him upon having completed five years of office. That he had loyal Masons and loyal officers associated with him was evidenced by the fact that in the Provincial Grand Lodge that day each lodge had been represented. How well the province was conducted was also shown by the admirable manner in which the various reports had been brought forward. The officers worked well together, and their efforts were ably seconded by the general body of the brethren. True, in that assembly they had brethren opposite them, but it was a Masonic opposition, and while they did not forget that they were politicians, they evidently remembered that they were Masons.

The PROV. G.M., in returning thanks, wished to bring one point before the brethren, which he had omitted doing in his address during the afternoon—that during the past three years the contributions from the Sussex province to the Masonic Charities had averaged £1000 a year. Still he felt that there were many who had been lax in their efforts; they might, he was confident, do more. All would, doubtless, if adverse circumstances befell them, be glad to become objects of Masonic Charity; but would it not be better, he asked, to found a claim for such benevolence by subscribing to the funds at the present time when they were able to do so. He felt touched by the strains of the song so well rendered by Bro. Broadbridge, and recalled the words, "Time flies before us." He was not anxious to preach to them, but still he felt strongly urged to impress upon them the inculcation of the true Masonic principles before the present and fast fleeting time had passed away from them.

BRO. COLONEL SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., next proposed "The Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Scott, P.D.G., and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He felt it a privilege to propose that toast. Bro. Scott had worked long and admirably for the Province of Sussex. Twenty-three years ago he first took office, and since that time had filled every office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He need not tell them how well he had worked, and with what assiduity and skill he had devoted himself to the interests of the Craft in Sussex. He had not spared even his own and valuable private time, and he (Bro. Clerke) congratulated Sir W. W. Burrell upon having such an excellent Deputy Prov. G.M. In Bro. J. M. Kidd they had a valued and well-versed officer, who had shown great attention and ability as Director of Ceremonies, while Bro. G. Smith had proved himself a staunch Mason, and one to whom the brethren could at all times apply to and gain assistance and advice. He believed he had been an active Mason before he (Bro. Clerke) was born. The remaining officers had doubtless been equally well chosen, and he, therefore, felt confident the Sussex Province would continue to progress, and that its work would be carried on harmoniously.

Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., Deputy P.G.M., in reply, said: After a long lapse of years it is very gratifying to me to find that there is no diminution of your good will towards me. It may perhaps have struck some of you as strange that I have filled so many offices in Prov. Grand Lodge, and held them for successive years. But the reason is easily given. Twenty-three years ago there were only eight lodges and 329 brethren in Sussex. There were not enough brethren eligible to fill the various offices. Promotion was therefore inevitable, and the then Prov. Grand Master seldom changed his officers oftener than once in two years. So that when I was appointed Prov. G.S.D. in 1859, I held that office two consecutive years. How I came to be Prov. G.S.W. three years, was, that I was serving my second year when Col. Dabiac died, and his successor, Lord Pelham, when he was installed Prov. Grand Master, made no change in the officers during his first year, but re-appointed all the officers of his predecessor. There was nothing unusual in my holding the office of Prov. Grand Secretary for four years; indeed, I believe I should have been Prov. Grand Secretary still, had not the Prov. Grand Master honoured me by elevating me to be his Deputy. How long I shall remain so rests entirely on his will and pleasure; but so long as I possess his favour, so long as I retain your good will, and so long as I am free from ill-health or misfortune, I hope to live for many years to enjoy the proud pre-eminence I hold amongst you. I can add nothing to the excellent remarks made by our respected and beloved Prov. Grand Master during the afternoon. I endorse all that he has said, not because I am in duty bound to do so, but because his counsel commends

itself to my common sense, as I am sure it does to the right judgment of all present. I thank you most sincerely for drinking my health.

Bro. KUHE, P.G.O., gave "The Visitors" in a very humorous speech.

Bro. H. JONES, P.G.D., responded. He congratulated the brethren upon possessing such admirable rooms for holding their meetings. He had not attended many Provincial Grand Lodges, but if all were conducted as he had seen the business carried out that day they were bound to be prosperous.

Bro. Major-General FORD, P.G.D. Bengal, in responding, referred to his experience in Masonry in India, and testified to the anxiety felt by the brethren in Bengal to keep up their connection with the old country.

Bro. STRAUPE also responded. Bro. H. DAVEY, P.P.J.G.W., proposed "The Masonic Benevolent Institutions." No Mason in the province had inculcated charity more than their Prov. Grand Master, and while it was gratifying to find that their subscriptions had averaged £1000 a year, such a pleasing result he attributed to his (Sir Walter W. Burrell's) great and untiring energy. He trusted they would continue, and even improve, upon their exertions to assist these Charities which afford relief to their brethren who are stricken down, and to the young in the Boys' and Girls' Institutions.

Bro. BINCKES, Secretary to the Boys' Institution, responded. He tendered the grateful thanks of all connected with the Institution for which he worked for the splendid accommodation afforded them on their recent visit to Brighton. The great financial success and the social enjoyment of that gathering could not have been achieved but for the great kindness of the Officers of the Sussex Province, and particularly of those in Brighton. The simple but effective eloquence of their R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, when speaking of charity, would not be forgotten. In assisting the young to fight the battle of life they were doing a good and noble work.

Bro. FORD proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province." The W.M.'s had rendered great assistance at their gatherings, and he eulogised the efforts of the Tyrian Lodge in having every officer in the lodge present that day.

Bro. TOMES responded. The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Stewards," to which Bro. C. W. HUDSON responded. They had felt honoured by being invested as Stewards; each one had that day been promoted, and would still strive to do the utmost towards promoting the success of the province. The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a fine selection of music was sung by Miss Bertha Moore, Miss Amy Ronayne, Bro. E. Broadbridge, and Mr. F. H. Horscroft, under the able direction of Bro. W. Roe, Prov. G.O., who was assisted in the duties of accompanist by Bro. A. King, P. Prov. G.O. Bro. W. Kuhe terminated the music of the evening with a brilliant rendering of his own "Victoria;" before it was concluded, however, the woodwork of one of the dragons in the central chandelier caught fire owing to an escape of gas in the pipe. The assistance of the Custodian was quickly secured, and further damage was averted by the use of a large goblet of water.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided over the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge at Accrington, on Thursday, at which all the lodges, with one exception, were represented. On the motion of Bro. Col. Starkie, Bro. the Earl of Lathom was again nominated for the office of Grand Master for the Province of Lancashire during the ensuing three years. He has already held the office for six years, and his nomination was received with acclamation. Bro. Colonel Starkie was elected Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Treasurer; and the other officers were also elected. In the evening the Earl of Lathom presided at the banquet. A report will appear in our next.

THE THIRD DEGREE.

It is taught in the lessons and instructions of the lodge-room that one, and perhaps the chief, object in endeavouring to obtain the Third Degree in Masonry is that he who acquires it may be able to obtain higher wages, to earn more than he can by working as a Fellow Craft. His knowledge of the Art has been increased by study and practice, and his skill and abilities have been greatly improved. He has risen to a higher position among the workmen; additional light has dawned upon him, and he knows more; add to this the increased skill acquired in his higher position, and by the more important work committed to his charge he will be able to accomplish the most intricate portions of the work required; while to the Fellow Craft is allotted the more laborious and ordinary labour in completing the vast designs and reaching the great end in view. There are the foundations of the wonderful Temple, there the almost completed structure. Around it there is something weird as well as sacred, a halo of light as from Sinai, shimmering about it. Its designs were dictated by Infinite Wisdom; it is to be consecrated to the oldest and most sublime of religious worship. In its most Holy place will be seen the Divine Shekinah; from above its most sacred altars will be heard the voice of Jehovah. Within its courts and surrounded by its unearthly grandeurs, a nation will "bow down and worship." At eventide, amid the glamour of fading twilight, there will be heard such music as angels make; while future ages will point to Moriah as the religious landmark of the ages, gathering about it all that is glorious in conception and grand in achievement. What if the wasting centuries do crumble its walls, and barbarous hands raise it to its foundation, and the Shekinah disappear and the voice from its altars be heard no more; yet future ages will dig among its ruins for sacred mementos, and carry them when found to all lands, to be regarded as more priceless than gold, because it was in contradistinction to all others, and, in a special sense, the temple of God.—Bro. Cornelius Moore, A.M., in the Voice of Masonry.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.—On Tuesday next an illuminated congratulatory address will be presented to Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, P.M., by the brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903. His lordship, it must be remembered, was the first Worshipful Master, and it was unanimously resolved that such an address should be given to the I.P.M., congratulating him on the gallant part which he displayed during the Egyptian war. A lodge of emergency is called, and will close tyle at 4.30 p.m., and after the business of the lodge, including three initiations, his lordship will be entertained at a banquet. Invites have been forwarded to the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and his officers, and several other distinguished brethren.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 14th, 1882, Colonel J. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot of SEVEN GIRLS into the Institution, from a list of 20 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:

No. on List.		No. on Poll.
8	Dobby, Minnie ...	3394
14	Cookes, Beatrice Ada ...	2695
18	Matthews, Edith J. ...	2671
10	Knott, Beatrice Emily ...	2609
15	Hammond, Mary Ethel ...	2431
13	Besley, Norah ...	2412
1	Hirst, Mary Hannah ...	2212

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election, if eligible.

Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 9th May, 1883, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight. Names of Stewards will be gratefully received.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Mrs. Matthews (widow), begs to return her sincere and heartfelt thanks to those Governors and Subscribers who, by their 2671 votes, elected her daughter,

EDITH JOSEPHINE MATTHEWS,

to the benefits of this Institution on Saturday last, 6, Stanley-terrace, Stanley-road, Woodford, 18th October, 1882.

Ad Dei Gloriam et Mortalium Beneficium.

UNDER the Patronage and Presidency of the

RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR,
SIR JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, BART.,
Supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex,
MR. ALDERMAN DE KEYSER, JOSEPH SAVORY, ESQ.,
And the Members of the Court of Common Council for
the Ward of Farringdon Without,

The Anniversary Festival Banquet

Of ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye

RAHERE ALMONERS

Will take place at the

CANNON STREET HOTEL, E.C.

On MONDAY, 23rd October, 1882, at Six o'clock p.m.

The gratuitous services of several well-known Artists have been kindly volunteered for the occasion.

Ye BOAR'S HEAD will be brought in with ye Choristers in procession, and atte ye sonde offe ye Trumpet ye guesstys will be servyd therwyth, and duryng ye service ye Choristers will syng ye Antiente Carol offe "Ye Bores Heed."

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JOHN THOMAS WALKER, Secretary.

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W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

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PATRON:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of October, 1882, Colonel J. Creaton in the Chair, a Ballot took place for the ELECTION OF TWELVE BOYS from an approved list of 62, reduced by withdrawals to 60 candidates, the following being declared to be successful:—

	Votes.
1. Nicholas, Thomas M. ...	3004
2. Jones, Geoffrey Stuart ...	2826
3. O'Doherty, Chas. P. ...	2772
4. Clark, Wm. Edwards ...	2761
5. Chiesman, Albert ...	2696
6. Taylor, George William ...	2669
7. Jones, William V. B. ...	2666
8. Templeman, Jas. P. G. ...	2648
9. Sutcliffe, Godfrey H. ...	2645
10. Crabb, Tom Walcot ...	2630
11. Sanderson, Chas. Jesse ...	2622
12. Eccleston, Henry A. ...	2464

Lists of candidates (successful and unsuccessful) with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

FREDERICK BINCKES,

October 16th, 1882. V. Pat. (P.G. Std.), Secretary.

The EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in June, 1883. The services of brethren as representative stewards of provinces or lodges are respectfully and earnestly solicited.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1882.

Mrs. Sutcliffe begs to return her sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Nobility, Clerical, Medical, and Professional Brethren, Ladies, Lewises, and Subscribers, who have so kindly and promptly responded to her appeal, and feels sure they will be gratified to learn that their united efforts have secured the election of her son,

GODFREY SUTCLIFFE.

79, Denmark-hill, S.E.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Mrs. G. J. Taylor has great pleasure in announcing the election of her son,

GEORGE WILLIAM TAYLOR,

to the above Institution, and desires very sincerely to thank the friends and supporters of the case for their kind assistance.

93, Church-street, Chelsea, October 17th.

To Correspondents.

THE LODGE MOGHREB AL AKSA.—We think it nonsense and needless to prolong this discussion. The question can only be settled by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We, therefore, do not publish the letter of our worthy brother of the Scottish Constitution at Gibraltar.

The following stand over:—

Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Aberdeenshire.

Lodges—St. Luke's, 225; Blair, 815; Royal Albert, 907; St. Bedes, 1119; Amhurst, 1223; Curwen, 1400; Salem, 1443; Metropolitan, 1507; Duke of Cornwall, 1839.

Constitutional, 55 (Instruction).

Cabbell Chapter, 807. Red Cross Conclave, 35.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Court Circular," "West London Advertiser," "The Citizen," "The Voice of Masonry," "The Montreal Daily Star," "The Christian Cynosure," "The National Baptist," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Freemason" (Canada), "The Masonic Review," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would not the simplest and the best way to settle the question of the relative rights and status of Past Masters in and of lodges be to insert a rule in the new Constitutions, providing that—

1. "Every Past Master shall in each lodge of which he is a member take rank as such from the date of his installation in the chair of that lodge;" and,

2. "Any lodge may confer, by vote of the lodge, the rank of Past Master of that lodge upon any member who

may have held the chair in another lodge, and he shall only take rank as Past Master from the date of such vote."

These two suggestions embody the practice ruling in several lodges to which I have the honour to belong; they work admirably, and prevent joining Past Masters from taking upon themselves a position which the lodges they join as such may be very unwilling they should occupy, and which some brethren are, I am sorry to say, only too ready to take upon themselves.

Yours fraternally,

S. M. M. C. O.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I agree with Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold that some clause is needed to settle the position of joining Past Masters. I wish something could also be done for unfortunate joining members, who are treated with but very scant consideration in most lodges. I know at present a very able Mason, of good social position, who, when S.D. of his mother lodge, was obliged to leave the district in which he resided for one of the northern provinces. Here he became a joining member of a young lodge, and has continued one ever since, and attended very regularly. He is a most agreeable man, with an excellent tenor voice, duly appreciated and often requisitioned in promoting the harmony of the after meetings. Nine brethren who have been initiated since he joined have duly passed the chair, yet he remains as he was sixteen years since, a member on the floor of the lodge, never having been offered any office. The reason is simply because he is only a joining member. Why a joining member, who pays the same yearly subscription as the other members do, has to be thus treated I cannot understand; yet so it is in most lodges.

But to refer to Bro. Arnold's motion, it would not be complete without some such addition as follows: "And possess the same rights and privileges in the lodge and in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge as if he had actually occupied the chair in the said lodge. Refer to par, 80, p. 27, in the revise, and page 52, a 2, 1873 Constitutions. There you will find that speaking of those who are members of Provincial Grand Lodge it states, "and the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of all lodges within the province." I presume by this clause that a joining Past Master is not necessarily a member of Provincial Grand Lodge; e.g., a brother, a Past Master of a lodge in Cornwall, leaves the district and joins a lodge in Surrey. He is not a Past Master of the Surrey Lodge and therefore not a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. It is that he may become a member of Provincial Grand Lodge that I suggest the above addition to Bro. Arnold's motion.

I think it would be well if those who intend to propose any amendments or additions to the revision would forthwith make such the subject of correspondence in the *Freemason*. By so doing the proposed alteration would get thoroughly ventilated before 25th January, and it would considerably assist business when they come up for consideration in February. Thus would be avoided the possibility of several brethren having similar or nearly similar motions on the agenda paper, and perhaps a new light, or a difficulty, not seen by the proposer, might through your columns be pointed out.

Before closing this letter, may I just say, in reply to "Master Mason," on another subject, viz., "Undue Solicitation," that I think he, like many others, forgets the context, "against your own inclination." I do not believe that one man in every hundred joins our Order without at one time or other having been invited to do so; and unless he has been improperly importuned by prospects of ulterior benefits, I fail to see what harm has been done if he be a suitable person.

Yours fraternally,

C. YURID.

October 13.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Objection has been raised by Past Masters in our lodge as to the use of the word "cowans" in opening the lodge, as being an archaism, and pedantic. I have seen it explained in some old Masonic work that the word "cowans" is a very old word in Masonry, and is much more expressive and comprehensive than "intruders," which we substitute. Can you, through the *Freemason*, give any authority for the use of "cowans," and the full meaning of the term? I do not remember the author I refer to.

Yours fraternally,

DURHAM.

[There is much difficulty in tracing the etymology of Cowan. It appears however to be a "cant term" of the "trade" or Gilds.—ED. F.M.]

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The subject ventilated at the meeting of the Committee of the above Institution, on Wednesday week, as reported in your columns of to-day, is one that it is high time was provided for in a manner just and charitable.

Masons often pride themselves on their munificent charity; but if the element of justice is entirely absent to my mind self-glorification becomes nauseous, and the whole fabric of our Charitable Institutions must suffer irreparable mischief.

Without in the least wishing to hurt any brother's feelings, I state deliberately, and as a most incontestable fact, that there are brethren admitted into Masonry, only too

frequently, whose circumstances in life certainly do not warrant them in paying down the amount of initiation fee, and contracting to pay an annual subscription, unless from the point of view that they are joining a friendly society, in the commercial sense of the phrase. What would any prudent man think of another who out of an income of under £200 per year, with a wife and seven children, seeks to join Masonry; and what can you think of the W.M., Wardens, P.M.'s, and a majority of the brethren of that lodge, who, when he petitions for relief, actually certify that in their opinion his circumstances in life warranted him joining Masonry and their accepting him.

In my humble opinion there should be some further test of eligibility than the specified time, the applicant's petition, and the lodges recommendation for putting a candidate's name forward for relief from the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence, or from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, or on any other of our charities.

I could give details of many cases that came under my personal observation, where all these forms were gone through and the candidates duly put on the lists, but they were not elected afterwards? Why? Because in this province we have a Charity Committee, who investigate matters and steadily decline to waste the voting powers of the brethren of the province, and I am very pleased to note that the brethren of the province place most implicit faith in that Committee, and very rarely, indeed, is a vote polled, except as directed or approved by the Committee.

But this does not prevent the waste of the votes of sympathetic London and country brethren, who are only too willing to lend an indiscriminating assistance to almost any one who can concoct a painful thrilling tale in a circular. How often do you see cases on the various lists, dragging their weary time out, and at last removed as ineligible, in connection with our schools? With our aged, death more frequently terminates the tale. But why in the name of all that is Masonic and benevolent should such cases be so promiscuously adopted by the various Institutions without a more responsible sifting and enquiry? Interested lodges and individuals can get up cases, and get them on the printed lists as adopted of the Institutions, but there they remain, as a painful disgrace to our organisations. Can this not be remedied? Cannot our Provincial and District Grand Lodges be utilised by our Charities in this respect? I presume nearly, if not all, our Provincial Grand Lodges have Charity Committees, who would gladly give their opinion, if asked; and no doubt our London brethren could, if they so felt disposed, organise themselves in districts for a similar purpose. Our estimable and hard-working Bro. Woodford has tried long and patiently in this direction, though apparently without that success which he appears to me to have deserved. This matter is not, however, to be done by one individual brother, however hard-working; it ought and must be representative in order to be useful and discriminative, and just and charitable.

Nor should it be possible to get any cases on the lists unless approved and adopted, in the first instance, by one of these Provincial, District, or London organisations. Some such means as this, I fully believe, would keep in the background many cases that would not bear the light of strict investigation, and thus render our Charities more strictly deserving of the support of the affluent and the benevolent.

Yours fraternally,
SIX TIMES A STEWARD AND L.G.
October 14th.

A SISTER BY PURCHASE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to trespass on your space very shortly, while I point out to you that this question, which has called forth so many speeches, and excited so much interest, has received its "quietus" for the present, at the last quarterly meeting of the Girls' School. As a "bystander" it is somewhat amusing to note the moods and words of the successive orators, "pro and con," and to see where they are consistent or inconsistent with former declarations and previous deliverances.

Having been present at the former meetings, I note, I think, what are many elements of amusing divergence and either conscious or unconscious change of position and opinion. Even the mover of the nonconfirmation of Bro. Tattershall's motion was, as it appears to me, not consistent with his former remarks. It may be, that taking up another brother's motion unexpectedly, or knowing from experience the Quarterly Court before the polling to be in no mood for listening to long speeches, he so condensed his arguments that very few could follow him. As I understood him originally, he contended that on two grounds the purchase of a sister was justifiable, one being the legal interpretation of the laws, the other the liberty of subscribers. On Saturday, he seems to have based his argument solely on the right of a province or a lodge to purchase a sister's nomination. He did allude incidentally to Bro. McIntyre's important opinion, but only incidentally; and he gave me the idea of a speaker who was not satisfied with his own argument, or sure of the audience he was addressing. It was somewhat remarkable, as I noticed, that nearly all the Provincial Charity members voted with him, the majority against him being mainly composed of London brethren.

Bro. Raynham Stewart did two amusing things,—1st, he moved an amendment on an amendment, which the Chair-

man properly refused to notice; and then he appealed to the meeting on the pure ground of sentiment and the injustice done to others by purchased cases. He is too experienced a debater not to know that no amendment can be moved on an amendment; but he equally well knows that in such a meeting as he was addressing, impatient of verbosity and intent on other matters, the only way of proceeding was to start a "hare" and run it down. Thus he got "mixed up," as all do, between "election and purchase" and "purchase and election," and not sufficiently discriminating as between what was becoming for the voters and what was the claim of those who pay for a nomination, he persuaded the meeting to confirm the resolution. His view was clearly, however, the view of the meeting, it is only fair to observe.

It was amusing to note the "gyrations" of one or two brethren, who on a former occasion voted against Bro. Tattershall's motion, and on this occasion supported Bro. Raynham Stewart. Whether they did so because they, too, had got the ideas of purchase and election "mixed up," it is impossible to say; but so it was, so it is.

The only consistent man, to my mind, was Bro. Tattershall himself, who did not speak at all, wisely allowing the "inevitable tendencies of the hour" to work out their slow and silent influences on the eloquence of the speakers, and the convictions of voters.

There is one only conclusion, I think, every impartial Mason must arrive at, that an assembly impatient for other, to them, the most pressing business of the day, is a bad court of appeal for important questions, or decisive resolutions.

Yours fraternally, A BYE STANDER.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is pleasant to note the progress made in Freemasonry at the Antipodes, and to observe the growing intelligent interest that is taken in matters concerning the Craft. A late mail has brought me a copy of the "South Australia Masonic Guide" for 1882-83, published by Bro. Philip Sanson, of Adelaide, which is really a most admirably compiled work. It contains an essay on the Masonic lectures by Bro. Jas. M. Killop (a Victorian visitor), a variety of calendarian information, a list of lodges and chapters, with the names of the officers, and a very large amount of Masonic information in the shape of pithy paragraphs, embodying a quantity of facts and maxims most desirable for every working Mason to know. I think you will be glad to know that our brethren in this distant colony are willing to patronise so able a production; and I may add that such local calendars, in conjunction with your admirable "Cosmo," render our knowledge of Masonry in any country absolutely complete. The "South Australian Guide" is published under the patronage of the heads of the three Constitutions in the colony.

Yours fraternally, T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

A QUESTION OF ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One lodge is visiting another. The W.M. of the visiting lodge is not present, but the officers include the I.P.M., the Secretary (a P.M. of the lodge), and the S.W. Whom among the three must be considered as the spokesman of the absent W.M.?—Yours,
CURIOUS.



VAN DALENS KALENDAR FUR FREIMAURER, 1883. J. G. Findel, Leipsic.

This very useful annual German Masonic pocket-book, so-called after its original editor, published by Bro. Findel, is now edited by Bro. Karl Paul, and is in its three and twentieth yearly issue. It is full of most interesting statistics as regards cosmopolitan, and, above all, German Freemasonry. There are in Germany (Deutschland), as some of our readers may know, no less than 8 Grand Lodges and 5 independent lodges. These are—1, the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes (Weltkugeln), Berlin, with 119 Johannite and 63 Scottish lodges, and 14,284 members; 2, the Grand Countries Lodge, at Berlin, with 3 Provincial lodges, 88 Johannite lodges, 26 "Andrew's" lodges, and 9756 members; 3, the Grand Lodge of "Royal York," Berlin, with a Provincial Grand Lodge of Breslau, with 55 Johannite lodges, 8 Inner Orient, and 6747 members; 4, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, with 31 lodges, of which 25 are in Germany, and 3600 members; 5, the Grand Lodge of the Sun, at Bayreuth, with 25 lodges and 1950 members; 6, the Grand Country Lodge of Saxony, with 19 lodges and 3000 members; 7, the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Bond, at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, with 14 lodges and 1396 members; and, 8, the Grand Lodge of Darmstadt, with 8 lodges and 861 brethren. The 5 independent lodges are: 1, the Archimedes, Altenburgh, with 268 members; Archimedes, Gera, with 197 brethren; Carl zum Rautenkranz, Hildburghausen, with 63 brethren; Minerva, Leipsic, with 423 members; Balduin zur Linde, Leipsic, with 515 brethren. If, therefore, these statistics are reliable, which we may fairly assume they are, there are in Germany 8 Grand Lodges, 4 dependant Provincial Lodges, and 5 independent lodges. These are sub-divided into 262 Johannite lodges, 78 Symbolic Lodges, 63 Scottish lodges, 26 Andrew lodges, and 8 Inner Orient, in all 437 bodies, and 40,064 members. According to Van Dalen's Calendar, there are in England 32 Prov. Grand Lodges, 302 lodges in London, 95 in East Indies, and 1539 in the provinces

and other dependencies. There are also, it is said, 140,000 members, though where the editor obtains these statistics as to numbers from we know not. We are not aware of any official declaration on the subject, or any authorized numeration, though it be a matter much to be desired. We shall probably call attention, in a leaderette next week, to the Masonic "tottle" in the world, according to these carefully compiled statistics.

UNVEILING OF MASONIC WINDOWS BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, having presented two large painted windows to the Parish Church of St. James's, Clerkenwell, to commemorate the restoration of the church, Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs, in State, were invited to unveil the windows on the occasion of the re-opening of the church, on the 13th inst., which has undergone complete restoration, under the superintendence of Mr. A. W. Blomfield, M.A.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs arrived at the church at half-past eleven o'clock, and were accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Ronald Savory, the City Marshal, and the Sword and Mace Bearers. They were received with enthusiastic cheers by the many thousands gathered around. In the porch a procession was formed, and entered the church, the immense congregation standing. Among the many eminent persons present in church were Mr. Ashmead and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Sir Francis and Lady Burdett, Bro. Churchwarden Goode, Bro. James Terry, Bro. J. T. Bedford, C.C., Bro. Dr. Hunter, Bro. Jarvis Maples, Bro. Arthur Millward, W.M. elect of the Crusaders' Lodge, and many brethren and others.

Upon the procession reaching the chancel, Bro. Jarvis Maples, P.M. 144 and 1677, surrounded by a few of the brethren of the Crusaders' Lodge, handed his lordship the cords attached to the covering of each window, and they were successfully unveiled. After the very grand service, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Canon Duckworth, the party adjourned to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel for luncheon, where his lordship took the chair.

The subject in the north-east light is the "Building of the Temple." The architect is represented studying the plans with compasses in hand; in the background various workmen are represented at work in the erection of the Temple. In the renaissance ornament bordering this window is introduced the "working tools," and the seal of the Crusaders Lodge occupies a prominent position over subject, and the whole is surmounted by the All-seeing Eye, which is introduced in both windows. The window in the south-east has a representation of the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon on the completion of the Temple. King Solomon is shown seated, surrounded by his attendants, with arm extended, pointing out the beauty and grandeur of the edifice. The Queen of Sheba is introduced in the foreground, while numerous eastern potentates are grouped around, bearing costly presents for King Solomon. In the border of this window are the various jewels of office, and the arms of the Grand Lodge are introduced over subject. The windows have the following inscription at foot: "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, presented by the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, A.D. 1882."

The windows, which are very much admired, both for harmony of colour and skilful treatment, are very large, and therefore the great amount of detail in every particular is seen to advantage. They were designed and executed by Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WITH MASONIC CEREMONY.

The memorial stone of a new Congregational Church at Teignmouth was laid with Masonic honours, on the 28th ult. The W.M. of the Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, being Secretary to the Building Committee of the Church, invited his brethren to attend the ceremony, and the Provincial Grand Master having granted the necessary dispensation, a lodge of emergency was called. Lodge being duly opened, the brethren walked in order to the site. The stone was tested in Masonic form by the W.M. and his Wardens, and a large bottle, containing the local newspapers, plans of the building, bye-laws of Lodge No. 303, proceedings of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, &c., was deposited in a cavity under the stone, to which will be affixed a brass plate, bearing the following inscription: "Congregational Church, founded 1790, rebuilt 1882. This memorial stone was laid by Alex. Hubbard, Esq., Sept. 28th, 1882."

On the platform, with the speakers, were Bros. E. C. Howell, P.M. 610, P.Z., P.P.G.S. of Wks., the builder of the church; G. N. Burden, P.M. 303, P.Z., P.P.G.S. of Wks., who carried a new oak mallet; J. S. Kersteman, P.M. 303, P.P.G.R., with the bottle; S. Lorane, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who marshalled the procession and acted as D.C.; J. J. O. Evans, W.M. 303, with the square; H. W. Marshal, S.W. 303, with the level; and F. Banbury, J.W. 303, with the plumb rule. There was a good attendance of brethren from Torquay and Dawlish. A telegram was received from Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chaplain, who was prevented from attending by illness.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. N. Valentine, P.M., Chap.; F. C. Frost, J.D.; W. R. Gilpin, I.G.; Hugh Elliot, Stwd.; H. A. Schank, Stwd.; C. J. Workman, P.M.; F. C. Hallett, P.M.; C. H. Collings, P.M.; P. Hagerty, Tyler; W. Harvey, H. Myer, R. Frost, W. A. Thomas, S. J. U. Hayman, and E. Everard, of 303; C. W. Hamerton, J.W. 1284; G. H. P. Wescott, D.C.; J. B. Coles, I.G.; R. Williams, S.S.; and J. C. Chinneck, W.M., of 1443; J. Parnell, S.D. 1358; G. Marley, 757; H. Marley, J.W. 1358; G. Ferguson, 141; J. E. Newton, Tyler; J. Lane, W.M.; T. Prust, S.S.; J. Dodge, P.M.; H. J. Hex, I.G.; W. R. Goss, jun., P.M.; A. T. Blarney, I.P.M.; and B. Knight, J.W., of 1402.

OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.—The public by noting the prescriptions of the medical profession, and acting on a quarter of a century's experience, have found out that there is but one remedy which can be relied upon so to cleanse and soften the skin, that its healthy action shall be absolutely ensured. The remedy is a luxury known as WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. See that each tablet and wrapper bears the words, Sapo Carbonis Detergens, without which none is genuine.



Craft Masonry.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE (No. 185).—The first meeting after the vacation of this lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., Bro. J. W. C. Bush presided. After the usual preliminaries Bros. Rosenfield and DeLeon were raised to the Third Degree. At the close of the business the W.M. did a graceful act in a graceful way, by proposing to confer honorary membership, with all the privileges of a subscribing member, upon Bro. J. D. Barnett, P.M., who for some time has acted as Organist, but for many years has contributed in no small degree to the pleasure and entertainments after banquet, and who by his unvarying kindness and courtesy has endeared himself to every member of the lodge.

Bro. W. D. Bailey, P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Barnett, whose surprise was evidently genuine, was only able to utter a few words of thanks for the unexpected honour the brethren were pleased to bestow upon him.

An ample repast followed, after which the W.M., as is customary in these days in many of the London lodges, lumped the three principal toasts into one, in the comprehensive form of "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order."

Although there were six visitors, namely, Bros. Mickley, P.M. 479; J. H. Sillitoe, 645, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; Wagstaff, 188; Maas, 901; Brown, 158; and Percival, 1607; the W.M., in proposing their health, coupled the names only of Bros. Mickley and Sillitoe.

Bro. Mickley replied briefly, and Bro. Sillitoe gave some interesting anecdotal reminiscences of brethren who, hailing from immense distances, inviting the members of a lodge they were visiting, promising hearty welcome, should an opportunity—which, however, seemed highly improbable—arise of a possible return visit, which was, after all, realised in a most unexpected fashion and out of the way place.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prosperity of the Three noble Masonic Institutions," of whose glorious position they had every reason to be proud, especially if it is recollected that this year, by individual effort, no less a sum than £40,000 was collected for their support, a result achieved by the earnest and unflagging zeal of members of the Craft. He would couple with that toast the name of Bro. Percival, who, in his reply, remarked that he had been engaged all day at the election of boys, and the amount of work would be understood when he stated that some 42,300 votes had to be examined, together with some 22,000 and odd brought over from former elections. Twelve boys were elected, and twelve mothers made happy. When it is stated that in the last seven years over a third of a million has been collected for the Charities, and that a very considerable staff had to be looked after, it will readily be conceived that the work could only be done by continual and sustained exertion and self-denial, the burden of which was, however, lightened by the reflection that, as was taught in the ceremonies, "blessed is he that giveth, as well as he that receiveth."

Bro. Bloomfield, P.M., who responded for "The Past Masters," could scarcely realise his position as one of the senior Past Masters. The W.M. was courteous enough to speak of assistance. Those who had passed the chair were always willing and able to afford assistance to the presiding Master, but, unfortunately, or he should rather say fortunately for the lodge, since he himself occupied the chair, which was now a good many years ago, there had never occurred an occasion at which any help from them was required. He could assure the brethren, should opportunity arise, it would be found the Past Masters were ready and willing to prove in acts what was so kindly said of them in words.

Bro. Phil Levy, Secretary, also responded. Bro. Staley, S.W., having replied for "The Officers," the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The officers were Bros. Staley, S.W.; S. Barnett, J.W.; Boaz, S.D.; Peartree, J.D.; Lyons, I.G.; Dipper, D. of C.; and Potter, Tyler.

The Past Masters present were Bros. Croaker, Bailey, Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, N. Moss, S. Moss, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—A highly successful meeting of the above old lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on the 12th inst. Among those present who signed the attendance-book were: Bros. J. T. K. Job, W.M.; James Mitchell, S.W.; W. Dorton, J.W.; John Dorton, P.M. Treas. J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Nevins, S.D.; A. Mason, J.D.; W. Watkins, I.G.; M. W. Sherwin, Org.; and T. S. Green, W.S.; Past Masters, H. Tapley, I.P.M.; E. West, J. Gaskell, F. Brien, P. McCarthy, and others. Also Bros. E. Lane, A. T. Dale, W. G. Crow, G. W. Parkhurst, G. Treadwell, J. Tytheridge, J. R. Sayers, W. Robinson, W. Temple, Meares, Capt. Spencer, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Twinn, I.G. 1306; W. B. Carne, P.M. 897; and J. Taylor, S.D. 554.

Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting received confirmation. Lodge was duly advanced, and Bro. W. G. Crow, a candidate for the Sublime Degree was tested, and acquitted himself in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Job next gave a highly impressive rendering of the ceremony, raising Bro. Crow to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., which included a recital of the traditional history, and was listened to with wrapt attention by the brethren. Next followed the important business of the election of W.M., Treasurer, Tyler and Auditors, resulting in the unanimous election of Bro. James Mitchell, S.W., as W.M. elect.

Bro. Mitchell having expressed his high appreciation of the honour which the lodge had done him, Bro. John Dorton, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and said it gave him great pleasure to be again the object wherein the lodge had placed its confidence, and trusted to continue to deserve it.

Bros. Temple and Meares were elected as Auditors, and the following were appointed as the officers of the excellent Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge: Bros. Hol-

liday, P.M., President; A. Mason, Vice-President; with Bros. Captain Spencer, J. Tytheridge, and R. Brown as a Committee.

Bro. H. Tapley next said he had a very pleasing duty, as I.P.M., to propose that a Past Master's jewel, of the usual value, be voted to Bro. Job, their W.M., for the really able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge. He felt it was quite unnecessary for him to dilate upon Bro. Job's ability to render the ceremonies and the Sections. After what they had witnessed, to do so would be a waste of words, especially to those who had heard him work.

The proposition was unanimously carried, and Bro. Job briefly returned thanks.

Subsequently lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren passed an hour or so in social enjoyment, enlivened with some good and most agreeable music.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—This lodge met on the 11th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Present: Bros. Thos. Wooding, W.M.; T. J. Tyer, J.W. as S.W.; A. G. Clements, Sec., as J.W.; C. Neal, P.M., as S.D.; G. T. Twinn, I.G., as J.D.; W. Oxley, as I.G.; J. Magrath, P.M.; W. Dawson, P.M.; T. J. Tarling, G. Wise, Loftus, Oppenheim, S. M. Pipe, J. Carrociars, Crawley, Sommers, Hansmann, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary having submitted the minutes of the previous lodge meeting and of an emergency meeting, the same were duly confirmed. Of the two candidates for the Second Degree, Bro. A. W. Flack only was present, and he was accordingly tested as to his proficiency. This proving satisfactory, Bro. Flack was duly entrusted, and lodge was advanced. Bro. Wooding next worked the ceremony of passing in favour of Bro. Flack, in his well-known able manner, the junior officers lending efficient assistance.

There being no other ceremonial working, the W.M., Bro. Wooding, proposed an old friend of his and a worthy Mason as a joining member. This was pleasantly followed by the proposition of three gentlemen as candidates to be admitted into the Order. These were all strongly supported, and promise a welcome accession to the muster-roll of the lodge. Some time was devoted to several items of purely lodge interest, and all having been harmoniously arranged, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Bro. Kingston having in readiness some light refreshments, tastefully served, the same were discussed, and a really pleasant hour passed in conversation, during which Bro. Oxley gave a reading, and several other brethren contributed to the general harmony.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. Webb, W.M.; Cockburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Meredyth, W.S.; Plowman, A.W.S.; Speedy, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Fritz, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Noble, P.M. 975; Boswell, P.M. 1389; G. Smith, jun., W.M. 1839; Dawson, P.M. 1853; Ayling, S.W. 975; G. Smith, sen., J.D. 1839; Goodall, 33; Thompson, 169; R. Smith, 169; Gardner, 177; Sims, 861, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Robert Lingley was ably initiated into Craft mysteries. The vote of five guineas to the list of Bro Walls, who served the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the last festival, was confirmed. Bro. W. Mann having given a notice of motion as to the erasure of members who were behind with their subscriptions for discussion at the next meeting, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was given in warm terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Webb, in response, expressed his gratification at the numerous attendance that evening, and also for the very excellent way in which the officers had assisted him in the work. Thanks to the establishment of a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the mother lodge, the working of his officers, who were punctual in their attendance thereat, had greatly improved, and he hoped that that very praiseworthy result would long continue. In conclusion, he said that he had had a very long apprenticeship, and he felt that he was all the better for it. Some brethren arrived at the position of Master far too soon, and the consequence was that the working of a lodge was very frequently not what it should be. "The Health of the Initiate" followed. Bro. Lingley having responded, the toast of "The Visitors" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Bros. Francis, Dawson, G. Smith, and others. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Speedy, Mann, Koch, and Walls. "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was received with acclamation, and was duly and ably replied to by Bros. Mann and Stuart. The toast of "The Officers" brought the proceedings, which were throughout most successful, to a close.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting, and the first one of the session of the above lodge, was held on Saturday evening, the 14th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Past Masters, members, and the following visitors: Bros. Ganz, P.G.O.; Alcock, W.M. 1149; Vincent, P.M. 1861; Jacob, 45; Artus, P.M. 34; Saul, P.M. 1201; Manger, P.M. 1314; Birdseye, P.M. 715; Jones, P.M. 715; Crouch, P.M. 857; Poore, P.M. 720; Clarke, I.P.M. 1632; Lawrence, I.G. 1326; Saunders, S.W. 1293; Vateurin, S.D. 1687; Smith, S.W. 504; Medwin, W.M. elect, 1613; Linford, 1777; Morgan J.W. 1107; Church, 1365; M'Gregor, 22; Hawton, 749; Bird 1815; Poupart, 9; Roon, 1159; Garland, 1538; Binstead, 657; Wood, 1707; Glynn, 3; Gibbs, 1613; Webber, 907; Lacy, 1706; Frost, 1728; Thorpe, 34; Tulhem, 186; and Moles, 1776.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the first business was a ballot for initiation of Mr. Ernest Samuel Donaldson, which being unanimous, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. into Freemasonry. The next business to be brought forward was the installation of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the chair was taken by Bro. Hamer, P.M. Bro. William F. Kibble, W.M. elect, was then presented, and, after the

necessary preliminaries had been gone through, and all the brethren below the chair had retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Kibble was duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. On the re-admission of the brethren, and the customary salutes having been given, the new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Keeble, S.W.; Baber, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Simpson, P.M., Chap.; Fendick, S.D.; F. W. Potter, J.D.; Skinner, I.G.; Jenkins, Org.; Durrant, D.C.; Cadiot, S.S.; H. J. Bertrand, J.S.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. Hamer then gave with good effect the usual addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and after a proposition had been made for an initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a splendid repast was served under the direction of Bro. E. H. Rand.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by Bros. Frost, Kenningham, Walker, and De Lacey.

The W.M. said the first toast that he had the honour of proposing was that of "Her Majesty the Queen," a toast which was heartily and cordially received, but by none more enthusiastically or with more loyalty than by the body of Freemasons. He, therefore, without further comment, gave them "The Queen and the Craft," which was well responded to.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," a name that need only to be mentioned but was received with every respect by Freemasons, for he had endeared himself to every class of the community, but more especially to Freemasons. When there was any good work to be done, he had proved himself ready to do it, and to do it with a hearty good will. He had just heard that a threat had been made to attempt to take the life of the Prince of Wales, and if that should turn out to be true, he (the W.M.) had no language he could use to express his disgust and contempt for any being who could raise his hand against so good a Prince as he had proved himself to be. He thought that they could not select a better moment than then to express their respect and esteem for the illustrious Prince who ruled over the whole body of Freemasons. Without any further observations, he would give them "The Health of the Prince of Wales," which was heartily responded to with loud cheering.

The W. Master then gave "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G., the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said this was a most comprehensive toast, and time would not allow him to do it justice, as the Grand Officers numbered amongst them men of talent in various schools, and, although some of them occupied high positions in society, yet they thought it worth their while to bestow their time in promoting the Masonic art. They had that night present with them two Grand Officers, Bro. Ganz, P.G.O., and Bro. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, and who was also a member of their own lodge; and he hoped that they should have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Simpson more frequently in the coming year than they had done in the past.

Bro. the Rev. J. R. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, said he was glad to be present with them that day, and he really thought that if some of the noblemen who were to be found amongst the Grand Officers had been present, they would in the Great City Lodge have found cemented those feelings which truly characterise Freemasonry. He felt it to be a great privilege to be a member of this lodge; and he would say that there were few lodges of Freemasons where such good feeling and harmony prevailed, and where the officers took so deep an interest in promoting its welfare. He was happy that the initiate was present to hear the testimony that he bore to it that night. He was obliged to the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken of him as their Chaplain and a member of Grand Lodge, and he should always be happy to be present at the working, as well as that of the "Fourth Degree" of the lodge.

Bro. Ganz also briefly returned thanks, stating how gratified he had been during his first visit to the lodge, and particularly so with the work that he had witnessed upstairs; the manner in which the new W.M. invested his officers was most excellent, and he hoped that during his year of office he might again have the pleasure of witnessing his working.

Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., said the toast he had to propose was one that he was sure the brethren would receive with great pleasure, and it was "Health and prosperity to the W.M., Bro. Kibble." He was quite sure there was no member of the lodge but wished him every success during his year of office.

The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the kind and very cordial manner in which they had received his health, and he might say that words of encouragement were always accorded to him. He felt it a high honour to be placed in his present position, and he could assure them that he fully appreciated the hearty and kindly manner in which they had received his name.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was that of their brother initiate, which he might observe he had heard called, "the toast of the evening." The introduction of initiates represented new life, new ideas, and new energy, and it was almost difficult for old Masons to say what they did not represent. He had the authority of Bro. Gwynne, by whom Bro. Donaldson had been proposed, that he had known him for twenty years, and that he was a proper man to be made a Mason, and there one good member had introduced another. He congratulated him on coming amongst them, and he hoped in due time he would arrive at the summit of every Mason's ambition. He gave them "The Health of their Brother Initiate."

Bro. Donaldson thanked the brethren for the very handsome manner in which they had drunk his health, and he assured them that he would do his best to become a good Mason. It might not be Masonic, but, as the Americans said, he would do his "level best."

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Poore and Saul, who rendered great assistance in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. T. Poore, in returning thanks, said it had afforded him a great treat by being present at the W.M.'s installation, and, with respect to the lodge of instruction, it reminded him of some lines he had seen at the Exhibition of

1851, on a piece of needlework, in which it was expressed that the dignity of F.R.S. or L.L.D. could only be obtained through a diligent attention to A B C; and by adopting that principle in a lodge of instruction, there was no doubt that they had a proof of it in what they had seen that night, and contributed no small amount to its success. He was happy at any time to attend the lodge of instruction, and urged all young Masons to attend where only the A B C and the proper knowledge for working a lodge could be obtained. He thanked the W.M. most cordially, and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Saul also responded to the toast. As the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, he said that the great anxiety of the members of it was to maintain the dignity of The Great City Lodge, and to make themselves efficient in all their duties before they came to the chair.

The W.M. then gave the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters." He had great pleasure in proposing this toast, and he presented, in the name of the lodge, a jewel to Bro. Taylor, the Immediate Past Master, and he hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him health for many years to wear it. They owed Bro. Hamer a debt of gratitude for the manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and he was happy to say that all the Past Masters were present that night.

Bro. Taylor said he was very much obliged to the officers and brethren of the lodge for their recognition of his conduct in the chair, and obliged to all who had done him this honour.

Bro. Hamer thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received his name. When asked to perform the installation ceremony, he had some little hesitation, but duty induced him to undertake it. As long as he was a Past Master of the lodge he considered that it was his duty, as well as a pleasure, to assist in any way to the best of his ability. He hoped the unanimity of the lodge would long continue, and he hoped the W. Master would have a successful year of office, and he would require little assistance from him or from anyone else.

The other Past Masters returned thanks.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was the next toast; and the former, in replying, said he hoped that they would that evening have heard that the W.M. intended to serve the lodge as Steward at the Girls' School Festival; but it was not now too late for him to express his willingness to serve the office of Steward for one of the Masonic Charities.

This drew from the W.M. an observation that he intended to do so.

Some other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. Bros. Frost, Kenningham, Walker, and De Lacy contributed some choice songs during the evening, and frequently Bro. Ganz accompanied them on the pianoforte.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).

An emergency meeting of above lodge took place on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bury-road, for the purpose of discussing and expressing an opinion on a proposed increase of quarterage to Grand lodge, and other matters. Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M., opened the lodge. Among some sixty brethren present were Bros. Welding, I.P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.P.G.J.W., Kent, P.M.; Capt. Joseph McCaffery, P.S.D.; G. Kennedy, S.W.; A. Saunders, J.W.; J. Jee, Treas.; A. Fisher, Sec.; W. Moulds, S.D.; A. Rowley, J.D.; T. Preece, Org.; J. Purnell, I.G.; J. Anderson, D.C.; Sayles, Stwd.; J. Chillingworth, W.M. 1973; Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chap. 593; F. Wood, S.W. 1973; H. King, S.D. 615; F. E. Huggett, 1050; J. Clegg, 1714; C. J. Carter, 1772; J. Butler, 1787; J. Davidson, 730; F. H. Widgery, 1449; S. West, 700; E. M. Taylor, 913; J. Elliott, J.D. 1973; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The ballot was taken for Quarter-Master Sergeant W. H. Poplestone, Quarter-Master Sergeant A. Murdoch, and Sergeant-Major T. Hopper, and proving unanimous, they were initiated. Bro. A. F. King was then raised, and Bro. Rev. Dr. Bullock invested with the collar of office of Chaplain, for which that distinguished brother returned thanks. The discussion on the increase of quarterage afterwards took place.

The lodge was then closed, and around the social board the brethren partook of refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. Bro. Welding, rose to propose the health of the W.M. He said he felt sure they must all have felt proud of their W.M. that night, when he, for the first time, sat in the chair of K.S. and carried out the duties appertaining to that high office in so excellent and finished a style. He had showed himself thoroughly competent, and there could be no doubt that under his rule the lodge would have a very successful and even brilliant year. He, in their name, wished Bro. Holleyman health and strength to carry out those duties, and promised him every support and help so far as the lodge was concerned. Bro. Holleyman responded, and, after thanking them for their gracious acceptance of the toast, assured them that he had endeavoured to do his best to uphold the credit of the lodge. He was exceedingly gratified that his efforts that night had met with their approbation. The next toast was that of the "Past Masters," and the W.M. on putting it said it had for them that night a double interest, inasmuch as they had with them Bro. P. M. Spinks, who had only just returned from long and distinguished services in South Africa. They all rejoiced to see him once more with them in health and strength, and tendered him a hearty welcome home. They were all delighted to see him once more among them. Two of their Past Masters, Bros. Deeves and Weston, were away on foreign service. Bro. Pownall was at Eastbourne, and Bros. Shaw and Picken on their travels; so that, considering all things, they were favoured by having two good ones present, and he asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

In reply, Bro. Spinks said he feared the lodge had been very unfortunate in its Past Masters, and yet, through no fault of their own, as their duties compelled them, at the call of their country, to leave lodge, friends, and home, and to go all over the world, or at least to whatever part of it they were sent to. He then passed an high eulogy upon the W.M. for his excellent working, and also expressed the pleasure it gave him to see the officers, all of whom, with the exception of Bro. Kenneday, had been initiated into Masonry by him, do their work so handsomely. Bro. T. M. Welding also briefly responded. The other toasts were "The Initiates," "Visitors," and "Officers," and then the Tyler's Toast concluded the proceedings.

CLERKENWELL LODGE (No. 1964).

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR.—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held on Saturday last, the 14th inst., at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The meeting was arranged to be one worthy of the lodge founded to take a leading position in the Craft, and for that purpose a large number of Grand Officers were invited. Many of these accepted the invitation and attended, and among them was the chief guest of the evening, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and Bro. McCullagh Torrens, M.P., who represents in Parliament the borough in which Clerkenwell is situated. The brethren present were—

- The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden.
- Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master, Middx.
- Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.
- John Messent, Grand Sword Bearer.
- Peter de Lande Long, Past Grand Deacon.
- Raynham W. Stewart, Past Grand Deacon.
- Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon.
- George Lambert, Past Grand Standard Bearer.
- Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Past Grand Deacon.
- H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary.
- William Clarke, 114, Past Grand Pursuivant.
- Bros. Edgar Bowyer, W.M.; T. Hastings Miller, S.W.; G. J. Goode, J.W.; G. A. Potter, Treasurer; James Terry, Secretary; Col. Henry Radcliffe, S.D.; Robert Rolfe, J.D.; John Tuck, I.G.; Howard Vyse, P.M.; Henry Parsons, 410, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey; F. H. Wilson Iles, D.P.G.M. Herts; Thos. S. Carter, 403; A. H. Hickman, 228; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; Robert H. Halford, 1580, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; Frederick Adlard, P.M. 7, P.D.C. Essex; D. Clarke, P.M. 21; E. Davies, P.M. 288; P. H. Jones, P.M. 858; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417 and 1900; Alfred Colston, P.M. 228; C. C. Larner, 1677; J. Maples, P.M. 144 and 1677; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; Joyce Murray, W.M. 1700; Jas. G. Terry; William John Halford, Rev. John H. Rose, Chap.; Richard W. Cole, William Clarke, H. R. Todd, 858 and 1694; H. Cox, 198 and 61; T. P. Shipp, W.M. 2; G. P. Festa, Worshipful Master 1900; Thomas Baxter, 228; W. F. Crutch, P.M. 1278; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; George Cowell, W.M. 198; E. J. Annins, W.M. 1625; W. M. Bywater, P.M., 19; Thomas Taylor, 1677; J. J. Stackall, 1677; H. G. Lambert, P.M. 198; Robert Paget, 228; Arthur Millward, W.M. elect 1677; W. Clarke, 1677; Will. Tomson, 33; W. H. Baker, J.W. 180; Seymour Smith, 742; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (Freemason).

The brethren who sent apologies for inability to attend were Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; Dr. Barringer, and John Symonds, P.G.D.

The lodge-room was filled, and if all the brethren who were invited had attended the room would have been inconveniently crowded. At the banquet, which followed the working of the lodge, there would not have been sitting accommodation, and as it was, the brethren were very closely packed, though every endeavour was made by Bro. Terry and the other officers to afford the maximum of convenience of each brother present.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Bowyer, W.M., resigned his seat in favour of Bro. James Terry, whose son was a candidate for initiation. Bro. Terry then took the chair, and initiated Mr. Jas. Edmund Terry and Mr. William R. Halford. The W.M. initiated Mr. William Clarke and Mr. Richard Wright Cole. Bros. Rev. J. H. Rose, vicar of Clerkenwell, and Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B., were elected as joining members.

Before the lodge proceedings were concluded, Bro. James Terry, Secretary, brought to the notice of the brethren the fact that Bro. T. Hastings Miller, S.W., had presented to the lodge the Volume of the Sacred Law; whereupon a vote of thanks to Bro. T. Hastings Miller was proposed by Col. Ratcliffe, S.D., and seconded by Bro. Potter, Treas., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry then read the letters from the Grand Secretary on the subjects of the Revised Constitutions and the Royal College of Music. Afterwards Bro. Terry read the letters of apology, which the brethren who were unable to attend had sent.

The Rev. J. H. Rose thanked the lodge heartily for the beautiful brass lectern which the lodge had presented to the parish church of Clerkenwell, by which every member of the congregation and every parishioner felt deeply complimented.

Bro. Terry read a letter from the Secretary of the Clerkenwell Church Restoration Fund acknowledging the gift.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet and honoured the usual toasts.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., in acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that by the gracious nomination of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., he had the honour to appear before the brethren as one of the present Grand Officers. Now, sometimes when he turned his eyes upon his inner self, he was fain to regard with some degree of doubt even the infallibility of the G.M., but when he considered how successfully the G.M. had chosen all the officers of the Craft, how, under his direction, the Craft had increased, and become an all-powerful institution, even in this great State, he could not but feel that perhaps H.R.H., aided by that occult science and knowledge of human nature, had discovered qualities in himself (the Lord Mayor) which he certainly did not believe—he was quite sure no collective body of men could ever have ascertained. But this he would say, that there was no more devoted servant of the Craft than himself. (Hear, hear.) He believed truly that the principles which were inculcated by the Book of Constitutions, and the manner in which the affairs of the Craft were controlled by its great Parliament meeting in Freemasons' Hall, called Quarterly Communications, were the foundation of all Constitutional Government. The Freemasons began by asserting their first principles, which, he was sorry to say, he had often been so indiscreet as to proclaim to the whole world; and he more particularly must admit when the ladies had asked him what was the Freemasons' secret, he had always acknowledged at once peace and goodwill towards men. He recollected assuring his lady friends, who were present on one occasion in great numbers, that he was

confiding to them a great secret, and a wonderful silence prevailed; and he saw some of the Past Grand Officers and some of the present Grand Officers turn pale with fear; they believed that he was about to confide to the females, and that he was overcome by the splendour of their beauty (which was quite true), and to fall like Samson before Delilah. But when he informed them that the great secret of Freemasonry was the perfection of virtue, the consolidation of all the moral principles of the earth, and that Freemasons looked only to do their duty to each other, he was sorry to say he was afraid the ladies were disappointed, but he thought the Present and Past Grand Officers were very much reassured. Those were the observations which he thought it necessary to make on public occasions, but in that temple, where they were close by, they might, perhaps, talk with a little more confidence; and, certainly, he believed that the principles which were disseminated throughout the Craft were those principles upon which the safety of society was built. (Hear, hear.) In visiting Holland he and his suite passed through a country where every man and every woman seemed industriously intent upon making the best of every opportunity where nature afforded either him or her for advancing the interests of their country by cultivating the fruits of the soil, and by taking care of their dwellings or their towns; and his good colleague, the Sheriff, who was a Scotchman, raised his hands and his eyes and said, "Oh that we could make Irishmen into Dutchmen, and we should have no rebellion." What struck him (the Lord Mayor) was that if they could only make all their fellow-countrymen into Freemasons they would have a completely happy family. Happily wherever he had entered into the society of Freemasons, wherever he had had the honour of being present in a lodge like this, where he knew they were worthy of their existence, where they were founded by men who were well acquainted with the principles which directed Freemasons' conduct; in fact, wherever he had found himself in the presence of a body of Freemasons he had felt that there was the prevalence of truth to each other, and an intention to do to others as they would be done by; to use their influence to produce peace and goodwill among men on earth. Therefore, he appealed to the brethren whether it was not a very proud position for any one to occupy as a Grand Officer of the Craft. He had had a great many honours since he had filled the office of Chief Magistrate of the City of London; but he looked forward to more continued happiness in the high office he held by the permission of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., for he believed that when he entered into the society of Freemasons, which he hoped to do continuously as long as God should spare him health and strength to do so, and to wear his beautiful apron of cerulean blue, he should be received in a manner which would be gratifying to his friends and to himself. Nothing had given him greater pleasure than to have been present to receive the hospitality of the Clerkenwell Lodge. The day before he visited the church at Clerkenwell. That was a shrine where adoration was paid to the great Creator, whom the Craft adored, and whom they held to be their bountiful benefactor, and the origin of all their happiness. He was delighted to see that the brethren had supported that church in the way they had done. He was astonished to behold those beautiful windows which had been erected. It not only spoke of their generosity, but it was an evidence of their taste and judgment in their choice of an artist to execute the work, and the subject which he had to execute (Bro. Charles Evans, 20, Warwick-street, Regent-street). He also felt that they were advancing the objects of the Craft and of Christianity and religion when the Clerkenwell Lodge came forward and provided the brass lectern on which the Great Book was to be placed, and from which the Chaplain to this lodge would read from time to time to the audience before him, and which would connect the Church of this country and the Craft, of which they were so proud. There were now some 100,000 Craftsmen in the realm; that was a very small number, for what was 100,000 among thirty-five millions? He knew it was a principle that they never never to urge upon the outside world to become Masons; but he thought they should never neglect the opportunity of informing all their friends and relations how noble a thing it was to be a Freemason. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, also replied, and said he had great pleasure in meeting so many brethren from the neighbouring province of Hertford. The two provinces were separated by a very small space, but they were united by the closest ties, and each was glad when brethren from the one province visited the brethren of the other.

The Lord Mayor, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said there were many duties attached to the office of chief guest of the evening, and one of them was that he was always to appear to be entertained by his entertainers. That sometimes was a very difficult duty. The more they endeavoured to entertain him the more anxious he was to be free from blandishments. Possibly another duty which was also confided to him, which was highly interesting, but sometimes exceedingly difficult, was to propose the health of the brother who occupied the chair of W.M. He was happy to say that that evening he had been free from the first entertainment,—that there had been no endeavour to entertain him,—though he had been entertained by the gracious and generous hospitality which had been spread before him, by the kindly manner of the W.M., and by the satisfaction he had in the society of such noble and distinguished brethren as those who sat right and left of him. Bro. Philbrick, as they knew, was a sort of garden whence flowed the most delightful fragrance of wit; while Bro. Terry's smile fell on all around himself, and radiated like the circumferences that surrounded a stone when it was cast into a pool. On his left he saw such a galaxy of splendour that he was afraid to speak of it, for if he did he knew that either his language would be so overwhelming that they would think him absurd, or he should fall so far short of purpose that they would think he was not honest in his expression. Then he came to the second point, whether he felt that the health and prosperity of the W.M. was worthy of his offering it to the brethren's acceptance. It was very seldom he was placed in such difficulty, but that evening he was placed pre-eminently in the contrary difficulty, not that there was a doubt about it, but there was an apprehension in his mind whether he should be able to depict to the brethren the great qualities of the W.M. of the Clerkenwell Lodge. He felt himself that Bro. Bowyer was the embodiment of what should constitute the W.M. of a lodge of Freemasons. First and foremost he had a most noble presence, which, it must be admitted, was no credit to him, but was a credit to those

from whom he sprang, and was undoubtedly a boast which the Clerkenwell Lodge might make. Secondly, Bro. Bowyer was a dweller within the precincts from which this lodge sprang, and one who had drawn from among the people of Clerkenwell a sense and feeling of respect and regard. Consequently, when such a man founded a lodge in their centre, they knew full well that he would draw the best men of Clerkenwell into the lodge, and that the lodge would be a credit to the Craft. Then Bro. Bowyer was a man of very charitable disposition, apart even from Freemasonry. There were institutions in Clerkenwell tending to advance the education and moral improvement of the people, and the W.M. of the Clerkenwell Lodge was one of the main supporters of those Institutions. The way to continue the happiness of this country was to cement the affection and regard between employer and employed. There was no true and honest way in which that could be achieved except by providing for the education of the young and good useful amusement for the elder. There had been too much neglect in this country, and too much disregard of the necessity of providing some sound, useful, and proper entertainment for the people of mature years; they were left to their own resources, and they went to the lower class of entertainments, which had pernicious consequences. The W.M. of the lodge, with the clergy of the parish, was trying to correct this. Then last, but not least, he was an exponent of the Freemasons' Craft by reason of his having been twice before Master of two lodges. And now, coming and appearing again in this character, when it required the greatest assistance, the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of a Christian citizen. They might also safely say that as a Freemason he was fitted for and ought to aspire to Grand Office; at any rate, he ought to be made a Grand Officer of Generosity.

Bro. Bowyer, in reply, said he thanked the Lord Mayor very heartily for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and thanking the brethren for the way in which they had drunk it, he assured them he felt it a very deep compliment of the founders of this lodge in selecting him as first W.M. He felt glad to do anything he could for the well being and advancement of the lodge. He also begged to thank the Lord Mayor for what he had said in Clerkenwell yesterday.

Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. of Essex, in replying for "The Visitors," said after what they had heard that night, any speaker who might come upon the scene might feel his part superfluous and his voice dumb; but the kindness of the reception which the visitors had met with in the lodge demanded an acknowledgment from those who were called upon to respond to the toast. And when he saw how much the Clerkenwell Lodge existed at the mercy of the visitors, he was sure they would be grateful for the consideration the visitors extended to them, and would feel that in recognising them and their kind hospitality they were doing that which must spring from a generous heart on its visitors' part—that generosity which the strength of the giver imparted. On behalf of the numerous body, let him express their most sincere thanks. They had been told that this was a worthy lodge. The young Hercules was strong, and he grew to be a typical model for the strength of antiquity. He ventured to say, without offence, that the strength of a lodge consisted not in the mere number, but in the quality of its members. The Lord Mayor had said so truly how great the position of the Craft was. Let him (Bro. Philbrick) also add—if he might without unduly trespassing—how necessary it was when the Craft had attained that position that they should be careful whom they admitted into it, and be quite sure that they would be those who in the words of the great and true ritual would ultimately reflect honour on their choice. The Clerkenwell Lodge had started well that night he could well attest, for one of the pleasant things which a visitor, such as himself could see, was the initiation of the son of their worthy Bro. Terry. When they were sometimes asked by the outside world (not by the ladies whom the Lord Mayor had alluded to, because they were instructed) what Masonry was, and why it existed, could they not say that when a father who had been so many years a Mason, and was so much respected by the Craft of which he had been so able an exponent, introduced his son into it, they might know and feel that Masonry had in itself elements which commended themselves to the highest principles of human nature. And, therefore, it was, he ventured to think, that the Clerkenwell Lodge possessed in itself elements which must secure success in the present and continuance in the future. The more they adhered to the great principles of the Order, the more truly they responded to the great truth on which Freemasonry was founded, the more certainly they assured the success and the prosperity of their lodges. He had heard that evening of the neighbouring province of Hertfordshire, and of the cordiality extended by brethren of one province to the brethren of the other. His own province, Essex, was a neighbouring province to Hertfordshire, and there they had the same Masonic feeling. But the same feeling extended everywhere; and whenever assistance was wanted it was to be found, and it was by this cultivation of the principles of Masonry, and thus realising the truth of the Craft, that Masons became more united and were bound to each other by closer ties.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., congratulated the brethren on having such a master as Bro. Bowyer, who, he was sure, would maintain the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. McCullagh Torrens, M.P., said, as a very junior member of the Craft, speaking on behalf of a numerous body of visitors, of whom he was the least conspicuous, he could not help feeling it a great privilege to be present; because, bound as he had been the best years of his life to that portion of the Metropolis, it was to him a great satisfaction and source of pride to find that this noble Craft had taken root firmly in it, and he hoped that it might grow with increased strength in the soil which was especially the object of his care. He believed the lodge could not have a better W.M. than Bro. Bowyer, who was well known in Finsbury, and appreciated in proportion as he was known. The Craft had every reason to look with hope and satisfaction, and ultimately with pride on this lodge, if only because it was founded on the clear convictions of the wants of the neighbourhood, and placing the supplying of those wants in the hands of Bro. Bowyer. Without trenching in the least on any of those topics which were wisely forbidden in lodges, he thought there was a growing sense in the community as far as his powers of judgment were able to perceive, of looking less to those ties that were founded upon distinctions, religious or political, but fastening those ties for the advancement of truth and honesty of purpose. As long as he was entrusted there, or elsewhere, with the confidence of

his fellow citizens, it would be his highest duty and pleasure to develop a greater feeling of Christian love; and next to the church, he believed nothing was more calculated to produce or foster the feeling of Christian love and charity than the Masonic lodge.

In response to the toast of "The Initiates," all the initiates made short speeches.

Bro. Potter responded as Treasurer, and Bro. Terry as Secretary, the latter in the course of his speech referring to his Masonic life, and expressing the pleasure it had given him that evening to initiate his son into the Order.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This flourishing lodge met on the 2nd inst., at Bro. A. Yates's, Royal Hotel, Burdett-road, E. Bro. J. Maud was well supported by Bros. Clark, S.W.; Deason, J.W.; E. J. Anning, P.M. Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M. Sec.; W. H. Rundall, D.C.; Hubbert, S.D.; Sly, J.D.; and Coningham, I.G. Past Masters: Bros. G. Huggett, C. Kendall, C. Thomas, P.G. Tyler Herts, Tyler, and others. The visitors were: Bros. J. L. Anderson, 554; Dibble, 141; and later on in the evening Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 033; Oxley, 1306; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623 and 1382 (*Freemason*).

The candidate not being in attendance there was no ceremonial working. The brethren received with deep regret the resignation from the lodge of our esteemed Bro. C. Lacey, P.M., founder of the lodge. It was unanimously resolved to elect that worthy brother an honourable member of the lodge, in recognition of the worth of his long continued services to the lodge of which he was the founder and first Master.

"Hearty good wishes" were exchanged and lodge was closed in harmony. The creature comforts were nicely attended to by Bro. Yates, and at the conclusion of the capital repast, Bro. Maud, W.M., gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts.

Bro. Kendall next gave in appreciative terms "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Maud responded. "The Visitors" were next toasted, and each of these brethren briefly expressed his thanks for the cordial welcome received.

"The Past Master's" were next honoured and severally responded to, Bro. Huggett expressing the mixed feelings of pain and pleasure he had felt that evening—pain at the fear of losing Bro. Lacey, P.M., as a member of the Tredegar Lodge, and pleasure at the election of that brother as an honorary member. "The Officers," included the Treasurer and Secretary, both of whom briefly replied. "The Masonic Press," acknowledged by Bro. Stephens, brought the list down to the Tyler's toast, which was given and the meeting closed.

The proceedings were enlivened by some songs furnished by Bros. Goddard, Oxley, Hubbert, and Stephens, which greatly enhanced the pleasure of the meeting.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1805).—This successful young lodge met on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Bromley St. Leonard Vestry Hall, Bow, under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Bramham, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. J. Fennell, S.W.; W. R. Marsh, P.M., J.W.; A. Peterken, S.D.; R. B. Brinkley, J.D.; W. J. Rawley, Sec.; J. Collier, Treas.; W. Marsland and W. B. Forbes, Stwds.; G. T. Borr, W. Horne, P. Jackman, W. H. Wheatley, G. E. Paul, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Chatterton, 1185; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the previous, also of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The first work the W.M. had to perform for the season was that of conferring the Degree of F.C. upon Bro. Percy Jackman and W. H. Wheatley, which was worked in a careful and very impressive manner. The next business was the admission of Mr. G. E. Paul (who had been successfully ballotted for at a previous lodge meeting) into the mysteries of the Order, which was most satisfactorily done. Some purely formal business was next disposed of, including the acceptance with regret of the resignation of a brother who had left England for a long period. A notice of motion in the name of Bro. J. M. Knight, J.W., was held over, owing to that brother being detained in the country on important business.

Lodge was closed in due form, and a very pleasant hour was spent over some light refreshment.

The W.M. briefly gave "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Rulers of the Craft," which were duly honoured.

In toasting "The Initiate," Bro. Brahm expressed the pleasure the brethren felt in admitting new blood into the lodge. He trusted the newly-admitted brother would be deeply impressed with the teachings of Freemasonry as he arrived at the various degrees, and that he would grow to like it the more as he became acquainted with its teachings. The toast was very heartily received, and Bro. Paul said he thanked the brethren very sincerely for the kind and cordial way in which they had drunk his health, and he trusted they would always find him to be a Mason.

"The Visitors" were next honoured. That evening there were but two visiting brethren, Bro. Stephens, who was well-known as an earnest worker, and Bro. Chatterton, who had attended on previous occasions, when, as on the present, he had kindly officiated as Organist. They had recently made a brother (Bro. P. Jackman) whom he (the W.M.) trusted would, at the next installation meeting, receive the collar of Organist of the lodge. Still he was sure they would all be pleased if both the visitors would again pay them a visit.

Bro. Stephens, in reply, congratulated the lodge upon the very excellent quarters they enjoyed, the surroundings being of a superior character, and calculated to give a proper tone to the ceremonies.

"The Masonic Charities" were also honoured, Bro. Rawley, the Secretary, introducing the Stewardship of Bro. J. M. Knight, J.W., on behalf of the Schools.

"The Officers" fell in for a word of praise from the W.M., after replying to his own health, which was given in appreciative terms by Bro. A. Peterken, S.D., W.M. 1349. He (the W.M.) was sure few lodges had such capital officers, and whilst that was the case the future of the lodge offered a pleasant prospect.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. C. Thomas, Prov. G. Tyler Herts, brought a pleasant meeting to a close, which was enlivened by some songs from Bros. Chatterton, Stephens, Knight, and one by Bro. Wheatley, accompanied by Bro. Percy Jackman, the composer of the song.

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).

—The brethren of this lodge resumed their meetings for the season on Thursday week, when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Edwin James was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Mr. J. Snow was afterwards duly initiated, the W.M. (Bro. J. Bingley) in each case performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner.

Upwards of thirty afterwards sat down to refreshment, among them being Bros. R. C. Pars, P.M., and J. Rogers, 607; and Bro. Jacob Dellmain, of Western Lodge, 39, United States. The whole proceedings were most pleasant and harmonious, and the mother lodge of the province fully maintained its character for excellence of working throughout.

HARWICH.—Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., and passed off with unusual eclat. The lodge was tyled in the Assembly Rooms, Dovercourt, and the popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Clowes, was evidenced by the large attendance, both by members of the lodge and visitors, on the occasion. The ceremony installation was performed in his usual impressive manner by W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., and the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. Jennings, P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M.; H. Everard, S.W.; F. R. Hales, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C., P.M. 697, Chap.; W. Groom, Treasurer; M. L. Sanders, Secretary; Kinsey Morgan, S.D.; T. L. Bennett, J.D.; C. Hempson, W.M. 1799, P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; C. Salter, Organist; A. C. Parsons, I.G.; Hutchinson and Howard, Stewards; Barlow, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending and so ably installing the W.M., which was duly acknowledged by the installing Master.

The W.M. then feelingly alluded to the late death of the P.G.M.; and a vote of condolence with Lady Tenterden and her family in their heavy bereavement having been unanimously passed, the Secretary was directed to enter it on the minutes, and to forward a copy thereof to the Lady Tenterden. The presentation of a P.M.'s Jewel to the I.P.M., and of a Secretary's Jewel to the hard-working Secretary (Bro. M. L. Sanders) followed, the former in acknowledgement of his two years' service as W.M., and the latter for his activity and attention, especially in reference to the formation of a Charity Association. The W.M. was then heartily congratulated by the visitors present on his elevation to the chair, and the business of the day concluded.

Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards assembled at the Pier Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served. The W.M. presided, supported on his right and left by W. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; T. Jennings, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, Prov. G. Sec.; A. Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sowman, W.M. 51; J. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap. 650; John South, P.M. 650; T. G. Mills, W.M. 697; Thomas Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.W.; R. D. Poppleton, W.M. 433; John Dean, P.M. 438; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Sec. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. Cannon, W.M. 376; H. Sidney, Sec. 376, P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; John Hodges, S.W. 1706; W. G. Reed, 1922; C. Osmond, S.W. 51, P.P.G.O.; A. L. Langford, 697; A. J. B. Drake, 487; J. Street, P.M. 389; C. Lewis, 1024; J. M. Chapman, J.W. 1922; Hector Helsham, M.D. 19; G. F. Smith, jun., W.M. 1839; F. Bird, W.M. 1024; H. G. Layton, P.G.C. Berks and Bucks; W. S. Ling, P.M. 433; G. A. Eustace, S.W. 697; J. T. Bailey, Steward 697; John Taylor, jun., J.W. 1817; H. W. Willcocks, 225; Robt. Smith, S.D. 697; E. Gowers, S.D. and Org. 1024; A. Carter, 181; C. D. Marshall, J.W. 697; C. H. Snelgar, 697; and the following members of 650:—Bros. J. Cartledge, W. Nickerson, J. W. C. Butcher, Jas. Wells, T. S. Bennett, R. Wilson, J. C. Pratt, J. Howard, G. W. Pickering, R. Ford, &c., &c.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Feeling allusion was made in the course of the evening both by W. Bro. Philbrick and W. Bro. T. J. Ralling, to the great loss the Province has sustained in the death of Lord Tenterton, who, although unable, owing to his official engagements, to visit the lodges, took the warmest interest in the welfare of the lodges under his rule. W. Bro. Philbrick also gave an eloquent dissertation on the tenets of Freemasonry, and of the necessity to exercise care in the admission of members.

The health of the new W.M., proposed by I.P.M. Jennings, was enthusiastically drunk; and Bro. Clowes, in responding, promised to do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge. He announced that he had received letters from Bros. Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P. (who had taken great interest in Basham's case, having sent no less than 400 votes); Sir Henry Tyler, M.P.; Col. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D.; and others, regretting that they had been unable to attend on the present occasion.

The name of Bro. Frederick Binckes, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was coupled with the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and that energetic brother (whom all were glad to see in much better health), in responding, spoke of the good service which had already been done by the Star in the East Lodge in the cause of charity, and announced that the W.M. had kindly, for the second time, undertaken to represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes also expressed a hope that their labours (and those of their W.M. he knew had been very great), on behalf of the boy Basham, would be successful.

The proceedings at the festive board were enlivened by a capital programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. J. Hodges, W.M. elect of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, who was ably assisted by Bros. Reed, Chapman, G. F. Smith, and G. F. Smith jun. The lodge room was adorned with some choice flowers from the nurseries of Bro. W. O. Ward, P.M., Ramsey; and the same brother also supplied flowers for the banqueting table, there being "a button-hole" to each serviette.

DEAL.—Wellington Lodge (No. 785).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at St. George's Hall, being the first of the season, when there were present Bros. J. F. Solley, W.M.; T. Bent, P.M.

S.W.; E. L. Bridge, jun., J.W.; J. Browning, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hayman, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Foster, S.D.; P. T. Capps, J.D.; T. Paull, D.C.; W. Hammond, I.G.; Barber, Stwd.; J. C. Dorne, P.M., Org.; W. J. A. Norris, Tyler; B. Wood, I.P.M.; A. F. S. Bird, G.S.W.; Fawbes, Percy Frost, and Allen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This very prosperous lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst., when there were present among others: Bros. R. Saunders, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.P. Middx.; S.W.; S. Saunders, acting J.W., in the absence through serious illness of W. Bro. D. Kennedy, P.G.J.D. Middx.; Powell, J.D.; Briggs, I.G.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, P.G.C. Middx., Chap.; W. Taylor, P.M.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. Treas., and acting Secretary in the unavoidable absence of W. Bro. Wigginton, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middx. Bro. H. Saunders, 551, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M., W. H. Saunders, Treas., and Harris, Tyler, for the ensuing year. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the widow of an old member of the lodge, who had lost his life by an accident on the railway. Previously to the lodge being closed, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing Master.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet. The customary toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the current year was held on the 4th inst., when the new W.M., Bro. E. Bamford, ably presided, and was well supported by his officers. The lodge was opened in due form at 4.50. The minutes of the previous installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimously taken in favour of the Rev. L. J. Bernays, the highly-respected rector of the parish, who was, thereupon, amidst hearty congratulations, and by permission of the W.M., ably initiated by Bro. Geo. Tidcombe, P.M., and duly enlightened as an E.A. Prior to this ceremony, Bro. C. Townshend was passed to the Second Degree. On resuming the chair of K.S., Bro. Dr. Rogers, who has held the post of Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, was appointed by the W.M. to the position of J.W., amidst general approval. Notice was also given for election of Treasurer at next regular meeting.

The Secretary read communications from the Grand Secretary as to the proposed Royal College of Music, and the revised copy of bye-laws. A letter of unavoidable resignation from Bro. T. Thompson was also read, and accepted with regret. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the Rev. Newton Price, P.P.G.C. Herts, and the remaining business disposed of, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Refreshment followed labour, provided by Bro. C. Veal, and gave the usual satisfaction. The cause of charity was successfully pleaded by the W.M., and the musical brethren closed a prosperous season most harmoniously.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611). At the regular meeting of this lodge on the 9th instant, Bro. G. Simpson, presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; C. J. Padel, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M. 236; E. Kirby, P.M., Prov. G.D.C. Kent, and other brethren, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate, who was afterwards introduced and initiated by the W.M., Bro. Cumberland giving the charge. Ten guineas were voted to the Preparatory Scheme of the Boys' School. The election of Master then took place, when Bro. Millington, J.W., was unanimously elected, and returned hearty thanks for the honour. Bro. G. Balmford was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. Pearson Tyler. The names of two candidates and a joining member were proposed and seconded; and Bro. Cumberland presented to the library a copy of the "History of the Airedale Lodge."

After the close of the lodge the loving cup was passed round, and the health of the W.M. elect was drunk with honours. The installation will take place on the 13th November, when there is likely to be a large muster of the Craft.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held in the beautiful Masonic Hall, Carr-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Wm. Bewick, W.M., ably assisted by Bros. Geo. Hardy, P.M.; A. Brodie, S.W.; S. Chadwick, J.W.; E. F. Prentice, Sec.; C. W. Newlands, S.D.; Wm. Atkins, J.D.; D. Rich, I.G.; and H. Parker, Tyler. Among other brethren present were Bros. J. W. Wraith, P.M.; J. McCulloch, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Robt. Jessiman, 224, Scotland; Hugh Goldeer, W.M. 1119; J. Hickman, S.W. 1119; Robert Small, P.M. 541, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; J. H. Thompson, S.W. 240, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Cowie, and this proving favourable, he received the benefits of initiation from Bro. McCulloch, P.M., P.G.J.W., who performed the ceremony with great care and impressiveness. The working tools were ably described by Bro. S. Chadwick, J.W. Bro. J. Hickman, S.W. of St. Bede's Lodge, Jarrow, who, at the early part of the meeting, was elected by ballot as a joining member, officiated as Organist with efficiency. Three new candidates were proposed and seconded, and the W.M. received the hearty greetings from the various visiting brethren.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where Bro. Geo. Hardy, P.M., presided, owing to indisposition of Bro. Bewick, W.M., and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The weekly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 13th inst., was presided over by Bro. J. N. Bate, as W.M., and the officers were Bros. R. Poore, S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; C. H. Nevill,

S.D.; James, J.D.; Pooler, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; E. A. Francis, and others.

The lodge worked in F.C. Degree the ceremony and charge, by the W.M., and the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board, by Bros. J. Stevens and E. A. Francis. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the lodge will be opened in M.M. Degree.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This lodge met in goodly numbers on Tuesday last, at the Green Dragon, Stepney. Lodge was opened by Bro. G. H. Stephens, who was capably supported by Bros. Ellingford, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, Sec.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; G. Price, I.G.; J. G. Stevens, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, and others.

After due formalities, lodge was opened up, and Bro. Pringle satisfactorily questioned. The ceremony of raising was next ably worked by Bro. J. Taylor, Bro. Pringle being the candidate. Bro. Stephens next worked the Sections of the Lecture, assisted as usual, and subsequently, by courtesy of the W.M., closed the lodge in the Three Degrees in an impressive manner. Bro. Ellingford was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening, and announcement was made of the annual banquet to take place on the 31st inst.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—This successful lodge met at Bro. Claytons, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, on the 13th inst. Bro. G. H. Stephens was W.M., and had the support of Bro. Dovey, S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; D. Moss; J. Teigenberg, I.G.; and others.

Lodge was fully opened in the Three Degrees, and on being resumed Bro. Moss was regularly interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Moss as candidate, capably deaconed by Bro. Cundick, P.M. The W.M., Bro. Stephens, next proceeded to work the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren, in capital style. Bro. Dovey was elected as W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and a highly instructive meeting was closed in due form.

WALMER.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A lodge was held in the lodge room, on Monday, the 9th inst., at 8 p.m. Present: Bros. George Band, W.M., in the chair; John Shepherd, S.W.; R. Duval, J.W.; W. Minlet, S.D. and J.D.; and J. W. Court, I.G. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and unanimously confirmed. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Winter being the candidate. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry in general, or of this lodge in particular, it was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—The first annual meeting of the above lodge will be held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on the 30th inst., on which occasion the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Past Grand Chaplain, from whom the mother lodge takes its name, will be installed in the chair of K.S., by Bro. Frances, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. The Rev. A. Hall also presides at the banquet. From the known excellent working of Bro. Frances, whose zeal and ability as a Preceptor is widely appreciated, and the geniality of the Rev. A. Hall, an exceptionally agreeable evening is ensured for the large number of brethren expected.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. Jas. Warren, as W.M., was supported by the following brethren: Hy. Stokes, S.W.; W. Moss, J.W.; H. Hooper, S.D.; Rd. Poore, J.D.; E. A. Albert, I.G.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; Hy. M. Williams, Sec.; also R. W. Pooler, J. A. Danks, W. Croucher, J. W. Plummer, Jas. Amsden, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Amsden, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was most impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree. Bros. Jas. Plummer, Duke of Connaught Lodge, and Jas. Amsden, Electric Lodge, were duly elected members, and briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Hy. Stokes having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. Charles Arkell, Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., H.; E. F. Storr, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; T. Cohe, P.S.; Perry, 1st A.S.; Medwin, 2nd A.S.; A. Potter; H. Birdseye, P.S.; and others. A number of visitors were present, including Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, and Darcy, Sparrow, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Archer was exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The election of officers was then proceeded with, the result being as follows: Comps. E. F. Storr, Z.; Cheese, H.; T. Cohe, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; Perry, S.N.; and Medwin, P.S. A collection was made for the wife of a deceased brother by Comp. H. Birdseye, P.Z., a considerable sum being the result of his appeal.

The companions then adjourned to dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given by Comp. Arkell, and suitably responded to by the companions present.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, City, but was but very thinly attended by the companions. Comp. F. Sharratt, M.E.Z.; Comp. Wyer, P.Z., occupied the position of H., and Comp. Jacobs, J., the regular Principals being unable to attend. The minutes of the last convocation were read by Comp. Green, P.Z. and S.E., and unanimously confirmed. The next business was

the accepting of Bro. James Gordon of the Beadon Lodge, who had been balloted for at the last convocation, and he being in attendance was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next business was the election of the M.E.Z., Treasurer, and others officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Sharratt was unanimously elected for the second time to occupy the chair of First Principal; Comp. Carrington, H.; and Comp. Thompson was for the second time elected to fill the chair of J.; Comp. Avery was re-elected Treasurer; and Comp. Green, S.E.; Comp. Dr. Pridmore was elected S.N.; and Comp. Bond, P.S.; Comp. Bavin was re-elected Janitor for the ensuing year. The Audit Committee was appointed and chapter was closed in due form. The companions then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a very bountiful repast was provided. After the formal toasts had been honoured,

Comp. H. Thompson, I.P.Z., rose and proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt," and said that nothing could give him greater pleasure than having the privilege of proposing this toast. They all knew the kind and genial qualities for which Comp. Sharratt was distinguished, and that had been fully manifested that evening in his being unanimously re-elected to fill the distinguished position of M.E.Z. for the second time.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said he felt that he did not deserve all the kind things that Comp. Thompson had said of him, as he did not go through the duties as he could desire, but he would do his best to give them satisfaction.

The next toast was that of "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter," and, in responding to this, Comp. Thompson said he felt it to be a great honour to fill the position of J., and to be, for the second time, elected to it.

Comp. Green, S.E., also acknowledged the toast.

Some other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent, which was diversified by songs from several of the companions. Comp. H. Francis, of Prov. Grand Chapter, was the only visitor.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HURLSTONE.

At the ripe old age of ninety-five, Bro. William Hurlstone, for over sixty years an officer of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, died, on the 13th inst., at his residence, 14, Frederick-street, Gray's Inn-road. Bro. Hurlstone was initiated in the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, on the 1st March, 1859, and was one of the petitioners for the Whittington Lodge, No. 862. Of this latter lodge he filled the office of Master in 1863-4; and in 1876, when he was becoming somewhat feeble, he was elected an honorary member. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, 6th October, 1860. He was first H. of the Whittington Chapter, in 1873, and was Z. in 1874.

BRO. HENRY ALBERT LINFORD.

This brother, who belongs to an old Canterbury family, died, at Southampton, on the 16th inst., at the age of fifty-six. He was initiated in the Universal Lodge, No. 131, on the 25th January, 1867, and continued a subscribing member for three years. He was a brother of the respected manager of the Provident Clerks' Assurance Company, of Moorgate-street.

Last week there devolved on us the agreeable task of recording particulars of the installation meeting of that young, but prosperous, lodge—the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900—the central figure in our narrative being, of course, the new W.M., Bro. Festa, of whom it is no mere stereotyped formality to say that he acquitted himself right well and worthily, while the presence of a numerous contingent of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers gave additional éclat to the occasion. This week we take upon ourselves the still more agreeable duty of offering our "Hearty good wishes" to Bro. Festa on having at length attained the summit of his and every other true Mason's ambition. For it should be known to our readers that Bro. Festa has not secured possession of the Master's gavel by the mere perfunctory discharge of such duties as devolved upon him as a simple member, or in inferior offices. This year, for instance, he served the office of Steward for his lodge at each of the *Institutional Festivals*, the amount of his list at that of the Benevolent, in February, being £106. In May he rested on his oars, and was content with constituting himself a Life Governor of the Girls' School, but has again entered his name as Steward for 1883; while, in June, he handed in a list of close upon £180 to the sister Institution for Boys. Nor, in recording these things, have we fully described the extent of his self-imposed functions on behalf of our Charities. Some time since he was instrumental in placing a former pupil of the Girls' School in a house of business, without premium, where otherwise the sum of fifty guineas must have been paid. He has founded a prize of two guineas in the Boys' School, to be given annually for a period of three years to the greatest proficient in shorthand writing; while on the day of his installation as W.M. he provided an entertainment for the inmates of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon. We hope our worthy brother will excuse our making allusion to these matters, but, as of necessity he adorned our story of the Montague Guest Lodge last week, we see no harm, but rather good, in utilising him to point a moral this week to other Craftsmen, and to admonish them of the obligation they lie under to go and do likewise. It is not our custom to go out of the way in order to pay people a compliment, but, in the first place, Bro. Festa is, as regards his nationality, a stranger in our midst; and, in the next, he purposes returning to his own country in three or four years, where, doubtless, his services to English Masonry will be appreciated at their just value by his brethren of the Grand Orient of Italy. A few words as affecting the accuracy of our narrative of his installation as Master must be added. Bro. Festa, in returning thanks for the toast of his health, was reported to have said "if he condensed all he wished to say, they would have something like one of those meat *sauzages* which, although it might contain the essence of two or three mutton chops, would be none the less disappointing." Our reporter may have had in his mind the historical sausage of the Franco-German war, which enabled the Prussians to march so famously. Otherwise, having regard to the latest revelations respecting this article of food, the use of the word "sausage" would be the reverse of complimentary. As a matter of fact, however, Bro. Festa's expression was "meat lozenges," which is more appropriate, and a thousand times more graceful.



"Perola," Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, to succeed "Patience," but not just yet, for the latter is still playing, will be produced shortly at some small provincial theatre; but it is not likely to be announced very publicly, as its first production is a mere formality, to conform to the laws of copyright. By being once played in England, it cannot be produced in America, with which we have no treaty, without the consent of its proprietor. We believe "Patience" was played first at Paignton, Devonshire, to comply with this law.

Bro. J. J. Toole and his company returned to their little house in King William-street on Saturday. The programme now consists of Bro. H. J. Byron's "Upper Crust," Mrs. Fairbairn's comedietta, "Waiting Consent," and a new musical sketch by Messrs. Arthur Law and Geo. Grossmith, "Mr. Guffin's Flopement." Most of our readers have probably seen "Upper Crust," it having been played for a long time by Bro. Toole. If they have not, they should do so, for it is more than likely it will give way to a new comedy shortly. Bro. Toole's rendering of *Doublechick*, and his humorous sallies and droll sayings, are creating greater diversion, perhaps, than ever. He is admirably supported by a company consisting of Miss Effy Liston, Miss Emily Thorne, Mr. Billington, Mr. Garden, and Mr. E. D. Ward. "Mr. Guffin's Flopement" was received with much applause. Mr. Guffin is an elderly gentleman, in love with a romantic widow, who insists that the marriage shall take the form of an elopement. An arrangement is made to meet at a little country inn. Guffin arrives covered with mud from a long walk, and in possession of a lot of trinkets for his bride. The landlady suspects something wrong and goes for the police. Whilst she is gone, a cousin of the widow makes his appearance, he himself meaning to marry the widow. When Miss Crump, the landlady, returns, she recognises in Guffin a lover of twenty years ago. Guffin thinks, under the circumstances, he had best give up the widow to her cousin and take Miss Crump. The policeman and the barmaid make a match also. Bro. Toole sings a song, "The Speaker's Eye," about a member of Parliament who had sat for thirty years and never could catch the Speaker's eye, and when he at last does so his mouth is closed by the clôtüre. An allusion to this subject is sure to be popular. Our readers should hear the song for themselves. Doubtless it will become a song of the day. This alone is enough to make the piece. Mr. Pinero is engaged upon a new comedy for this house to be brought out very soon.

Bro. J. G. Taylor sailed on Wednesday for New York, to join Mrs. Langtry, who sailed on Saturday from Liverpool by the Guion line for America. Mr. Chas. Wyndham embarked on Sunday at Queenstown on the same vessel, the Arizona. He will be absent about four months, and then return to London and open his new theatre. Mrs. Langtry will not return until April.

Miss Tilbury, who is playing so successfully at the Haymarket, is the daughter of Mrs. A. Hindman.

Madame Christine Nilsson sailed for America by the Gallia, on Saturday, to fulfil numerous engagements, with other members of Abbey's Concert Company.

It is rather odd that at the same theatre (Imperial) as Mrs. Langtry, Miss Calhoun, an American actress, should chose to make her debut to a London audience in the same pieces, "An Unequal Match," and "As You Like It." The two ladies have changed places, for while Miss Calhoun comes to London from New York, Mrs. Langtry leaves the former and goes to the latter. Miss Calhoun also intends to play for twelve nights only. Probably keen comparison and criticism is invited. At present Miss Calhoun has only played the easier half, that of Tom Taylor's comedy. She possesses an agreeable presence and pleasing voice, but is very young, though said to be of some note over the pond. We must own, and without prejudice, that we prefer our "Jersey Lily," but there is much that is taking in Miss Calhoun.

"Impulse" is to be the title of a new piece at the St. James's, in which Mr. Arthur Dacre will play the principal rôle. Bro. Kendal will, we believe, re-open the house with "The Squire."

Yet another new theatre, it is said, is to be built in Northumberland-avenue, close to Mr. Chas. Wyndham's new house. The Metropole Hotel intends to let the basement and ground-floor for a theatre, instead of shops. Why not? There will then be no galleries for nervous folk to be penned in, in case of fire.

Miss Emily Duncan has, we understand, bought the lease of the Connaught Theatre, in Holborn, and will re-open it next month with a comedy by Mr. F. C. Burnand, the author of the "Colonel." Miss Duncan is well known as playing with Miss St. John in "Olivette," "Madame Favart," &c. The Connaught has been closed for some three years, with the exception of a short interval. We hope Miss Duncan will prosper, but it has never brought gain to those who have held it.

Bro. Augustus Harris intends to light Drury Lane Theatre with the duplex electric process on the production of the Christmas pantomime.

Mrs. Bernard Beere takes the Globe Theatre next month (11th November), not next week, as stated in our columns in error last week. We understand "The Promise of May" is a drama of a pastoral kind by the Poet Laureate. Mr. Hermann Vezin will play in the drama.

Miss Marie Litton (Mrs. Forbes Robertson) has, we are glad to say, quite recovered from her recent illness.

Bro. Hollingshead has engaged for the Gaiety Mr. Evans, the celebrated pantomimist.



In accordance with the well known theory that "it never rains but it pours," we have this work to speak of the first of several series of concerts, among which, not the least deserving of notice, is that which took place on Monday, at St. James's Hall, being the first in order of occurrence of a series of twenty-one reunions, known and appreciated far and wide as the "Monday Pops," this being the twenty-fifth year of their existence, which during the whole of that time they have been under the management of Mr. Arthur Chappell, who must have every reason to be proud of the success which has attended his efforts, these concerts having every appearance of being increasingly popular. The opening programme was varied and admirable, comprising representative pieces of Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Haydn. The sextet in G by the first-named was a great success. The executants are pretty well the same as last year, and include Madame Norman-Neruda, violin; Herr Reis, second violin; Madlle. Janotha, pianoforte; Signor Piatti, violoncello; and Horvin Strauss and Holländer and Signor Zerbin, viola; the last named being also the accompanist. Miss Carlotta Elliot was the vocalist on Monday.

The season of Saturday Afternoon Concerts at the Crystal Palace began on Saturday, and, to judge from the announcements that have appeared, and from the opening programme, they will be more attractive than ever. What is still more satisfactory, is that English music and English musicians will take a more conspicuous part in them than heretofore. Last Saturday there was a large attendance, and the performance gave general satisfaction. Bennett's overture, "The Wood Nymph," Beethoven's Symphony in A, Berlioz's "Hymn to Happiness," from "Lelio," Brahms's pianoforte concerto in B flat, performed for the first time in this country, and some selections from Wagner constituted the principal items in the programme; Mr. Oscar Beringer winning applause for his artistic rendering of Brahms's work. Mr. Edward Lloyd was the vocalist.

The fourth Triennial Musical Festival at Bristol, was inaugurated on Tuesday, and will be continued throughout the week, so that our western friends must have had a rare opportunity of indulging their predilection for sweet sounds. The arrangements were as complete as possible, the services of some of our best solo artists had been secured. The orchestra was provided by Mr. Charles Hallé, who himself acted as conductor, and with it were associated the 385 voices of the Festival Choral Society, a number which, having regard to the orchestra, wind and string together mustering only eighty, must be set down as disproportionate. However, if the performances taken singly or together did not come up to the standard of Birmingham, it must be remembered that Bristol is the younger institution, and that the shortcomings of youth will gradually pass away. But to the festival itself, which began on Tuesday morning in Colston Hall, the work chosen for the opening performance being "Elijah," which, save in some minor particulars, passed off splendidly. The part of the Prophet was grandly impersonated by Bro. Santley, the soprano, contralto, and tenor music being taken by Miss Anna Williams, Madame Patey, and Mr. Maas respectively. There was a thinner attendance in the evening, when a miscellaneous programme was offered, Mendelssohn's Mass in D taking the lead, and, in fact, constituting the first part of the concert. Among the instrumental numbers were the overtures to "Rienzi" and "Ruy Blas," and the Sylph Ballet and Hungarian March from Berlioz's "Faust." The vocal contributors were Madame Albani, Miss Anna Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Hilton, and Mr. Lloyd.

A meeting was held at Leeds on Friday last of the Triennial Musical Festival Committee, when the Hon. Secretary announced that, in less than three weeks, he had received subscriptions to the Guarantee Fund amounting to over £10,000, or double what had been received in the same period in 1880.

This evening (Saturday) the first of the Saturday Popular Concerts for the season 1882-3 will be held at St. James's Hall. The programme will include Schumann's Quartet in A Minor; Mozart's Sonata in F Major for pianoforte and violin; Beethoven's Sonata, quasi-fantasia, for pianoforte; and Locatelli's Sonata in D Major for violoncello with pianoforte accompaniments. The executants include Mme. Norman-Nevada, and Mms. L. Ries, Hollander, and Patti, with Madlle. Janotha as pianist. Bro. Santley, as the vocalist, will sing, by desire, "O! ruddier than the cherry," and Gounod's "Maid of Athens." The accompanist will be, as usual, Signor Zerobini. The series, which will comprise twenty concerts, will continue till Saturday, 19th March, 1883.

The twelfth season of Mr. Walter Bach's Pianoforte recitals will commence on Monday, 6th November, at St. James's Hall, and will consist of original compositions by Franz Liszt.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Thursday evening last, on the occasion of the benefit of Madame Christine Nilsson and Mr. Sims Reeves. There was a crowded audience, and the numbers assigned in the programme to the principal artists had almost in every case to be repeated, though in several instances something else was substituted for what had evoked the encore. Thus, Madame Nilsson, in response to the invitation to repeat Sullivan's "Let me dream again," sang an entirely new ballad. Bro. Santley substituted "To Autha" for "O, ruddier than the cherry," and Madame Trebelli sang Mr. Carter's "What the waves said," in place of "Voi che sapete," and a favourite air from "Carmen" for Offenbach's "C'est L'Espagne." On the other hand, the "Bay of Biscay," by Mr. Sims Reeves, lost its "For ever and for ever," by Bro. Santley, and the duets "Da quel di," from "Linda di Chamounix," by Madame Nilsson and Mr. Sims Reeves, and "La luna

immobile," from Boito's "Mefistofele," by Mesdames Nilsson and Trebelli, was repeated. Among the other vocalists were Miss Clements, Mr. Herbert Reeves, and Mr. Barrington Foote, who acquitted themselves well, while the pleasures of the evening were further enhanced by the well-chosen selection of music contributed by the band of the 2nd Life Guards.



Every effort is being made to complete the Agricultural Hall at Norwich by the 16th November next, when it is anticipated the inauguration by the Prince of Wales will take place.

Mr. G. Howard, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs. Howard have presented to the inhabitants of Welburn, near Castle Howard, a club-house, to be used as a library, reading-room, and literary institute.

At the meeting at Cologne, on Friday last, of the International Bi-Metallic Conference, it was resolved that with a view to establish a fixed ratio between gold and silver, it is desirable that Germany and England should increase the use of silver by the coinage of full value silver money; and in addition to this, that the former country should call in all gold and paper of less than ten marks value and sell no more silver; and that the Bank of England, in accordance with the power it possesses, should hold silver as part of its reserve. Among those present at the meeting were several members of the German Reichstag, while Professor Emil de Laveleye, and the English delegates were most cordially welcomed.

The Astronomer-Royal, Greenwich, has been advised by the Vienna Academy of another comet having been seen by Schmidt, at Athens, on the 8th inst., four degrees south-west by the great comet, and having the same motion.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a crowded public meeting held in the Guildhall, on Thursday last, when the certificates and Queen's prizes won by the students of the Metropolitan Drawing classes, held in connection with the South Kensington Museum, were distributed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The prizes were awarded under the three heads of geometry, machine-drawing, and building construction. Students were present from each of the twenty different centres. The report showed that there were altogether 960 students, and that at the Government examination, in May last, twelve had passed in honours, two had won Whitworth Scholarships of £150 each, while 203 first-class Queen's prizes and 459 certificates had been awarded. After the distribution, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Bishop of Bedford, and Canon Farrar addressed the meeting, and a vote of thanks to her ladyship having, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Bro. Alderman De Keyser, been passed unanimously, the proceedings closed with the usual compliment to the chairman.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany arrived in Glasgow, from Blytheswood House, on Saturday morning, and were received at the station by the Lord Provost, the magistrates, and most of the local gentry. The Royal party at once drove, under an escort of dragoons and mounted police, to the Royal School of Art-Needlework, in Bath-street, and having inspected the work that was placed before them, went next to the reception-room in St. Andrew's Hall, in which were assembled many of the nobility and gentry of the West of Scotland. When they had gone the rounds of the stalls, the Duke, in response to the invitation of the Earl of Glasgow, declared the Exhibition of Needlework open, laying stress on the value of the Royal School of Art-Needlework, as providing suitable occupation for ladies compelled to earn their own livelihood, and expressing the pleasure which the Duchess and he should experience if they could feel that by their presence on the occasion they had in any way contributed to advance the interests of the institution. On the motion of the Lord Provost, a vote of thanks to their Royal Highnesses for the part they had taken in the ceremony was passed with acclamation.

The sixth *conversazione*, comprising an art exhibition and concert, of the London Literary and Artistic Union, will take place at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, the 31st inst.

The Reformatory and Industrial School Commission, consisting of Lord Aberdeen, Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, Lord Norton, the O'Connor Don, Sir U. Kay Shuttleworth, Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., and others, have been visiting Aberdeen in the course of their inquiries. On Wednesday last, they inspected the provincial schools in the city and the neighbourhood, and on Thursday and Friday, they sat in the Council Chambers to hear evidence, the principal witnesses that were examined being the Lord Provost, Sheriffs Thompson and Wilson, and Major Ross, chief constable of Aberdeenshire.

Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, in reply to a deputation that waited on him on Monday, for the purpose of complaining on the restrictions imposed on the public in visiting Kew Gardens, and the erection of a new gate and the closing of an old one, pointed out that the work was being done on the recommendation of Sir Joseph Hooker himself, who is director of the Gardens, and who considered the new arrangements would be greatly to the public advantage.

Bro. C. H. Gregory, 33, C.E., C.M.G., was one of the members of the Scientific Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for War to enquire as to the probability of effectually closing the Channel Tunnel, should it be made. Bro. General Sir Garnet Wolseley, the then Adjutant-General, was invited to give his opinion. The Committee have now issued their report in the form of a Blue Book, containing 368 pages. The Committee do not report in favour of making the Channel Tunnel.



At the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Saturday last, it was announced that the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, had consented to take the chair at the next Festival of the Institution in May, 1883.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, held at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday next, the 24th inst., when Bro. G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, has consented to preside. Bro. Stephens will be supported by some eminent workers, and the attendance of brethren is cordially invited.

The inaugural dinner in connection with the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction was held in the Ellison Hotel, Hebburn, when a number of brethren enjoyed a good repast and harmonious evening.

V.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and his noble relative, Bro. the Earl of Derby, were amongst the party invited to join the Earl of Northbrook, First Lord of the Admiralty, on the occasion of his visit to Liverpool, in a trip on the Mersey to view the new docks.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derby, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, Bro. the Duke of St. Alban's, and Lord Castlereagh (eldest son of the R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham), were amongst the members of the Jockey Club at the meeting held at Newmarket on Wednesday week. Bro. Lord Zetland succeeded the Earl of Durham as a member of the Club.

Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of Battle (Rev. P. H. Currie) has made several improvements in his church and parish since his appointment, a few months ago, to the deanery.

R.W. Bro. Lord de Tabley took part in a meeting and luncheon, at Ellesmere, in connection with the founding of one of Canon Woodward's middle-class boys' schools.

Bro. Sir John Monckton informed Bro. Alderman Staples, at the Court of Common Council, on Thursday, that no further communication had been received from the Government relative to the purchase of the Custom House.

V.W. Bro. Canon Portal (Winton), P.G.C. England, D.G.M. Mark Masonry, sent a letter of regret at not being able to be present at a meeting for raising funds for St. Cuthbert Memorial Church, Port Elizabeth, to Bishop Gray, of Cape Town.

Bros. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Sir F. W. Truscott, ; and Capt. Bedford Pim were amongst the magistrates on the Bench at the licensing of public places of amusement last week.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that Bro. G. S. Graham announces his seventeenth annual grand evening concert, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Thursday next, under very distinguished patronage. We wish Bro. Graham every success.

Bro. Sir Wm. Thomas Charley, Q.C., Deputy Recorder of the City of London and Common Sergeant, has been elected in the Court of the Loriners' Company. Bro. Major T. Davis Sewell P.G.S., is the popular clerk of the Company, and Bro. the Lord Mayor elect the master for the ensuing year. The Loriners is the largest of the City Livery Companies, as far as numbers is concerned.

Bro. Viscount Powerscourt's brother, the Hon. Lewis Wingfield, who has been one of the *Daily Telegraph* correspondents in Egypt, has been laid up with an attack of fever, but is now recovered.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Marlborough have been entertaining Sir Algernon Borthwick, proprietor of the *Morning Post*, at Blenheim Palace. Sir Algernon has now left for Eastbourne.

Bro. H.I.H. the Crown Prince and the Princess of Germany's silver wedding will be celebrated on a grand scale next January. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are expected to be among the guests.

In connection with the anniversary festival banquet of the Rahere Almoners, on Monday next, at Cannon-st. Hotel, the Grand Recorder, Bro. T. Sangster has issued the following quaint announcement ament the ladies: "Ye Gallants offe ye Fraternitie, atte ye beseechyngs offe divers Fayre Ladies wishfulle to wittnesse ye assemblie offe theyr Lordes & Lovers onne ye memorable occasyon & alsoe ye Processyon offe 'Ye Bryngyne inne offe ye Boare's Heade,' wch inne goode soothe wille ben, in ys yere offe grace ane strange & novel entertaynement haven thoughten fittie toe sette aparte ye Galleries offe ye Grete Halle wherbye soe manie as sixtie offe theyr sweetehartes, as welle bee theyr comelie Matrons or dayntie Maydens, maie doe them honour bye theyr wellcome presence. For ye fayre guestys wille ben provyded delycate recteyon & gentil & propere menne offe goodlie countenance and qualitie of courtesie wille bee theyr Stewardes & supplie theyr wantes. 'Theye wille bee correspondent to commande & doe theyr sprynging gentlie.' And alle Fayre Ladies shold haven place for ye askynge onlie, butte ye occasyon offe ye Festival is for ye furtherance offe Charytie, & yt ye fundes offe ye Almoneres maie not bee mayde offe lesse accompte, therfor ye pryce offe ye Ladye's Tyckette shall ben Six Shillings, an maie den, obtayned atte ye Offices offe ye Fraternitie, 62, Long Lane, West Smithfield, E.C.—THOMAS SANGSTER, Grand Recorder."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This Medicine has resisted every test which time, prejudice, and vested interest could impose upon it, and it at length stands forth triumphant as the most reliable remedy for those derangements of the system so common at the change of seasons. When the air grows cooler, and the functions of the skin are retarded, an occasional dose of Holloway's Pills will call on the liver and kidneys for greater activity, and compensate the system for diminished cutaneous action. As alteratives, aperients, and tonics these Pills have no equal. To every aged and delicate person whose appetite is defective, digestion infirm, and tone of health low, this medicine will be a precious boon, conferring both ease and strength.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was present and responded to the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteer Forces," at the dinner of the Cutlers' Company, on Wednesday evening, as was also Bro. Lord Chas. Beresford. This, we believe, is the first public appearance of our gallant brother since his return from Egypt. In his speech he gave a highly interesting description of the bombardment of Alexandria, and the subsequent doings of the Naval Brigade on shore.

The Duke of Albany will be present at 'the Grand Mark Lodge on the 5th of December, on which occasion the wedding present to himself and the Duchess of Albany which has been subscribed for by the Mark Masons will be handed to his Royal Highness by Lord Henniker, the Grand Master of the Degree.

On Saturday afternoon a dinner was given, in the Seacombe Hotel, to the employes of the *Journal of Commerce*, by the proprietor, Bro. C. Birchall, principally owing to the paper having attained its majority. Between forty and fifty sat down to banquet. Bro. Birchall presided, the vice chair being occupied by Mr. John Hide of the commercial department. In the course of the evening a testimonial, consisting of a mantelpiece clock, with a suitable inscription, was presented to Mr. Thomas Baird, as a token of the estimation in which he is held by his colleagues and subordinates.—*Liverpool Daily Post*.

The Queen has appointed the Rev Arthur Robins, vicar of Holy Trinity, Windsor, and Chaplain to the M.W. the Grand Master, to be one of Her Majesty's Chaplains in ordinary.

Bro. the Lord Mayor elect will probably be presented on the day of his taking up the office, with a fac simile, in silver, of Old Cripplegate, by the Ward of Cripplegate, whom our worthy brother represents in the Court of Aldermen.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury and Lady Evelyn Ashley arrived at their town house, in Grosvenor-square, last week, from visiting the Duke of Argyll at Inverary Castle.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has been collecting statistics from his diocese relative to the working of the Burials Act, and has proved that only 162 funerals have taken place in his diocese under the Bill since its passing into law two years since.

Bro. the Mayor of Bath and Bro. Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., attended the recent meeting of the Farmers' Club, held at Warminster, near Longleat.

Bro. Sir Philip Cumiffe Owen, and other gentlemen, will be present at Derby on November 4th, on the occasion of the opening of an art gallery, cutting the first sod of a recreation ground, and opening the Arboretum.

Bro. Dr. Piggott and Bro. Brackstone Baker, Masters of the Turners' Company, received Bro. the Lord Mayor and a distinguished party, who were shown over the diamond cutting works of Messrs. Ford and Co., on Clerkenwell Green, on Friday.

Bro. T. Benskin, of the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, has been entrusted with the entertainment to be given to the Royal Horse Guards Blue on their return from Egypt. A company of 700 is expected, and some members of the Royal Family are to be present.

It is proposed to form a new Masonic Benevolent Association, to be called "The Third Clapton Benevolent Association," in connection with the Clapton Lodge of Instruction. The first meeting will be held on Friday, the 3rd prox., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, when the officers will be elected and members enrolled.

Bros. Dresser Rogers, Aldermen Nottage, Staples, Fowler, and Sheriff De Keyser, W. Hardman (Chairman Surrey Sessions), R. C. Halse, Horace Brooks Marshall, and J. D. Lewis, were a few of the numerous guests entertained by Bro. the Lord Mayor on the occasion of the presentation of fruit to his lordship by the Fruiterers' Company, at the Mansion House. This custom dates back several centuries, and we hope will long be continued; although its origin is no longer necessary, it promotes a good feeling between the head of the Corporation and the Civic Gilds. Next year the Fruiterers' Company will make their presentation to one of their own Livery, Bro. Alderman Knight being on the Court of the Company.

Bros. Major Wilde, 1827, Major Fletcher, Burlington Lodge, and Captain Tully, all officers of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade, have been gazetted as passing the examination in Military Tactics, Bro. Captain Tully having "special mention" added to his name.

Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough has presided during the last few days over his diocese in person in the Cathedral City.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, asks us to state that the installation meeting of this lodge will be held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at two o'clock, when Bro. Charles C. Cruikshanks, the W.M. elect, will be duly installed into the chair of K.S. Previous to the above the several Degrees will be conferred by the W.M., Bro. Harry Clark, who will also instal his successor. Banquet at four o'clock.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Rosslyn, and Miss Maynard, daughter of the Countess, left Dysart House, their Scotch seat, for the Stad House, Burghley, the Marquis of Exeter's property, which the earl rents.

Bros. Lord Robartes, the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., and the Earl of Derby, are members of the International Arbitration and Peace Association. Lord Robartes has given £5 5s., and Lord Derby £20, to its funds.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Ireland, is staying with the Countess at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone.

SPECIAL!—MARTIN'S MAGNETIC CURATIVE BELT cures rheumatism, and all kinds of nervous affections, and is a conservator and promoter of good health. Testimonials, press opinions, and fullest particulars free by post. Or waist measure and P.O.O. for 21s., 31s. 6d., or 42s., made payable at General Post Office to JOHN HUGH MARTIN, the world-renowned Magnetic Curative Appliance Manufacturer, 272, Regent-circus, Regent-street, London, W., will secure one by return of post. Daily attendance from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. and advice free.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Henry Stiles was on Wednesday last installed W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. We have a report in type, but pressure on our space necessitates our holding it over until next week.

The Egyptian Government has officially intimated its intention to admit Bro. Broadley and the Hon. Mark Napier to act as advocates for Arabi, with Mr. Eve as solicitor, on condition that all witnesses shall undergo a preliminary examination. The trial will not begin till after Bairaam.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton was honoured by a visit from the Queen at Birkhall.

Bro. Joshua Nunn's, P.G.D., adopted daughter, Miss Nellie Rowland, was married on the 10th inst., to Mr. G. H. Payne, of Stoke Newington, at St. Luke's, Kentish-town. Bro. Joshua Nunn is well known in the Masonic world as chairman of the Benevolent Institution Committee, and in the commercial world as once the Vice-Consul General of the United States.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Rifle Brigade Lodge, has sent £5 5s. to the funds of an association started by working men, protesting against the construction of a bridge near the Tower. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has written a letter of sympathy with the object.

Bro. G. M. Felton, C.C., Chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers, made a statement in the latter capacity at the Court of Common Council respecting the new street from Billingsgate to the Monument, and said if Thames-street was widened, and the new street not required, a saving of £350,000 would be affected.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devon, attended a meeting of the Devonshire Chamber of Agriculture, when a most interesting experiment was explained by a Mr. Heath, of preventing "fluke" in sheep, by feeding them with a little corn and a handful of salt.

Bro. James Cutbush, P.P.G.P. Herts, supplied the floral decorations on the occasion of the re-opening of St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, at which Bro. the Lord Mayor attended. The Clerkenwell Lodge, of which Bro. Edgar Bowyer is the first Master, gave a handsome brass eagle lectern.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Bro. Sir R. Hanson dined with the Framework Knitters' Company at their recent banquet.

Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, the Lord Mayor elect, Sir Thomas Charley, Q.C., and the Earl of Wharnclyffe have joined the committee for erecting a memorial to the Poet Longfellow in Westminster Abbey. A meeting will shortly be called for considering the form of the memorial.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., with Lady Evelyn Ashley, have left Grosvenor-square for his lordship's country seat, St. Giles', Dorset. The noble Earl is in his 82nd year.

Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, P.G.M. Scotland, Lord Lieut. Renfrewshire, accompanied H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to Glasgow, on Saturday, on the occasion of the freedom of the city, in the Royal Duke. Bros. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh; Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythwood, P.G.M. Renfrewshire; and Cochran Patrick, M.P., P.G.M. Ayrshire; were amongst those who witnessed the ceremony.

Bro. the Rev. A. J. D'Orsey, P.G.C. Middlesex, B.D. Cantab, has received the sanction of the Vice-Chancellor to lecture on Elocution at Oxford during the term.

Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.G.D., Provost of the Guild of St. Luke, a Medical Guild, took a chief part in the arrangement of the Guilds' annual meeting and service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday week.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore responded for the House of Lords at a meeting held at Inverness on Friday week, at which Sir Stafford Northcote was the principal guest and speaker.

The Sesqui Centennial Meeting of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, will be held on Monday next. This is the first occasion, we believe, of a lodge celebrating its 150th birthday.

Comp. E. F. Storr has been unanimously elected M.E.Z., in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, for the ensuing year.

A general order has been issued by the Commander-in-Chief, conveying the official intimation that the Queen has been pleased to signify her pleasure that a medal be granted to all her Majesty's forces employed in the recent operations in Egypt, which resulted in the defeat of the rebel army at Tel-el-Kebir, the surrender of the rebel chief Arabi Pasha, and of the fortresses and troops under his orders.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.J.W., P.M. 1, Bro. Alderman Hadley, and Bro. Alderman Fowler, are on the rota for the sessions of the Central Criminal Court sitting this week. Bro. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W. took his seat on Monday for the last time as first commissioner. The judges are Baron Pollock and Mr. Justice Williams.

Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythwood, has entertained their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany for some days. The Duke was presented with the freedom of the City of Glasgow whilst on his visit. Bro. Sir A. Campbell also was the host of Sir Stafford Northcote three weeks ago.

The Rev. N. Dawes, brother of Bro. W. Dawes, P.P.G.P. Sussex, spoke at a meeting of the Church of England Home for Waifs and Strays, held at Tunbridge Wells, last week.

GREAT JEWEL ROBBERIES.—The public are becoming so accustomed to reading reports of jewel robberies that numbers of the nobility are taking steps to secure their valuables from the attack of the modern burglar, and the demand for Milner's Jewellery Safes is largely on the increase. These are made to fit in cabinets to suit any kind of wood, and are the best and cheapest safeguard against fire and thieves. Milner's Safe Company (Limited), 28, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., have some hundreds of testimonials from gentlemen who have Milner's Jewellery Safes in their possession, and in no instance have burglars succeeded in opening them. Safes are made specially for Masonic Jewellery, Records, &c.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, October 28, 1882.

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

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.**
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre H., Hampton Court.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.**
Lodge 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st., E.C.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arm's Hot., Kilburn-gate.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
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., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
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.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 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 & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24.**
Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

- 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.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, S.
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 Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
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.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.30.
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.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.**
Lodge 212, Euphrates, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, S, Air-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
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.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.**
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 760, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1623, West Smithfield, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., 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., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, 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, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
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.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.**
Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tav.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-Qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
" 1601, Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
Mark 233, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Church-yard.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**
K.T. Precept. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
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, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, 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, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
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, Lord Stanly, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.**
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
" 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1871, Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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- MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.**
Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
" 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24.**
Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.**
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.**
Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1595, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Ancient Union L of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.**
Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

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