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BRO. SIR GARNET WOLSELEY has returned safe and sound to his native land, and has been received with much enthusiasm by all classes. There can be no doubt or question but that all the military movements were most carefully and skilfully arranged, and reflect the greatest credit on the "Chief" as on all his subordinates, those who carried out his orders, and those who stormed the entrenchments. As we have often said, we may well all be proud of our Army and our Navy.

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THE reception of and entertainment of Bro. Lord CHAS. BERESFORD, as reported last week in our pages, were very genial and proper, and highly characteristic. The services of our gallant and distinguished brother have been most meritorious.

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WE shall all be pleased to note the hearty and English enthusiasm with which our soldiers, and marines, and sailors have been welcomed from the recent scenes of their heroism and endurance, and shall feel that those who are yet to return in due succession will equally merit the same manifestations of sympathetic countenance and admiration.

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WE are very much amused and edified by a recent editorial in our excellent contemporary, the *Canadian Craftsman*. How, like "Sam Slick," when he wrote it, must he have given a sly wink of contented humour to his confreres and readers. By a most ingenious "Tu quoque," for which our good and kindly friend, Bro. GRAHAM, would tell the writer there was a recognised penalty of old, the editor adopts the "high moral line," and accuses the meek and humble *Freemason* of "threats." The *Freemason* is always most peacefully inclined, and its motto is, and always has been, "Defence, not Defiance." Some time ago there came forth from some good Canadian brethren long and loud complaints of the Grand Lodge of England, as well as official manifestos, couched in mystic if minatory tones, and some writers (who could be named), and some who are still nameless, launched forth fulminations and open and veiled threats against the Grand Lodge of England. These amounted to "boycotting," suspension of relations, non-recognition by American Grand Lodges, and we were asked how should we like the "position of the Grand Orient of France;" and were told, directly and indirectly, that unless the Grand Lodge of England "caved in," justice (?) would take its course, &c., &c., &c. In reply, we stated then, as we state now, that the English Masonic mind, essentially practical and essentially just, while it would never listen to a threat, would be willing to consider a real grievance; and we recommended as "amicus curiæ," the Grand Lodge of Quebec to approach the Grand Lodge of England in a friendly spirit, to accept the "status quo," exchange representatives, and then negotiate in a friendly tone and temper with the Grand Lodge of England. Now our friend and brother across the "dividing waters" turns round and accuses us of "threats," because we said what was the truth, that if by any unwise counsels the Grand Lodge of Quebec was led into public acts of "boycotting," or excommunication, as threatened, the Grand Lodge of England must, as in honour bound, defend its own children, who had apparently committed no crime, but loyalty to itself. Have we not truly characterized all this childish hubbub as a "storm in a teapot?" Nay, is it not worse? Have any of those who indulge in all this "tall talk" realized the intense absurdity, the "ridiculous outcome" of threatening to ostracise the Grand Lodge of England?

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FOR fear of being misunderstood, we think it right to return to original facts, to first principles, and shortly review the alleged Quebec difficulty. We wish

to say that we make every allowance for the position of Bro. GRAHAM, and we feel persuaded that if he had "carte blanche" to act, a "modus vivendi" might be found. But extreme counsels and extreme measures will only throw back the settlement of the question, humanly speaking, for another Masonic generation. As we reconsider the whole subject to-day, calmly and without prejudice one way or the other, we are struck, as all must be, we venture to say, who will exercise an independent judgment, with the honest and loyal and Masonic course of the Grand Lodge of England. The original separation from Canada entailed mutual concessions, and Lord ZETLAND, then our honoured head, aided by competent and skilful advisers, stood out for the undoubted Masonic and legal rights of the warranting Grand Lodge, on the one hand, and the privileges of the warranted private lodges on the other. From the time when the Grand Lodge of England was duly organized, at any rate, the primal authority was the warrant or charter of constitution, granted by a competent body to a private lodge. This, so to say, has been the "unit" of Masonic action and calculation all through the subsequent years. Some have forgotten the fact; some have abused it; some have exaggerated its meaning; some have misunderstood its importance; but this one fact is clear and certain and indisputable, as clear and certain and indisputable as anything Masonic can well be, that a lodge has no Masonic life except what arises from a living competent creative body. It is otherwise a clandestine lodge, without a "raison d'être" or means of claiming Masonic existence, or powers of Masonic perpetuation. The lodges in Canada were all of English, of Scottish or Irish chartering. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, the English Lodges, with a few exceptions, returned their charters. Some few refused to do so, and Lord ZETLAND, a truly constitutional ruler, felt that he was bound to safeguard the Masonic rights and liberties of those lodges. Their liberty of action and independence were guaranteed and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada without a question, and indeed with the express approval, "as a right" by the Grand Lodge of Canada, as we have previously shown. When the Grand Lodge of Quebec "swarmed" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, after a little the question was raised as to the position of the English Lodges. Then it was discovered, for the first time, that the status conceded by Grand Master WILSON and the Grand Lodge of Canada was essentially wrong, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada was Masonically "out of court" in conceding to this claim of independence of English Lodges, and that whether it was right or wrong, the Grand Lodge of Quebec had power in itself to ignore any such "concordat," and to claim by the law in force on the American Continent, the submission of the English lodges to the territorial and jurisdictional authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. And here we are still to-day. The Grand Lodge of England has never recognised the American State-law of Masonic recognition, and cannot, against the will of the lodges, sever itself from the lodges it has itself warranted. "A priori," the Grand Lodge has, fraternally, no interest in keeping up connections and responsibilities which "ex necessitate rei" have passed beyond its control; and there is no possible reason why, as Canada has responsible self-government, and has long ceased to be a colony in the original meaning of the word, the Masonic bodies should not be independent, and self-governing too. Hence everything has been said and done that can be said and done in "mother country." The whole tone of the correspondence from the GRAND SECRETARY'S office has been thoughtful and fair-dealing in the extreme, and every disposition has been manifested, if it only can be so, to evince a most friendly feeling for the Grand Lodge of Quebec. But if that body is determined to try and force the "lead" of the Grand Lodge of England, that body, the most ancient and Masonically governed in the world, must bring in its "strong hand." It cannot depart from the first principles laid down by its old Grand Master, that it is bound to protect those of its offshoots which still, though far away, claim its ægis, and are proud of their parentage. It would be the act of a craven to do so. But, on the other hand, it is most desirous for Masonic peace and progress; and we, therefore, once more advise our good friends in Quebec to abjure and throw over fiery orators and irresponsible advisers, and taking good, sound, calm advice show to others and themselves that, under all circumstances, *Masonic moderation* is a proof of wisdom, and an act of duty.

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WE publish elsewhere, by request, an appeal for a Cosmopolitan Ophthalmic Hospice at Jerusalem, to be founded and maintained by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in which our distinguished Bro. Sir E. LECHMERE, Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, takes a very active part. To all Freemasons, we venture to think, this movement will commend itself, both on account of the associations linked with the name Jerusalem, and also with

reference to the kindly, sympathetic, and unsectarian character of the proposal. The work is an act of humanity, most needful and important for many suffering fellow-creatures of all creeds and nationalities in Syria. This active development of charitable labours on the part of the English Order of St. John seems to remind us of some well-known lines, descriptive of the early efforts of the famous Knights of St. John, many hundred years ago :

Yes! it was well, in those dark days of old,
Europe should wonder, as her pilgrims told,
How haughty warriors left the lordly hall,
For the rude cells of that far hospital;
And bade ambitious restless throbbings cease,
At the still watchword of the Prince of Peace.
How along Salem's streets in sable vest,
The silver cross emblazoned on the breast,
The lowly brethren moved with hurried tread,
To tend the wayworn pilgrim's dying bed,
And give for Christ's dear name, to that dim hour,
Religion's awful, consecrating power.

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We confess we cannot share in the expressions of some writers as to feeling an interest in the actual leader of the mutiny. To him may be justly traceable the massacres and destruction of Alexandria, the cruel and wanton murder of Messrs. PALMER, CHARRINGTON, and GILL, and the loss of many valuable English lives, in what was a mournful struggle. We have no doubt that Bro. BROADLEY, well known to some of our readers in Freemasonry and by his "History of Tunis," will ably defend his client; but we deprecate the wasting of the nobler English sentiments of sympathy and humanity upon one who, a mutineer against his native ruler, has also shown himself callous for the sufferings of others, and so reckless in the carrying out of ignoble projects, and the cruel satisfaction of the cravings of insensate and fanatic aspirations. Still he has a right to a fair trial, and to justice.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1st, when there present :

Comps. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., as Z.; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, as H.; James Glaisher, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Major Penrice, S.N.; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.S.; W. G. Harrison, Q.C., 1st Asst.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., 2nd Asst.; C. A. Murton, P.G. Soj.; Charles Greenwood, Dir. of Cer.; J. March Case, P.G. Soj.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Soj.; Robert Grey, P.A.G. Soj.; Peter de Lande Long, P.P.G. Soj.; Thomas Fenn, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.S.B.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.A.G. Soj.; Rev. A. W. Hall, P.A.G. Soj.; Joshua Nunn, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G. Swd. Br.; A. H. Royds, G. Swd. Br.; John Messant, 3rd G. Std. B.; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, P.G. Std. Br., Asst. G.S.E.; E. Weel, Z. 13; H. E. Frances, Z. 1239; H. Higgins, Z. 1381; Edward Driver, P.Z. and E. 1742; Robert Brewin, P.Z. 112, P.P.G.S.N.; Edgar Bowyer, P.Z. 174; H. R. Speedy, H. 1381; W. Ansell, H. 157; William Vincent, Z. 1624; H. C. Soper, Z. 157; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; L. Cornelissen, J. 1201; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; E. Letchworth, Z. 2; W. Ackland, Z. 33; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169; E. Farwig, Z. 180; F. J. Danye, J. 1339; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; W. Porter Webb, J. 1381; H. Massey, P.Z., 619 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Soj. Charters were granted—

1st. Comps. William Thompson Beanland as Z.; George Hesketh as H.; John Edward Wordsworth as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone, Yorkshire, to be called the "Wharnclyffe Chapter," and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. Comps. Henry George Thompson, M.D., as Z.; Stampa Walter Lambert as H.; Frederick Thomas Mullett as J.; and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, to be called the "Addiscombe Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. Comps. George Greenwell as Z.; George Bailes as H.; Jacob Barker as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Durham, to be called "The Norman Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Durham.

4th. Comps. Jesse Gustavus Redman as Z.; Charles Burley as H.; John Matthew Goldfinch as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, to be called "The St. Michael's Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, in the county of Kent; and

5th. Comps. John Harvey Askham as Z.; William Hayward Allen as H.; George Payne as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, to be called "The Brownrigg Chapter," and to meet at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, St. John's, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

A Charter of Confirmation was also granted to the Principals and other members of the "Holy Zion Chapter," No. 486, Calcutta, in the district of Bengal, East Indies, the original Charter having become illegible through damp and other unavoidable causes.

A Charter was likewise granted to the companions of the "Chapter of Charity," No. 187, Bristol, authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel,

in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February, 1882, the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The Grand Superintendent of Devonshire having reported that the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 444, Starcross, has neglected for several years to hold meetings or make returns, and has not replied to a summons calling upon it for explanation of the same—and the Grand Superintendent having thereon recommended to Grand Chapter that the Chapter be erased from the Roll under Article 72, Royal Arch Regulations, and the chapter having failed after being called on, in accordance with the said Article of the Regulations, to show cause to next Grand Chapter, why it should not be so erased from the list of chapters, was ordered to be erased from the roll of chapters.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

FREEMASONRY IN EGYPT.

It has been announced that some days previous to his departure homewards from Egypt, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S. Warden, attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and was most cordially received by the brethren, under the presidency of their Worthy and Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Ralph Borg. We are informed also that His Royal Highness has been pleased to accept the honorary rank of a Past Grand Warden of Egypt, and duly and fraternally expressed his thanks for the compliment. That when the fighting was over our Egyptian brethren should seek the opportunity of making acquaintance with our illustrious Craftsman was most natural, and equally so that the latter should reciprocate the feeling. The Masonic associations connected with ancient Egypt are many and great, and, Masonically, modern Egypt owes much to her old prestige as one of the earliest homes, if not the cradle, of the Craft. It will, perhaps, not be out of place if we devote a few lines to sketching out what is known of the state of Freemasonry in these days in the land of the Pharaohs, where forty centuries still look down upon the traveller as he gazes upwards at the stupendous monuments of former Egyptian skill and power—the Pyramids.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt is of very recent origin, dating no further back, we believe, than the year 1876, when it came into being with Bro. Zola as Grand Master, and Bro. Professor F. F. Oddi as Grand Secretary. His Highness Halim Pasha is honorary Grand Master "ad vitam," and His Majesty Kalakaua I., King of the Sandwich Islands, honorary Grand Master. It has in its jurisdiction some twenty-one lodges, including the Grand Master's Lodge, which heads the list without a number; but our information does not enable us to state among what cities these lodges are distributed. No doubt several of them meet in Cairo, which is the headquarters of the Grand Lodge. Among the Grand Lodges with which that of Egypt has established friendly communications are those of Ireland and Scotland; and, as far as we can see, there is no reason why England should not follow their example, especially as we believe the systems of the two grand bodies rest substantially on the same basis. Time probably will, sooner or later, bring about so desirable a consummation—at all events, we are justified in expressing a hope that it may be so.

The Grand Lodge, however, is not the only representation of modern Masonry in this country. There is a Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, with Sov. G. C. Zola as its chief, and the indefatigable F. F. Oddi as G. Secretary General and Grand Chancellor. The Rite of Memphis, too, has established itself here. But Egypt is a curious country, and just as there are judicial courts for the trial of European offenders, apart from those for the trial of natives, so are there lodges holding under different European Masonic Constitutions, irrespective of those that pay allegiance to the native Grand Lodge. Thus in Cairo there are no less than five English lodges, namely: Bulwer Lodge of Cairo, No. 1068, constituted in 1865; Grecia, No. 1105, 1866; Egyptian, No. 1156, 1867; La Concordia, No. 1226, 1868; and Star of the East, No. 1355, 1871. At Alexandria there are two lodges, St. John and St. Paul, No. 1154; and Zetland, No. 1157; both warranted in 1867, the latter having a chapter attached to it. An eighth lodge, the Ramleh, No. 1419, warranted in 1872, meets at Ramleh. At Suez there is a Scotch lodge, the Oriental, No. 472, dating from the year 1867. Alexandria can also boast a French lodge, Les Pyramides, while Italy has one more than England, namely, at Cairo lodge Mazzini (1st class); and Il Nilo (2nd class); at Alexandria lodges Sovrano Capitolo, Nuova Pompeja, all of the first-class; and La Severa, and lodge Conclave, of the second ditto; at Mansourah, lodge Fraternalita (1st class), and lodge La Pace (5th class); and at Suez, lodge Progresso Costituzionale (1st class). Thus, adding native and European lodges together, there are fully forty in active working order, to say nothing of the Supreme Council, Valley of the Nile, and its belongings. We trust, in time, to see Masonry establishing a still stronger hold on a country in whose welfare England takes so deep an interest.

The prizes awarded at the recent Industrial Exhibition at Vauxhall were distributed to the successful competitors, at Brunswick House, on Saturday last, by the Lady Mayoress, who was accompanied on the occasion by Bro. the Lord Mayor and her two nieces. Her ladyship addressed a few kindly words to the different recipients, after which silver medals were presented to Mr. J. E. Hawkins, chairman of the committee, and Mr. E. E. Smith, secretary, for their services in promoting the exhibition. The vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for attending was acknowledged in a few graceful sentences by the former.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

CELEBRATION OF THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

This old lodge celebrated its sesqui-centennial, or 150th anniversary, on Monday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was warranted 23rd October, 1732, by Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of the Moderns Grand Lodge, and its history has recently been published by Bros. G. P. Brockbank and Jas. Newton, as noticed in our columns a few weeks ago.

The proceedings of the sesqui-centennial were held in the Masonic Rooms, at the Swan Hotel, the lodge being opened by the W.M., Bro. E. Garstang, assisted by his officers, the following members of the lodge being present:

Bros. J. Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, J.W.; R. Pennington, I.P.M.; W. Slater, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; G. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. W. Poyntz, J.D.; W. Pennington, P.M., D. of C.; R. K. Freeman, P.M. Org.; J. Hardcastle, I.G.; W. H. Lomax, and J. Naylor, Stwds.; T. Glaister, P.P.S.G.W. (Mayor of Bolton); S. Isherwood, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Newton, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Crowder, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Walker, P.M.; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; J. Mills, P.M.; J. Morris, P.M.; B. A. Dobson, C. F. Porter, J. Ridyard, W. H. Wilson, and T. Nightingale.

The lodge was honoured by the presence of the following Present and Past Grand Officers:

Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., Prov. G. Master; H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, G.J.D.; Major-General H. Clerk, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; and George Mellor, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

The following other visitors were also present:

Bros. J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. R. Wolfenden, P.P.G. Sec.; F. A. Huet, P.P. G. Purst. Staffordshire; W. Nicholson, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org.; T. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; G. Taylor, W.M. 146; J. Boothroyd, W.M. 221; J. B. Taylor, W.M. 348; W. Court, W.M. 1723; J. Alcock, P.M., Sec. 348; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; R. Horsfall, W.M. 950; W. Y. Martin, W.M. 1814; Jas. Whitehead, W.M. 1952; J. M. Rutter, P.M. 221; J. Hothersall, S.W. 1554; Jos. Heathcott, J.D. 1952; C. E. Schuster, P.M. 62; J. Hutton, P.M. 62; T. Wingfield, 146; T. Nightingale, 146; A. G. Cooke, 1030; R. B. Seddon, 1335; John Collins, 678; T. Wilson, 1814; J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc.

The lodge having been opened to the Third Degree, the Prov. Grand Officers and Grand Officers respectively entered the lodge, and were received with the customary salutations.

The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, tendered to all the brethren present a hearty welcome on the interesting occasion which had brought them together. His remarks were supplemented by Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas., the senior member of the lodge, he having been initiated therein in 1856.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. LE GENDRE W. STARKIE, delivered an address, expressing his satisfaction at being privileged to be present at such an assemblage of the brethren, and tendered his thanks to the members of the lodge for their courteous and kindly welcome, and his earnest hope that the lodge Anchor and Hope would long continue at the head of the roll of lodges in his province, and be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past.

The Secretary, Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, announced that letters of apology had been received from the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M.; General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past G.D.; John M. Wike, Past G.D.; C. J. Banister, Past G. Swd. Br.; H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Br.; Rev. W. Chaytor, P. Prov. G. Chap.; Thos. Entwistle, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; and others.

Bro. JAS. NEWTON, P. Prov. S.G.D., read an interesting paper "On Provincial Lodges to No. 105 (now No. 37), Bolton," which had been compiled at considerable pains by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England, P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, &c. The purpose of the paper was to prove the assertions made by the lodge historians "that the lodge is the Premier Provincial Lodge in England originally warranted as a Provincial Lodge, and continually on the roll to the present time." In order to do so Bro. Hughan makes another assertion, which he fully proves in his paper, viz.:—"That all the lodges originally chartered as Provincial Lodges prior to the Anchor and Hope Lodge, have either been erased or for a time removed from the roll." A list of such lodges alphabetically arranged in provinces is then given, showing twenty-seven Provincial Lodges and Four Foreign Lodges, all chartered prior to the "Anchor and Hope," and which have all been erased from the roll, having in fact discontinued, save No. 97 (now No. 39), Exeter, warranted in July, 1732, which was removed from the roll for about twenty-years, and in 1770 was placed as the junior of the 1732 lodges, as No. 48, the "Anchor and Hope" then being No. 46.

The reading of Bro. Hughan's paper was listened to with great interest, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was cordially given to him for the same.

Bro. ROOKE PENNINGTON, B.A., LL.B., I.P.M. of the lodge, read an epitome of the lodge's history during the past 150 years, narrating many interesting facts which he had culled from the history. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Pennington for his paper.

On the proposition of Bro. WM. SLATER, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, seconded by Bro. JAS. WALKER, P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to His Worship the Mayor, for kindly allowing the use of his banqueting room at the Town Hall for the purpose of the banquet on this occasion.

Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Officers for their attendance on the occasion. The motion was seconded by Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, and carried unanimously.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and the other Grand Officers in being present on such a unique occasion.

His remarks were supplemented by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who also expressed his own personal pleasure at being present, and intimated that so far as he knew this was the first sesqui-centennial celebration of any lodge under the English Constitution.

The W. Masters of the sister lodges in Bolton, in turn, presented to the lodge resolutions which had been adopted by their respective lodges, congratulating the Anchor and Hope Lodge on this auspicious occasion.

On the motion of his Worship the Mayor, Bro. THOS. GLAISTER, seconded by Bro. W. H. HORROCKS, P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to the sister lodges for their fraternal expressions of congratulation.

The lodge was then closed to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" were presented by the visiting brethren, and after the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers had retired, the lodge was forthwith closed.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to the Town Hall, where a *recherché* banquet was provided in the Mayor's banqueting-room, by permission of his Worship the Mayor, who presided during the subsequent proceedings.

The usual toasts appropriate to the occasion were duly honoured, and the evening was occupied in a pleasant and agreeable manner by the singing of glees and songs, interspersed with recitations, &c.

It is worthy of note that amongst those present on the occasion was Bro. J. R. Wolfenden, P. Prov. G. Sec. (an ex-Mayor of Bolton), who was initiated in the lodge in 1831, and was also present at its centenary on October 23rd, 1832.

The following is the paper by Bro. Hughan, read by Bro. Jas. Newton, and referred to above:—

PROVINCIAL LODGES TO No. 105 (NOW No. 37), BOLTON.

By BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.S.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, &c.

Read at the Sesqui-Centennial of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, 23rd October, 1882.

The compilers of the excellent history of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, claim for that lodge the special distinction that it is the premier Provincial Lodge in England, originally warranted as a Provincial Lodge, and continually on the roll to the present time. My purpose is to prove the assertions made by my friends (Bros. Brockbank and Newton), and in order to do so make another assertion, which I shall prove herewith, viz., that all the lodges originally chartered as Provincial Lodges prior to that of the lodge at Bolton have either been erased or for a time removed from the roll.

These make a rather long list, and to illustrate the point in question I have consulted all the copies I have of lodge lists from 1723, and also carefully examined Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants." To make the list easier for reference I have alphabetically arranged the provinces, a task of itself, strange to say, never attempted by any one before:

Bristol—No. 29, of A.D. 1724, Bristol. Cheshire—No. 32, of A.D. 1724, Chester; No. 33, of A.D. 1724, Chester; No. 36, of A.D. 1724, Congleton; No. 80, of A.D. 1731, Macclesfield. Derbyshire—No. 104, of A.D. 1732, Derby. Devonshire—No. 97, of A.D. 1732, Exeter. Hampshire—No. 35, of A.D. 1724, Gosport. Kent—No. 66, of A.D. 1730, Canterbury. Lancashire—No. 48, of A.D. 1727, Salford; No. 87, of A.D. 1732, Leigh. Lincolnshire—No. 73, of A.D. 1730, Lincoln. Norfolk—No. 30, of A.D. 1724, Norwich; No. 70, of A.D. 1729, Lynn Regis. Northamptonshire—No. 62, of A.D. 1730, Northampton. Oxfordshire—No. 58, of A.D. 1729, Oxford. Somersetshire—No. 28, of A.D. 1724, Bath. South Wales (W.D.)—No. 34, of A.D. 1724, Caermarthen. Staffordshire—No. 88, of A.D. 1732, Wolverhampton. Suffolk—No. 78, of A.D. 1731, Bury St. Edmunds; No. 81, of A.D. 1731, Bury St. Edmunds; No. 96, of A.D. 1732, Ipswich. Sussex—No. 31, of A.D. 1724, Chichester; No. 65, of A.D. 1730, St. Rooke's Hill. Warwickshire—No. 52, of A.D. 1728, Warwick. Yorkshire—No. 59, of A.D. 1729, Scarborough.

To complete the list of those warranted out of the Metropolitan district, I may also, mention No. 50, of A.D. 1728, Madrid; No. 51, of A.D. 1728, Gibraltar; No. 72, of A.D. 1729 (?) Bengal; No. 90, of A.D. 1732, Paris.

These are all seniors of No. 105 (now 37 Bolton), and have all been erased from the Roll, having in fact discontinued, save No. 97, Exeter, which, though removed from the roll for about twenty years, was restored as 239, and in 1770 was placed as the junior of the 1732 lodges as No. 48, the "Anchor and Hope" then being No. 46. No. 39, Exeter, has the oldest warrant, though of the same year as No. 37, only it lost its seniority through its unfortunate removal from the roll for several years. I am very sorry it is so, as I am much interested in its position and progress, but the facts must be fairly stated, and in its own by-laws the members fully acknowledge the circumstance.

Practically then, No. 37, of Bolton, and No. 39, of Exeter, respectively, are the only 1732 on the roll; No. 37, Bolton, having remained on the roll from its constitution in 1732 to the present time, all its chartered Provincial predecessors from 1724 having been erased, so that in 1882 the only continuous Provincial Lodge from 1732 is the "Anchor and Hope" Lodge, Bolton, whose sesqui-centennial is being celebrated to-day—a unique celebration.

Long may the dear old lodge remain on the roll, and may it not only be kept on the register to celebrate its Bi-centenary, but, in the merciful Providence of God, we trust that some of its present members may be able then to tell the brethren how its 150th anniversary was observed. Long live the "Anchor and Hope" Lodge! Many thanks to its historians!

Fraternal love to all its members and visitors,
Truro, 23rd October, 1882.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

A strange, and as there is reason to fear, fatal accident occurred on Monday, in connection with a war trophy brought home from Egypt by Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. After the Condor's engagement with Fort Marabout, a shell was found that had gone clean through the roof of the fort's magazine. Lord Charles and his gunner examined it, and came to the conclusion that the shell had never been charged. His lordship, therefore, resolved on bringing it home and having it mounted for presentation to the Prince of Wales. Before sending it, however, for the latter purpose, he again closely examined it, and even on one occasion placed a lighted candle in the pin-hole. When sent on Monday to Mr. Nordenfeldt's factory, the precaution was taken of filling it with water before sawing it in half. On a workman taking up a copper rod and stirring up the water, the shell exploded, and it is feared inflicted fatal injuries on the man, besides slightly injuring several of his companions.

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E. L. SEAFORTH.—Very many thanks. Will the writer send full address to Editor?

BRO. STOPPANIE's eloquent address at the St. Ambrose Lodge will appear in our next.

The following stand over:

Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119.
Royal Cornubian Chapter, No. 331.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Monthly Notes," "The Masonic Token," "The Hull Packet," "Our Homes," "Arabian Nights," "The Quiver," "Was John Bunyan a Gipsy?" "The Tenby Observer," "Report of Masonic Correspondence," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Montreal Gazette," "The Court Circular," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Citizen," "The Keystone," "Triumphuil," "Hyoatopae," "Caslon's Circular."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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 BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can nothing be done to vivify the movement for the Boys' Preparatory School? Would it be possible to inaugurate a movement of some kind in London and the provinces to raise funds to the amount of the original estimate of £6000?

I have always been a little afraid that, with the best intentions in the world, the House Committee made a great mistake in exhibiting designs, not one of which came down to the sum originally proposed by the House Committee itself, through Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and unani- mously acceded to. For it was remarked that it seemed useless to make and carry motions, if those charged with carrying them out, did not apparently care or seek to do so.

Of course, if experience showed the movers that they had under-estimated the needful expenditure, it would have been better to have come forward and asked for a supplementary amount. The subscribers in no sense deserved a cavalier treatment. But still, as it is always useless to "cry over spilt milk," can we not improve the occasion and help the Boys' School? Can we not try and reduce that dreadful list which almost paralyses energy and extinguishes hope?

Would a bazaar be practicable? Is there, in short, any method feasible by which the dead lock may be exchanged for active efforts, and let us hope, eventual success?

Yours fraternally,

A NON EXHIBITOR.

PAST MASTER OF A NEW LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reading over the "New Draft Revise of Constitution," I find that the first Master of a new lodge, if he happens to be only a Master Mason at the time of his installation, will not be eligible for the Master's chair in any other lodge.

Art. 130, p.46. "Every lodge shall annually, at a stated period, proceed to elect its Master by ballot from among those of its members who have duly served the office of a Warden in regular lodge under the English Constitution."

Art. 135, p.48, cannot be applied to the Master of a new lodge from his own.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can confirm what you say in your review of the Revised Constitutions, Rule 94, with respect to lodges never being visited by their Provincial Grand Master or his representative. It is some years since the lodge I belong to was so honoured, whilst all lodges in the neighbouring province of Somerset and Dorset are visited at least once a year. If the number of lodges in any province grows so numerous as to prevent all of them from being visited occasionally, should it not be divided? so that no lodge shall be left

"OUT IN THE COLD."

THE WORD "COWAN."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was in hope that some brother more learned in Masonic lore than myself would have answered your correspondent's question as to the meaning of the above word. I have always believed that the word "cowan" is simply an English rendering of the Greek noun "kunes," a dog.

If your correspondent will refer to his Greek testament, he will find the word (in its plural form, "kunes") twice

The authorised version translates Phillipians iii., 2, thus : "Beware of dogs ('kunes'); beware of evilworkers; beware of the concision;" while the revised version emphasises the warning thus : "Beware of the dogs," &c. Dr. Scott, in his Commentary, suggests that by dogs "perhaps apostates from Christianity are meant." In the Book of Revelation the passage in which the word occurs is as follows : "Blessed are they that * * * may enter in through the gates into the city, for without are dogs, sorcerers," &c.—Rev. xxii., 14-15—which the revised version alters, as before, by inserting the article ("the"), i.e., "without are the dogs," &c. Scott, in his Commentary on this word "kunes," speaks of "dogs" as "selfish, greedy, fierce, and sensual persons, or apostates;" and Barnes, in his Commentary on the Book of Revelation, speaks of "dogs" in the above text as the "wicked, depraved, and vile."

Is it not possible, however, that our Patron Saint may have used the word in the sense we attach to the word "cowan;" and that he meant his text to be understood as : "Blessed are they that may enter in, for without are eavesdroppers, or unworthy persons?" Sir Walter Scott uses the word "cowan" in the "Fair Maid of Perth" (if my memory serves me, as I have not the book at hand to refer to). He makes one of his characters say : "She does not value a Cawmill mair as a cowan." Scott evidently used the word cowan as a word of reproach.

Now, considering the close phonetic resemblance between the Greek "kunes" and the English "cowan," and considering also the evident meaning that the Apostles attached to the word, I venture to think that I am fairly justified in thus suggesting its birth. Through what vicissitudes it has come down to us I leave for wiser men than myself to determine, and beg to remain,

Yours fraternally, T. WARD CHALMERS.
Market-street, Stafford, October 30th.

ERRATA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me call attention to a mistake in a review of Bro. Wilmer's lecture in your last issue, which, though not of much moment in itself, is very annoying as an "erratum." It is the appearance of "Dr. Pest," instead of "Dr. Plot." Most of the readers of the review will have corrected the error for themselves, but I think it well to mention it, as what are called "printers' errors" are sometimes most trying to literary nerves.

Fraternally yours,

THE WRITER OF THE REVIEW.

[We have often said before, that in most cases "errata" occur not so much through the fault of the printer as of the writer. In this case we have seen the "galley," and the fault is clearly with the writer himself. We admit that such mistakes are trying. But printers are only guided by proved, read, and revised sheets.—Ed. F.M.]

EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask for a corner in your journal while I ventilate a grievance. Can nothing be done to check the absurd system of exchanges, as regards the votes for the Girls' and Boys' School elections for instance? At the last election, I am not exaggerating the case when I say that though no one knows or can pretend to explain the reason why, Boys' votes fetched 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and some even say 10, Girls' votes for each Boys' vote. Would it be possible by mutual agreement (for it is a matter in which legislation is impossible) to confine such exchanges to Girls' votes for Girls' votes, and Boys' votes for Boys' votes? They are both absolutely of equal money value, and though, for various reasons, one or other might be at a premium, yet it appears to me that such rules of exchange as lately quoted are alike undesirable and unfair.

I admit the subject is a very difficult and delicate one to handle, but yet, unless matters alter, the chances are the state of things will be worse in April next. I venture, therefore, to trespass on your space to-day.

Yours fraternally,

A VOTER.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have perused with some interest the articles in the *Freemason* during the past few weeks on this subject. There is one point, however, of practical import to provincial lodges, which appears to have been overlooked in these articles, viz., that of rule No. 173, which requires every provincial lodge, at the time it makes its return to the Grand Secretary (pursuant to rule 170), to make a similar return to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The alteration is doubtless a wise one, and will prove beneficial to Secretaries of lodges. Will it not, however, render it necessary that the regulations of Provincial Grand Lodges should also be altered? at any rate in such provinces as this (Devon), where the wise and salutary rule is enforced whereby no brother is advanced to Provincial honours if the lodge of which he is a member fails to make its returns to the Provincial Grand Secretary by a fixed and definite time in each year (say 25th March), which date governs all the lodges in the province; whereas the returns are now made to the Grand Lodge at very different periods of the year by lodges in the same province.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. 1402.

MASONIC CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

I have lately found amongst my late husband's papers two Masonic Certificates, belonging to Mr. John William Byrne, of Lodge 153, Dublin, dated 1848 and 1853. I shall be glad to give them to anyone belonging to him, or the said J. W. Byrne, if required.

New Ferry, Cheshire.

S. BUCHANAN.

THE COMET.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I had a very good opportunity of observing the comet this morning. The sky was delightfully clear, and the moon and stars shone with great brilliancy, which perhaps rather detracted from the brightness of the comet. I saw it first about 4.45, and it was then not far above the horizon.

The body of the comet did not appear very large, but the tail had a splendid appearance, out of all proportions to the body. The direction was S.E. by S., and rapidly rising, and flying away, but still visible until 6 a.m. At 6.10 I could not see it through a fairly good telescope.

This is about the first clear morning we have had down in this vale of moisture (the Lea valley which has been flooded for some time past).

If this little experience of mine should interest your readers I shall be very pleased.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. REILLY,

44, Enfield Lock, 31st October. P.M. and Sec. 1327.



MAGAZINES.

"Harper's Magazine" is, no doubt, a very wonderfully interesting serial, alike in its illustrative powers and its literary merit. But it has not reached by a long way yet, in our humble and, we hope, honest opinion, the remarkable height of excellence to which "Scribner" has attained, or, rather, properly speaking, "The Century." It may be that its intellectual department is a little more varied; there may be a slight "soupon" of sameness about "The Century;" but undoubtedly "Harper's" and "The Century" are most striking evidence of the advance of the arts of culture and of civilisation in the United States. May they continue, and may they progress. In "Harper's" some articles are very interesting indeed. "Inter alia" we can specially recommend; "In Surrey," "Medical Education in New York," "Old Miss Todd," "Southern California," "The Railway Invasion of Mexico," &c.

"The Century" has some most effective engravings, and some very striking papers. As we have often said, it is at the head of all serial literature. "Venice" is positively charming, tempting, and suggestive. The portrait of Henry James, junior, is a very remarkable one. The account of Victor Hugo, if a little blurred by indiscriminate praise, is pleasant reading; "The Lady and the Tiger" is well told; but who can answer the question propounded? "The Led Horse Claim" promises well.

"Temple Bar" comes before us "more suo" with its wonted monthly contributions of literary work, graced this month as it is with a contribution from a royal pen, H.M. the Queen of Roumania, who has long been a subject and citizen of the Great Republic of Letters. "Temple Bar" has its attractions for a large circle of readers, and we can conscientiously commend among its articles "The Last of the Georges" and "A Love's Tragedy." "Robin" ends well, and will no doubt be much admired. We think we see, however, much unrealistic colouring, or rather word-painting, just now as regards death scenes and death-bed utterances in many other stories. It is a proof to us that those who thus use deathbeds have seldom seen them; and in literature and art everything that is untrue to nature seems to us not deserving attention or regard.

"All the Year Round" is a very good number, written up to its mark of normal excellence. "In Bonnie Scotland," ends as we could all wish for Jessie and her young man, and we hope the same good fate is in store for "Mary." "In the Gloaming" is very touching, and "Twice Across the Channel," &c., and "Geoffrey Stirling," are full of interest, the latter, apparently, with the promise of yet better things.

"The Antiquary" has some valuable articles on "Yorkshire Parish Registers," "Guernsey Folk-Lore," and other dryasdustic lucubrations.

"The Bibliographer" is again here, with its "Notes and Queries" as to old books and new.

"Longman's Magazine" is a wonderful venture, and promises to be a great success.

"The Quiver" (Cassell & Co.) We can commend this very instructive and carefully edited magazine. Its tone is good and true, it tales telling and unexceptionable.

"The Canadian Craftsman" is quite up to its former efficiency, and continues its useful career, we hope, successfully.

"The Freemason," of Toronto, Canada, is also to the fore, gay in colours and effective in outcome.

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THE ARTICLES ON THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE THEREON.

1. Bro. Le Feuvre has singularly misunderstood the second article, which in part refers to Masonic prefixes. After stating that the prefix "R.W." is accorded only to the D.G.M., the Provincial (and District) Grand Masters and Wardens (present and past) and giving a list of those entitled to "V.W." and "W." we state: "In other words, the appointments* of Provincial and District Grand Masters, as such, are not entitled to any prefix beyond 'Brother,' though, as a matter of fact, even now it is not an unusual thing to find Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, and others, designated "Very Worshipful." Surely these words are clear enough to indicate our meaning, viz., that any Officers appointed by Provincial and District Grand Masters are not entitled in consequence to any prefix beyond 'Brother' unless they are otherwise qualified, say as Past Masters. How Bro. Le Feuvre can understand that the sentence quoted actually means that Provincial and District Grand Masters are only to be entitled *Brethren*, we cannot make out. It is just possible that if we had used the word *by* after *appointments*, it would have removed any chance of misunderstanding, but the context makes the meaning evident.

2. We have no arguments to offer in favour of our objection to the term "Honorary Secretary," to which Bro. Anning takes exception. The Board of General Purposes declared its use to be "unauthorised," and the Grand Lodge agreed to the report. We simply conform to that authority.

3. The letter from "P.M." is scarcely open to consideration at present, because the "dose" he speaks of is evidently one that requires more time to have the effect desired, so we await a further report.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held on Tuesday last, at the Assembly Rooms, St. Austell. R. W. Bro. Chas. Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 18, the Prov. G.M.M.M., presided, supported by the following officers: R. W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past G.W. of England; V.W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, J.P., ex-Mayor of Truro, D.P.G.M.M.M.; Major W. E. Mitchell, 206, P.S.G.M.W.; Dr. William Mason, 78, P.J.G.M.W.; Harry Tilly, 94, P.G.M.M.O.; Bryant Wellington, 206, P.G.J.M.O.; Wilson Lloyd Fox, 94, P.G.M. Reg.; W. J. Johns, 78, P.G.M. Sec.; W. Bro. W. Trembath, 175, P.G.S.M.D.; Saml. Harvey, P.G.M.D.C.; W. Guy, 275, P.G.M.A.D.C.; W. Rookes, 78, P.G.M., I.G., W. Wearne, 175, I. T. Tillman, 78, J. W. Higman, 275, Prov. G.M. stewards; J. Langdon, P.G.M. tyler.

The report of the Prov. G.M. Treasurer shewed a satisfactory balance in favour of the lodge. Reports were submitted from seven out of eight lodges of the Province. Meridian, 73, Redruth, from some unknown cause, was not represented. The reports were favourable, showing satisfactory financial positions and increased membership. The only difficulty to submit was the case of 206, held at Newquay. W. Bro. Hicks said a large proportion of the members of that lodge resided at St. Columb. The members of the lodge generally were desirous of knowing if they could hold the lodge two quarters of the year at Newquay, and the other two quarters at St. Columb.

The Prov. G.M.M. said that the change could not be made without the consent of the Grand Lodge in London, and he did not know but that giving permission might be thought there to be allowing migratory lodges.

On the proposition of Bro. HUGHAN, three guineas from the Provincial funds were voted towards the expenses of the St. Austell Lodge. Five guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Widows of Freemasons. Five pounds were voted towards the publishing a directory of the Mark and other high degrees of Masonry in the Province. Bro. Hughan said there was no doubt but that the Knights Templar encampment and the Rose Croix Chapter might be induced to share the expenses. The by-laws of the Provincial Mark Lodge and the private Mark Lodges might be printed with the directory. The lodges might thus be induced to subscribe towards the expense, and the major part of the money returned, the Prov. Grand Lodge only making good the deficiency should there be one. Bro. Hughan undertook the editorship. One guinea was voted to the Mark Degree present to the Duchess of Albany. Bro. William Tweedy was re-elected the treasurer of the Province.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Thomas Chirgwin	...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
" N. J. West	...	Prov. S.G.M.W.
" William Guy	...	Prov. J.G.M.W.
" James Pool	...	Prov. G.M.M.O.
" Wilson L. Fox	...	Prov. G.M.S.O.
" T. Hicks	...	Prov. G.M.J.O.
" Rev. William Hamerton	...	Prov. G.M. Chap.
" W. Tweedy	...	Prov. G.M. Treas.
" A. Luke	...	Prov. G.M. Reg.
" W. J. Johns	...	Prov. G.M. Sec.
" J. T. Tillman	...	Prov. G.M.S.D.
" T. J. Joyce	...	Prov. G.M.J.D.
" R. Carter	...	Prov. G.M.I. Wks.
" Samuel Harvey	...	Prov. G.M.D.C.
" W. H. Lukes	...	Prov. G.M.A.D.C.
" Lieut. F. B. Williams	...	Prov. G.M.S.B.
" Wm. Rookes	...	Prov. G.M.I.G.
" J. de Cressy Treffry	...	} Prov. G.M. Stwds.
" H. F. Whitefield	...	
" J. G. Osborne	...	
" J. Langdon	...	Prov. G.M. Tyler.

In reply to a suggestion of R.W. Bro. HUGHAN, the Prov. G.M.M.M. said it would give him great pleasure to attend the meetings of the lodges if he was furnished with due notice from the Master when their meetings were about to be held. It was accordingly arranged that the Secretary of each lodge should include the P.G.M. in their list of brethren to be furnished with the notices of meetings. This concluded the business.

* Not "appointment" as in Bro. Le Feuvre's communication.

The brethren dined together in the evening at the White Hart Hotel where W. Bro. Lukes catered very satisfactorily for their entertainment. R.W. Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle presided and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Great credit was given to the new St. Austell lodge for the admirable manner in which they had, in unison with their active secretary, Bro. J. de Cressy Treffry, of Fowey, carried out the necessary arrangements for the reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On the 26th ult., the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held at the Masonic Hall Tredegar, under the banner of the Ashlar Lodge, Bro. Shepherd, W.M. The lodge was opened at two p.m., the Right Worshipful Bro. L. A. Homfray presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren.

The term of the Provincial Grand Master having expired, he was unanimously re-elected, and the recommendation was ordered to be forwarded to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England for his approval.

The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him, and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. S. George Homfray	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Crawshaw Bailey	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Nicholl Bradley	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" E. V. O. Haldane	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. A. Shepard	...	Prov. G.S.G.
" Henry Harris	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. E. Lewis, B.A.	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. David Bowen, B.A.	...	
" H. Watkins	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Samuel Davis	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Walter Taylor	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Walter James Dix	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. P. Fowler	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Captain Wilson	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" D. D. Thomas	...	Prov. P.G.I. of W.
" E. H. Davies	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Hartley Feather	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" E. G. Balding	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" George Hazell	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" H. J. Groves	...	Prov. G. Orgs.
" Giles Golding	...	
" George Beavis	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Samuel Dean	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Benjamin Phillips	...	
" J. G. Thomas	...	
" Henry Fletcher	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Master gave his report as charity steward for the past year, which was very satisfactory. He nominated Bro. C. Bailey as his successor in the office of charity steward, who immediately headed the list with 25 guineas, which was increased to about £50. A vote of thanks was given to the visitors and to the W.M. and brethren of the Ashlar Lodge for their kind reception.

A grand banquet at the Castle followed, and a first-rate dinner was served. The Provincial Grand Master presided. The toast list was as follows:—"The Queen and the Craft"; "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England (Craft), Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales"; "The M.V.G.M.M.M. of England and Wales, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker"; "The R.W.D.G.M.M.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore and Officers of Grand Mark Lodge (present and past)"; "The Mark Benevolent Fund and other Masonic Charities"; "The R.W. the Prov. G.M.M.M. of Monmouth, Bro. L. Aug. Homfray"; "The W.D.P.G.M.M.M. Bro. Captain S. George Homfray and Officers of P.G.M. Lodge (present and past)"; "The Grand Supt. of Royal Arch Masons of Monmouth, and his Officers (present and past)"; "The W.M. of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, Bro. J. A. Shepard"; "The Principals of the Prince of Wales Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1098"; "The Visitors"; and "The Provincial Grand Mark Tyler's Toast."

CONSECRATION OF THE SAYE AND SELE MARK LODGE, No. 309, AT BELVEDERE.

The ceremony of consecrating the Saye and Sele Mark Lodge, No. 309, was performed on Tuesday, the 31st ult., by R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.M. of Kent, at Essenden House, Belvedere, the private residence of Dr. Spurrell. The brethren met in the lodge-room. The R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master was supported by Bro. D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bro. J. G. Podevin, Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Kent; Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, Prov. G.S.W.; Dr. Spurrell, Prov. G. Reg.; J. G. Ker, Prov. G.S.D.; Capt. J. J. Donnelly, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Moulds, Prov. G.I.G.; Kennedy, Lloyd, Rev. W. Cummings, and other brethren.

The Prov. Grand Mark Master opened the lodge, and Bros. A. H. Bateman and W. Perry were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order before the Presiding Officer, and the Acting Secretary proceeded to read the petition and warrant. When this had been done, the Presiding Officer enquired whether the brethren approved of the officers who were named in the warrant; and receiving an answer in the affirmative, he proceeded to constitute the lodge. The Prov. Grand Master then delivered an oration, after which the lodge board was uncovered, and the first consecration prayer was given. The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Wardens, then performed the imposing ceremony of consecration, and the formation of the lodge was then complete.

The chair was then taken by Bro. J. G. Podevin, Dep. Prov. Grand Mark Master, who performed the ceremony of installation for Bro. J. Giesman Chillingworth, the W.M. designated in the warrant, who in his turn invested Bro. F. Wood as the S.W., and Bro. A. H. Bateman as the J.W. named in the warrant. Bro. E. B. Bright was appointed M.O., Bro. Cumming, S.O., Bro. Dr. Spurrell I.G., and Bro. Perry, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the Consecrating officers for having performed the ceremony. The Consecrating Officers were also unanimously elected honorary members of the Saye and Sele Mark Lodge.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MARK MASTER, in referring to the Consecrating Officers, thanked the brethren for making them honorary members of the lodge, and wished it many years of happiness and prosperity.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Dr. Spurrell for placing his magnificent room at the lodge's disposal.

There were several names proposed as members, either for joining or advancement, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Bostol Hill, the residence of Bro. F. Wood, where his large room had been kindly placed at their disposal for the purposes of the banquet.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

By BRO. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M., P.Z.

Prior to resuming my jottings on affairs Masonic in the Antipodes, I may, perhaps, be allowed a digression, in order to refer to a sad event taking place in the early part of July last, in the far-off old country. I refer to the lamented and somewhat sudden death of Bro. Henry Dodgson, P.M. of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cocker-mouth, and P.P.G.S.D. Associated as he and I were for so many years, not only Masonically, but in various public capacities, it is but natural that I should desire to offer some tribute to his memory, the more so that no notice of him has appeared under the obituary heading of the *Freemason*. In the year 1864, when Skiddaw Lodge was constituted, Bro. Dodgson became one of its first initiates; was J.W. the following year, when I first "saw light," and the second W.M., succeeding Bro. Crowther Morton, P.P. G.S.W., in the Oriental chair, after the latter veteran had served two consecutive years. Our deceased brother's zeal for Masonry was evinced in a most regular attendance, when his arduous professional duties would allow; and as an exponent of our beautiful ritual he had few, if any competitors in his province; indeed, he dedicated the most of his Masonic time to Craft Masonry, the only other Degrees he took up being the Royal Arch, in which, at the time of his death, he was Scribe E. of Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, although I ought to explain his exaltation took place some two years previously in my old chapter, Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, when I occupied the chair of H. He was also one of the Past Sovereigns of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Red Cross of Constantine. The calls of charity he always liberally responded to, as I can bear witness to on the many occasions on which I have solicited his aid in urgent cases.

Socially, Bro. Dodgson was a prominent man of the county in which he was born, springing from one of the many "statesmen" or small landowners, who have for some centuries formed the backbone of Cumbrian agricultural stability. He chose the medical profession, and ultimately succeeded to one of the most extensive practices in the neighbourhood, besides being widely known as a most skilful and attentive surgeon and physician. Some of his cases have periodically found their way into the medical journals; and as a member of the *British Medical Association*, he frequently contributed valuable papers. Of a highly-cultured mind, to science and literature he was devoted, and it has often occurred to many of his townsmen how he ever found time to attend to everything (Masonry included) without neglecting the duties of his profession. In fact, he was a "nunquam dormio," as I will endeavour further to show. Close on twenty-three years ago, he and I were two of the forty or fifty sworn in as members of the Cocker-mouth Volunteers. Firstly, he was surgeon, then ensign, lieutenant, and captain, and since I came out here I was pleased to find his long and able services honoured with the rank of major of the Cumberland Battalion. He was for many years Chairman of the Cocker-mouth School Board, and died as such; whilst, his spirited advocacy of the "Public Health Act," contributed to the establishment of a Local Board of Health, on which he was long an active member. In a sentence, the late Bro. Dodgson was one of the hardest-working men of his county, and a public servant whose loss is irreparable. I find the cause of his sudden death was pneumonia, resulting from an achill caught whilst performing his military duties on a wet evening, so that he may literally be said to have died in harness, and cut off at the age of forty-eight, with an apparently long life of usefulness and energy before him. "Sic vita!" He leaves a sorrowing and devoted wife and ten children. I was truly glad to notice, from the local papers, that his remains were consigned to the earth with Masonic and military honours. "Alas, my brother!"

Turning now to Masonry in Australia, I have recently spent a fortnight in New South Wales, this being my first sight of Sydney and its lovely marine scenery. In Bro. Edward Masters, the District Grand Secretary under the English Constitution, I found a most obliging and courteous chaperon. The building, situated in York-street, in which the English, Scotch, and Irish Masonic bodies meet, is a large and commodious structure, the main hall being set apart for public entertainments. When I was there, Bro. Fred. Maccabe was delighting crowded audiences with his world-wide "Begone, dull care."

One of the lodges I visited was that of the United Service, No. 937. The W.M. is Bro. Masters, just referred to. The work of the evening comprised four initiations and one passing, and at the close four new candidates were proposed. The ceremonies were rendered more than ordinarily enjoyable from the fact of the work being divided among Past Masters, Bro. Sebastian Hodge, D.G.S.B., conferring the First Degree, and Bro. A. A. P. Tighe delivering the E.A. charge with an eloquence and impressiveness never heard anywhere else; whilst the W.M. passed a brother to the Second Degree. I take it there is nothing like this division of labour for relieving the monotony of a long evening, and I am pleased to hear it is a regular custom in Sydney lodges. The advantages of the system are these: The variety pleases the brethren on the floor of the lodge, and the Past Masters have no excuse for becoming "rusty;" in fact, they can be depended on at any time on an emergency. Besides, the W.M. loses none of his *prestige*. Now, in Melbourne, a W.M. deems it the correct thing to perform the whole of the work, from the day of his installation until his successor has been installed.

I ought to mention another pleasing reminiscence of my visit to the United Service Lodge, as in Victoria the rule is not to go to the expense of presenting a copy of the "Book of Constitutions" to every new initiate. Bro. Masters, however, has inserted the thin end of the wedge towards abolishing this relic of eighteenth century Masonry, when

the "Book of Constitutions," under the "Moderns," was supplied from the Grand Secretary's office, in sheets, at half-a-guinea. The 32mo. edition only costs 1s. 6d., and Bro. Masters, during his year of office, presents each newly-initiated brother with a copy. I have always contended that a candidate is entitled to a copy of the "Book of Constitutions," and it is that breach of observance of the ritual that fosters so much ignorance of Masonic jurisprudence amongst the younger end of our Masters and Secretaries of lodges. Another gratifying instance of the United Service Lodge being under excellent guidance, is the fact of its balance in hand being over £100, whereas, five years ago, there was an incubus of about £300. As its name implies, it is a naval and military lodge, the members being almost confined to the permanent sea and land forces of the colony, and the officers of war vessels on the Australian station.

The various lodges under the three British Constitutions are flourishing throughout New South Wales, if I except some of the Scotch lodges, who still stick to the antiquated and merely nominal sum for annual dues. I was shown the provincial balance-sheet, and will be credited that the dues of one lodge are fixed at *sevenpence halfpenny* per month, or seven and sixpence per annum? This is making Masonry too cheap. There are two or three strong Royal Arch chapters in Sydney and neighbourhood.

A new lodge was opened under the English Constitution at Newtown, a Sydney suburb, the last week I was there. It is called the Orient, and commences with a membership of forty-five. The first W.M. is the District Grand Treasurer.

The bone of contention in Sydney Masonic circles is, the so called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which at present musters twenty-nine subordinate lodges, ten of which are in Sydney. They have a hall in Clarence-street, but a company has been formed to build a new structure on a larger scale in Castlereagh-street. They have also a newspaper. During my visit to Sydney I had several invitations, officially and otherwise, to visit lodges, but of course, declined the honour. From one of the lodge circulars I note no fewer than five candidates for initiation, and all seemingly, in a good position, so far as professional status is concerned.

In Victoria, the most noteworthy event, since I last wrote, is the death of Bro. H. G. de la Grouchy, the R.W. Depute Provincial Grand Master, under the Scotch Constitution. Bro. de Grouchy was one of the oldest colonists of Victoria, and for some time past the virtual head of the Scotch Craft, Bro. A. K. Smith, the last appointed R.W.P.G.M., having died a few years back. Our Caledonian brethren out here now are, consequently, without an official leader.

A very useful institution, connected with the Victorian Craft, has just held its second annual meeting. This is the Masonic Mutual Association. The membership is but 148, belonging to the three Constitutions, Bro. Geo. Baker, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, (I.C.), being chairman; and an effort is being made to make the objects of the society more widely known, viz., the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased members. The balance sheet showed a surplus of over £50.

Comp. Charles Shaw, W.M., of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, and H. of the chapter attached thereto, was installed M.E.Z. last Friday, with Comps. Brain and Dr. Wilmot as H. and J. Combermere is the youngest chapter in the colony, although springing from one of the oldest lodges; but, judging from the work of the past year, and the present number of its members, a bright future awaits it. Thirteen were exalted during the year, and the chapter is clear of debt.

Admirers of the Mark Degree will be interested to know that the South Melbourne Lodge (under dispensation), though only a month old, had a busy night at an emergency meeting last Thursday. Several candidates were advanced, and as there are others in waiting, another month will see the lodge up to thirty or forty members. The W.M., Bro. T. Main, performed the duties of the chair in a very able manner, considering it was his first appearance, and the whole of the officers, with one exception, were at their posts. I was in hopes that the ritual, as worked under the authority of the Grand Lodge, would have been adopted, but the old, disjointed, and mixed formula, so long in vogue in connection with the Victoria Lodge, No. 47, is adhered to. "As it was in the beginning," &c.

The erection of the new Masonic Hall in Melbourne is postponed "sine die," on account of the present high price of labour and material. Perhaps building will be dearer still in another twelve months. Melbourne, September 18th.

THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL.

The M.W. the Grand Master and the Princess of Wales have signified their intention to visit the City on the 14th inst., and open the new City of London School on the Thames Embankment, adjoining Bro. Alderman De Keyser's Royal Hotel. It was only this week that the matter has been settled. We have before hinted that Royalty would probably honour the proceedings, but it was hardly expected that it would be on such a grand scale; but the Princess has expressed her wish to accompany the Prince, and we are sure the presence of this lady will add even more to the occasion than was anticipated. The Royal party will be shown over the buildings and declare them open. The chief civic officers will be Bro. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight), the sheriffs, and Bro. Pearce Morrison, C.C., chairman of the school committee, all of whom will be severally introduced to the Prince and Princess. Some music will probably be a part of the programme we hope given by the Guildhall School of Music. The honourable Artillery Company, of which the Prince is Hon. Colonel and Capt. General, and the First London Artillery will form a guard of honour. There will be no dejeuner nor banquet. It is a singular and happy coincidence that the Lord Mayor elect is an old city school boy. During his year of office, he will also attend the City of London College (for evening classes for young men), at which is hoped Royalty will again grace the proceedings with their presence. Bro. Pearce Morrison is to be congratulated that just as he is going out of office, the City Schools will be opened, for whose benefit he has worked assiduously during the last twelve months, and now sees those labours about being crowned with success. We may add that Bro. Sir John Monckton, the town clerk, had a son educated there, and is now at Cambridge as an undergraduate.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. JOHN FAWCETT P.P.G.M.

The remains of this distinguished brother, whose decease we announced in our last issue, were interred on Thursday week, in the presence of many friends and brethren, in St. Margaret's Churchyard, Durham. All places of business in the city were closed during the time of interment, and the minute bell of the Cathedral was tolled during the morning. The late Bro. Fawcett was for nearly half a century, one of the most prominent Freemasons in the northern province, and as a mark of respect to his memory a special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, at 11.15, when there was a very large attendance of brethren wearing their Masonic appointments in mourning. The lodge was opened in due and solemn form by the acting Prov. Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, D.P.G.M., assisted by the following officers:

Bros. B. Levy, acting D.P.G.M.; W. J. Young, P.G.S.D.; C. R. Fry, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Williams, acting Chap.; Babington Boulton, P.G. Treas.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; T. Bradley, P.G. Asst. Sec.; T. Bell, P.G.S.D.; J. Coulson, P.G.J.D.; G. Greenwell, P.G.D. of C.; D. Sinclair, P.G.A.D. of C.; T. Donkin, acting P.G.P.; G. Porteous, P.G. Org.; J. Curry, P.G. Tyler; C. McNamara, W. P. Elsdon, W. Davison and W. H. Turner, P.G. Stewards. Among the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren present were Bros. E. S. Shotton, W.M. 240; J. T. Wilson, P.M. 240; W. Gray, W.M. 1334; W. H. Milner, S.W. 1032; J. Metcalf, S.W. 531; J. Wetherell, I.G. 531; F. Hockaday, Sec. 531; J. B. Barker, I.P.M. 1334 and 636; W. C. Blacket, P.M. 124; H. W. Mason, J. G. Strong, 149; W. Hawksley, 124; W. E. Franklin, P.P.G.S.D.; T. W. Hearon, 124; G. Johnston, P.M. 124, P.P.G.S.B.; G. W. Richardson, Sec. 124; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; J. Hudson, S.W. 941; T. R. Richardson, P.M. 124; S. Fenny, P.M. 124; R. Candish, P.M. 661, P.P.G.S.D.; J. C. Moor, J.W. 97; J. Sewell, P.M. 124; R. W. Salkeld, S.W. 1334; W. T. Tate, P.M. 764; W. Atkinson, Tyler 764; R. De Clare Yeld, J.W. 80; F. Armstrong, 80; S. Wilson, W.M. A. Robertson, 97; J. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; J. J. Wilkes, S.W. 111; W. Swales, W.M. 1650; J. Hunter, P.M. 940, P.P.G.S.D.; A. C. Knowles, 940, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Hoggett, 111, P.P.G.O.; J. Wood, I.P.M. 48; J. Hodgson, 111; J. Graham, 111; W. Coxon, 124, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Golder, W.M. 1119; T. Renton, P.M. 1119; A. McDougall, I.P.M. 1119; G. J. Wilson, P.M. 111, P.G.J.W.; W. A. Malcolm, P.M. 124, P.P.G.P.

Addressing the Prov. Grand Lodge, the acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., said that during his long connection with Masonry, now verging upon forty years, this was by far the saddest and most melancholy Prov. Grand Lodge that he had attended. They were requested to attend the funeral of their worthy and worshipful and departed late Prov. Grand Master. His connection with Masonry of long standing they all knew; he might simply inform them that their late Prov. Grand Master had been connected with the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham since 1829, when he was appointed P.G.S.W. at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Durham under John George Lambton. He was also again appointed P.G.S.W. on the 6th of April, 1836, and then in 1848 he was installed Prov. Grand Master, an office which he held up to 1880. These few simple facts showed them his long connection with the province. They did not know him perhaps as well as he did, because in him he had to deplore the loss not only of his old friend, but that of his father before him. He need not say anything in the light of a panegyric of their late P.G.M., because nothing could be more foreign to his feelings than fulsome flattery. But his memory and conduct were so well known that it was perfectly unnecessary for him to add anything to what they knew, for both in his Masonic and private character he was well known, not only among his friends there, but throughout the length and breadth of the county. He was just, honourable, and kind. Among his numerous friends there was no life he should have liked to have lived more than his; it was religious and good, and there was a total absence of anything like cant or hypocrisy about it. He was genial and agreeable, and, as he went through life in the position God was pleased to call him, he did his duties to the best of his ability. His death was unexpected by him (the speaker); but when they got over four-score years of age they could not be surprised to hear of the sudden demise of one of their fellow-creatures. He concluded by expressing an earnest hope that, if it pleased God to keep him in the world as many years as it pleased Him to keep their Provincial Grand Master, they might be able to live a life similar to his, and, like him, to die peacefully, prepared, and without suffering. He was certain that not only in this province, but throughout England, his loss would be sincerely deplored by all just, honourable, and upright brethren.

Bro. R. HUDSON, P.G. Secretary, read a letter from Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G.W., stating that he was unable to come to Grand Lodge that day, and expressing his regret that he was unable to attend and pay the last tribute of respect to one with whom he had been so closely allied for nearly thirty years.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren marched in procession to St. Margaret's Church and awaited the arrival of the funeral cortege. The service in the church was choral, and the Rev. Dr. Cundill officiated at the grave. On the procession entering the church, Bro. Carr (organist), played Mendelssohn's Funeral March on the organ, and, as the procession left, Handel's "Dead March" in Saul, in a very impressive manner. During the service the choir, which was augmented by several members of the Cathedral choir, sang the hymns "When our heads are bowed with woe," and Dr. Dyke's tune to "Now the labourer's task is o'er," with much sweetness. The coffin was covered with wreaths of immortelles, and bore the plain inscription:—"John Fawcett, born 6th May, 1799; died October 21st, 1882." The arrangements of the funeral were admirably carried out by Mr. William Robertson and Mr. N. Stevenson. The remains were enclosed in a beautiful panelled oak coffin, with appropriate brass mountings, and was made by Mr. Wm. Robertson.

Bro. Hyde Clarke took part in the Committee meeting of the Amsterdam International Exhibition at the Mansion House, on Wednesday.

DEATH OF BRO. ALDERMAN GREGORY.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Joseph Gregory, the well known and respected proprietor of the Royal Gate House Hotel, Tenby. Bro. Gregory was born at Cheltenham. He came to Tenby in 1863 from Swansea, where he had carried on for some years a successful business, where he was held in high esteem. He entered the Tenby Town Council in 1865, and has sat uninterruptedly ever since. He was elected Mayor of the Borough in 1873; and on the death of Mr. C. H. Smith, in the early part of the year 1878, was again called upon to take the civic chair; at the expiration of his term of office in November, 1878, he was re-elected Mayor for the third time; and in the following year the Council marked their appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by him to the Council that they elected him for the fourth time Chief Magistrate of the Borough. He was also a Trustee and Manager of the Tenby Savings Bank, a Director of the Tenby Gas Consumers' Company, and a hon. member of the Fire Brigade, in which cause he always evinced a lively interest. An ardent Mason, he took an active part in the formation of a Masonic Lodge in Tenby, and subsequently had the honour of being elected its Master. He was also a P.P.G.P. of the Prov. Grand Lodge of South Wales. His loss will be felt in Tenby. Those who knew him intimately were aware of the many acts of kindness displayed towards those who were not gifted with a large share of the world's goods; and it may be said with perfect sincerity that the poor found in him a constant friend, and one ever ready to assist with his purse and advice when occasion demanded. Bro. Gregory was 56 years of age, and leaves two sons.

BRITISH HOSPICE AND OPHTHALMIC DISPENSARY AT JERUSALEM.

We have been requested to publish the following appeal on behalf of the British Hospice and Ophthalmic Dispensary at Jerusalem, under the management of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (English Langue):—

The English Langue of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem proposes to make an endeavour to remedy a long-standing and acknowledged want at Jerusalem, and at the same time to renew its connection with the ancient home of the Order, and the scenes of its first Hospital labours.

Almost every European nation has at Jerusalem a *piet à terre* in the form of a Hospice, or some similar establishment, in more than one instance built on land granted by the Sultan, whilst Great Britain is only represented by the Episcopate, the administration of which it shares with the German Government.

For some years past the Chapter of the Order has been endeavouring to remedy this want by obtaining from the Turkish Government a small piece of ground for the erection of a Hospice combined with some charitable work for the benefit of the native population; but for some time there appeared to be a difficulty in finding a site which would meet the sanitary requirements of a Hospital, and would also be within the power of the Turkish authorities to grant.

Remembering the interest taken in Jerusalem by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, during his visit to the Holy Land in 1862, the Chapter submitted the project to H.R.H., who graciously expressed his interest in it, and his cordial desire for its success.

A Committee was then appointed to take further steps, and a direct application was made to H.I.M. the Sultan, through his Excellency Musurus Pacha, the result being that in April last a Firman was received from H.I.M. the Sultan through the English Ambassador at Constantinople, graciously conceding as a gift, a piece of ground of about one acre in extent for the purposes of the Order.

All those who have visited Jerusalem must be aware of the extent to which the varied population of the poorer classes suffer from ophthalmia, engendered by local causes, and aggravated by the entire ignorance of the most simple remedial treatment. The results are melancholy in the extreme, in many cases the comparatively young entirely losing their sight.

Although there are hospitals connected with the various religious bodies, there is no special hospital or dispensary for such cases.

It is proposed, when the necessary means are forthcoming, to erect a moderate-sized building, capable of extension, if necessary, as a dispensary, rooms being provided for such cases as may require special treatment.

The active services and co-operation of both the British Consul, Mr. Noel Temple Moore, and of Dr. Chaplin (the well-known medical officer of an existing charitable Institution in Jerusalem), both of whom take a deep interest in the proposed object, have been secured, and the local administration of the hospice will be entrusted to them, under the direction of a committee of members and associates of the Order, appointed for the purpose.

It is estimated that a sum of £2500 will be required for the building and its fittings, and that an income of £400 a year would suffice for the maintenance of such patients as require special care, including the payment of a medical attendant, dispenser, and nurse.

Pending the erection of the permanent building, the Chapter of the Order recommend that a house should be hired in the city, in order that no time may be lost in organising an institution which is so much needed, and negotiations are pending for a house which Dr. Chaplin recommends as being suitable for the purpose.

The Chapter of the Order of St. John ventures to hope that it may have the support of the public in furthering this object. The funds at the disposal of the Order, which are solely derived from the entrance payments and annual contributions of its members, are insufficient for the purpose without such aid. It is unnecessary to refer to the objects of the Order which have become so familiar through its various charitable works, especially that most recently established, known as the St. John Ambulance Association. It may suffice to say that the Order of St. John is not allied with any sect or party of any one religious denomination, but is thoroughly universal, embracing amongst its members and associates those who in the spirit of our Divine Master are willing to devote a portion of their time and their means to the help of the suffering and the sick.

Annual subscriptions for the current expenditure, and donations for the Building Fund, may be paid to the Treasurer, Captain Rupert C. F. Dallas, to Messrs. Cocks,

Biddulph and Co., 43, Charing Cross, to the Honorary Secretaries, Major G. E. Wyndham Malet, or Robert MacLean MacLean, Esq., or to any member of the Committee. Donations to the Building Fund may be paid in two yearly instalments.

A ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL AT MAINZ.

The St. John's Day is celebrated by all the Hessian lodges, some in June, when it falls right; but in Mainz the brethren of the Lodge Freunde zur Eintracht assemble later, and this year held it on the 24th of September last. For anyone accustomed to English lodge ceremony, this festival offers an interest of novelty. Already is the building one of the most remarkable of its kind. Being burnt down in 1877, the new one, with all the advantage of new inventions, is a gem of its kind, for the temple and the adjoining room are very elegant and comfortable. The W.M. (Bro. Johan Weck) opened the lodge, and dwelt on the subject of St. John's Day, and was followed by Bro. Pauli, G.M. of Darmstadt, who answered a speech of welcome. Several brethren read addresses, and some most appropriate music came down from a gallery hidden in the wall, where the singers and Organist were. The singing was sublime, the quartette or Bros. Ruff, Bleicher, Vogel, and Lutt being greatly appreciated. The ceremony lasted two hours, after which the Deputy Master (Bro. Bömper) opened the banquet with a solemn speech. Several toasts were drunk, and the proceedings closed in harmony. The festival was favoured with the presence of Bro. Ganz, Past G.O. of England.

New Zealand.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND (I.C.).

The regular monthly meeting was held on the 4th September, at the Freemasons' Hall, Auckland. There was a good attendance of representatives of sister lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wright, W.M., and his officers.

A noticeable feature presented itself to the members upon entering the lodge room in the shape of two magnificent pillars. The bases are of wood representing dark marble. Each pillar is of polished brass, and the capital is gilt, beautifully carved and surrounded by a network, from which are suspended imitation pomegranates. The whole is surmounted by a globe of the world. The pillars are indeed a striking feature in the lodge, and were greatly admired. They bear an inscription showing that they have been presented to the Freemasons' Hall by the united lodges of instruction of the English and Irish Constitutions. A time is to be fixed for their formal presentation.

The lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Master and his officers were then announced, and received with due honours. The R.W.P.G.M. Bro. G. P. Pierce, took the chair. Bro. Climo, P.G.S.W., was in his place, and Bro. J. H. Burns filled the chair of the P.G. J.W. The ordinary business of the Quarterly Communication of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been transacted, the annual election of officers took place, and resulted as follows:

- Bro. Climo Prov. G.S.W.
- „ Roycroft Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. Dr. Kidd Prov. G. Chap.
- „ Rees { Prov. G. Treas.
- „ Suiter { Prov. G. Sec.
- „ Durance { Prov. G.S.D.
- „ Page { Prov. G.J.D.
- „ Page { Prov. G. Reg.
- „ King { Prov. G.D. of C.
- „ Poley { Prov. G. Swd. B.
- „ C. Porter { Prov. G. Purs.
- „ C. Porter { Prov. G. Tyler.

After the usual formula the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The amateur dramatic performance in aid of the Masonic Hall Building Fund, which had been announced some time, came off on the 29th August in the Theatre Royal, Auckland, the piece selected being the musical version of Sir Walter Scott's "Guy Mannering." Its success exceeded expectation. The performance was excellent, not because it was free from defect, but because the parts were judiciously distributed. The following was the cast for the gentlemen who took part: Colonel Mannering, Mr. H. A. Kessing; Henry Bertram, Mr. Percy Dufaur; Dominic Sampson, Bro. Dawson; David Dimmont, Bro. Dillon; Dick Hatteraick, Bro. W. H. Skinner; Ballie Mucklethrift, Bro. W. Rattray; Gabriel, Bro. Gordon Gooch; Gilbert Glossin, Mr. Charter; Sebastian, Mr. Lawrence; Fock Fabos, Mr. Woods; Franco, Master Ellison; Sergeant McCrae, Mr. James; and Farmer Harrow, Mr. Williams. The ladies who performed preferred each to be described as "lady amateur," and as they appear not to wish it we have no desire to publish their names. There were also several ladies who contributed to the general result by their vocal talents. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Pooley, included some of the best known local musicians, namely Messrs. Eadey, Simpson, Hemus, Hunter (2), Clough, numbering a dozen performers. Moreover, a number of volunteers gave their assistance to secure the effect of the military display.

On Thursday the 26th ult., a concert was given at the Masonic Hall, North Hill-street, Liverpool, under the auspices of the Antient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. H. S. Alpass, Grand Standard Bearer of England, Prov. Grand Sec. of West Lancashire, who presided, referred to the excellent work which was being done by the institution, and congratulated the brethren of the Briton Lodge upon their zealous support of so deserving a charity. An attractive programme was provided, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. The artistes were Bros. Josef Cantor, Hargreaves Gill, Brammall, Ramage, and R. Jones; Miss Annie Williams, Miss Annie Jones, Miss Longbottom; Mr. Hall, Mr. W. H. Edwards, and the Cambrian quartette—Messrs. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and O. J. Rowlands. Bro. George Yates, Org. 1675, was the accompanist.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A highly successful meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday last, on the occasion of Bro. T. C. Walls being installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Heaphy, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Jordan, S.D.; Fronholtz, J.D.; Hudson, acting I.G.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thomas, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Morrison, P.M., and many other members. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Markham, W.M. 144; R. T. Whitley, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; W. Langdale, P.M. 1093; T. Emanuel, Kent; T. Baxter, 228; C. Sanders, 1257; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Morrison, assisted by Bros. Hopwood, as S.W.; Thomas, as J.W.; W. Stewart, D.C. and Rumball, I.G.

On the re-assembling of the brethren the usual addresses were effectively delivered, and Bro. Walls proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Musgrove Heaphy, I.P.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; Carter, P.M. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. Sec.; Fronholtz, S.D.; Kendall, J.D.; Howe, I.G.; Howe, W.S.; Dibble, D.C.; and McMullins, W.S.

Before closing the lodge the Master said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting in the name of the lodge a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Heaphy, who had so ably filled the chair during the past year.

The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Heaphy, and after a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. Morris, and a proposition for initiation, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. Heaphy, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Walls," remarking that he believed that there was no better working Mason in the Craft, and he felt certain that not another lodge in England would be more ably presided over during the coming year than the Lodge of Faith, under the rule of Bro. Walls. Although he had only been nine years in the Craft, he had performed a vast amount of Masonic work, and had devoted time and ability to Masonry that would in any profession have brought him honours and pecuniary benefit, which, of course, were not to be thought of in Masonry.

Bro. Walls, in reply, thanked Bro. Heaphy for the kind manner in which he had introduced the toast to the brethren. He was exceedingly proud of belonging to such an old lodge; very few in the metropolis could boast of such antiquity, as their centenary jewel, which was granted six years ago, would show. When he became a member of the lodge, nine years ago, he was only a Fellow Craft, and he had never been absent a single meeting since, and many of his happiest hours had been spent in the Faith Lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," remarking that they had always been noted for the warm welcome accorded to visitors. They had several present that evening; and he called upon Bros. Markham, Lake, Lardner, and Whitley to respond.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was next proposed, coupled with the names of Bros. Heaphy, I.P.M., and T. Morrison. The former, after congratulating the lodge upon the advent of a good working Mason in the chair, expressed himself as highly gratified with the flattering remarks that had fallen from the lips of the W.M. upon his particular services to the lodge. He (the I.P.M.) very much regretted that he should have been overtaken by a severe and lingering illness, which had precluded him from giving that attention to the working which was so highly essential in every occupant of the chair; but he had endeavoured in every other respect to do credit to the position which had been conferred upon him by the members of the Faith Lodge, and he believed he had succeeded. The W.M. had, in the course of his speech, touched upon his exertions in the cause of science. He could only say, in conclusion, that he felt exceedingly proud at the position which he had attained, by dint of hard work, in scientific research, particularly in the great subject of electricity.

Bro. Morrison, in his reply, among other things, said that he was gratified by having his name coupled in connection with the toast of the Past Masters. He throughout his Masonic career had endeavoured to discharge his duty in every office, however humble, and he was of opinion that it was only by so doing that proficiency in the chair could be attained. In conclusion, he thanked the W.M. for the flattering and kind observations he had made upon his services as Installing Officer that day; and, on behalf of his brother Past Masters he, and himself, wished to assure the W.M. that he would have their hearty support during his year of office, which would, he believed, be in every respect a most successful and excellent one.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. Carter and Stuart; "The Masonic Charities;" and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., and others.

TEMPERANCE - IN - THE - EAST LODGE (No. 898).—A successful meeting of the above old lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. The W.M., Bro. C. Chapman, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. Graveley, S.W.; F. W. Pulsford, J.W.; J. R. Waller, P.M., Treas.; D. C. Wyatt-Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. J. E. Butcher, S.D.; W. J. Evans, I.G.; Sherwin, Org.; Past Masters H. Rogers, C. Scrutton, S. T. Finch, I.P.M., J. Newell, H. Cooper, W. Shays, and Bros. Lee, Hughes, Bell, W. Goatley, Gardiner, Trebell, Lamb, Dewey, Church, Clark, Byford, Gale, Carter, Darton, Swan, Wray, Mitchell, Johnson, Williams, T. Cope, W.

Stewart, P.M., Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. T. Kintle, 1816; J. Lester, 765; L. Etling, 1259; D. S. Hendry, Kilwinning; P. H. Willson, W.M. 861; S. C. Spurling, 13; J. Hughes, W.M. elect 1816; D. Hodges, W.M. 1816; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was duly opened, and after usual business, the ballot was taken, and proved unanimously in favour of Mr. Thomas Wallace, who was admitted into the mysteries of the Order in a most impressive manner. The ballot was next called into requisition to admit Bro. G. H. Stephens a member of the lodge, which honour was accorded in a most unanimous manner. Bro. Clark was next raised to the Sublime Degree in a masterly manner. This concluded the working, and several business matters were next brought under discussion. Among them was a proposition to adjourn the lodge from the November meeting until the following January, on account of Christmas holidays; and the consideration of a case of distress, brought before the lodge by Bros. Stephens and Taylor. Having fully investigated the merits of the case, the lodge made a generous grant from its funds in aid of a brother's wife, who is in deep affliction, and to whom a little timely assistance is most desirable.

Lodge was closed in due form, and an hour or so was pleasantly passed over a cigar and a glass of wine, during the discussion of which, Bro. Chapman pithily gave the loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Shays, P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M.," remarking upon the quality of his working. From so young a Master in the chair some mistakes might be expected, and overlooked, but with Bro. Chapman these were unnecessary, as he had brought himself well up to the stability of working.

In acknowledging the compliment which had been so heartily received, Bro. Chapman expressed the pleasure he felt at finding he had given the lodge satisfaction, and trusted to do so to even a greater degree whilst in the chair. "The Past Masters" were next given, the W.M. claiming for Past Masters of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, a place second to none for ability and a desire to advance the lodge. Every member of the lodge must be sensible of their great kindness, and for himself the W.M. expressed great indebtedness to them all for valuable services rendered.

Bro. Shays, as senior P.M., briefly returned thanks, adding that the body of brethren to which he belonged derived considerable pleasure in rendering service that the lodge might require from time to time.

The visitors next came in for a hearty reception, Bro. Chapman claiming that the hospitality of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, as brethren, was second to none. He should scarcely know the lodge if it were without its usual number of visitors. After a response from Bro. Hodges, P.M., Bro. Hughes also returned thanks. He had felt great pleasure in visiting the lodge upon an "off" night, and had thoroughly enjoyed the comfortable style of the meeting, and the absence of that formality which sometimes is met with. Several other brethren also responded for the visiting brethren.

The W.M. next gave the health of Bro. Stephens, whom they were pleased to have elected that evening as a member. Bro. Stephens was one who was always pleased to do something in Masonry that required to be done, and he (the W.M.) felt proud that such a brother was now a member of the lodge. This was well received, and Bro. Stephens briefly replied. The W.M. had said he was a worker, and he could promise the brethren that in becoming a member of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge anything which might lie within his power would be very cheerfully undertaken.

"The Officers" were next toasted, in deservedly eulogistic terms, and responded to by all the officers present, Bro. Waller, P.M., Treasurer, especially thanking the brethren for the really cordial manner in which his health, as Treasurer, was received. The heartiness shown at all times really made it difficult for him to find terms in which to thank them. Whilst he was honoured with their confidence as Treasurer he would promise the best interests of the lodge would be safe in his hands.

The Tyler's toast was given, and a happy meeting closed. The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with songs from Bros. Butcher, J. Evans, Sherwin, Org., Waller, Stephens, and others, affording a considerable amount of satisfaction.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, in the new hall. Bro. C. E. Lloyd, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Past Masters, members, and the following visitors: Bro. C. J. Turner, P.M. 157; Turley, W.M. Tudor Lodge; W. Pitt, W.M. 917; T. Franklin, P.M. 1661; Fowler, 1507; Kauffmann, Braunfelz Lodge, Handu, Germany; G. Humphreys, 173; Bell, 181; Nichols, Etonian St. John Lodge; Rogers, 1572; Swinyard, 1695; Wilkinson, 90; Jones, 554; Taylor, 754.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the first business was a ballot for the initiation of Messrs. Charles Albert Buehl and James Jackson Fowler, which being unanimous, they were initiated by the W.M. After receiving the report of the Audit Committee, the next business was the installation of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the chair was taken by Bro. E. W. Mackney, P.M. 134, and honorary member of the Lewis Lodge. Bro. Thomas Harrison, W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom.

After the newly-installed Master had invested his officers the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a splendid repast was served by Bro. Greenslade.

At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace was sung, the W.M. gave the first toast—"The Queen and Craft"—which, he said, as loyal subjects of Her Majesty, and especially Freemasons, they were proud to be able to couple those two names in one toast. Her Majesty, being Patroness of our Institutions, had, so far as she was able, identified herself with them; and he trusted that would continue to be the first toast given at their meetings for many years to come.

The next toast, the W.M. said, required no words from him to stimulate their enthusiasm, as it was that of "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M." They were all deeply sensible of the honour done to their Order by His Royal Highness; first, in becoming one of them, and more especially when, Masonically speaking, he did not think it derogatory to his dignity to take up the trowel after it had

been laid down by their late Grand Master. By that act he threw down the gauntlet as champion of their Order in the face of all the world, and proved how much he loved Masonry, and the impetus that Masonry had received since showed how that feeling was reciprocated by them.

The next toast was that of "The Grand Officers," in giving which the W.M. said it was needless to criticise them individually; it was sufficient to say that, having been appointed by their Grand Master, they might be sure they were the right men in the right place.

"The gavel was then taken by the I.P.M., who proposed 'The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M.'"

The W.M., in response, said that he was proud to have the honour of responding to that toast, which had been so heartily given; and, although at a loss for words, he would not shrink for one moment the duty of telling them how much he thanked them for their confidence in electing him to that position, which, since he had been a member of the Craft, he had the hope of one day occupying; and now that by their suffrages he had arrived to it, he did not mean them to have to repent of their choice. Coming after so many distinguished brethren who had occupied that chair well and worthily, he felt his insignificance; but in one thing he did not yield to them one iota, and that was the interest he felt in the welfare of the Lewis Lodge. He could somewhat flatter himself that he not been merely a passive member; and when he told them that during the eight years he had belonged to the lodge he had brought fourteen initiates into it, they would endorse his assertion. He was glad to tell the brethren that he had received from his Preceptor what he might call a fairly clean bill; and although the last few years had been the reverse of prosperous, he thought it only justice to the I.P.M. to tell them that he had so judiciously managed the affairs of the lodge that they stood in a better condition than ever he expected to receive them. He trusted they would, one and all, act in conjunction with him, and have one end in view—the welfare of the lodge—and he was sure that prosperity would attend it, and it would become second to very few.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," to which Bro. Mackney responded in an able speech, and spoke very eulogistically, both of the future of the lodge and of the new Master.

The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by both of the newly made brethren, who expressed themselves gratified at the reception they had met with, and trusted they should have the pleasure of meeting there for many years.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. C. J. Turner and Turley, both of whom made very able speeches in response.

After the other usual toasts the brethren separated. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced, by Bro. Mackney, who delighted the brethren with some capital songs, as also did Bros. Powell and Turley.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The last meeting for the year of this lodge took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when a large muster of the brethren attended. There were present Bros. W. F. Gardner, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, I.P.M. and Secretary; Robt. H. Crowden, P.M.; Allen, P.M.; Clements, P.M.; Fullwood, D.C. and P.M.; Thos. Perrin, S.W.; Montague Vizetelly, J.W.; Basil Cooke, S.D.; J. B. Crump, J.D.; James Crowden, I.G.; P. G. Philips, W.S.; Bowler, Tyler, Hicks, Johnson, Winkworth, A. W. Stead, Bellis, Robins, Fanshawe, and others. Visitors: Bros. Jos. Johnson, George Allen, Gribbon, Stockdale, Tolemon, and others.

The minutes of the lodge having been confirmed, Bro. Thos. Perrin, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, to the great satisfaction of the brethren of the lodge. Bro. H. D. Stead (who unfortunately was unable to attend, on account of his son's very serious illness) was re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Bowler, as Tyler. The audit meeting was appointed for the fourth Saturday in February next, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley. The three brethren proposed, out of office, to attend the Committee, were Bros. A. W. Stead, Hicks, and Bellis.

Bro. Fullwood's motion, "that applications for payment of arrears of some of the brethren being ineffectual, their names be removed from the lodge books, and returned as defaulters to Grand Lodge, in accordance with Bye-law No. 9," resulted in the names of three members being struck off the list, they not responding to the last appeal. The matter was thoroughly discussed in the lodge, and it was the universal opinion that it was detrimental to any lodge, to allow brethren to retain the advantages &c., of belonging to a lodge and yet refraining from paying the dues regularly, and if every lodge would have the courage to carry out its by-laws in this particular, and report to Grand Lodge, the Craft would be very much benefitted in the end.

Bro. Perrin proposed a gentleman for initiation at the next meeting in March, after which, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served very satisfactorily by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The usual toasts were felicitously given by Bro. Gardner, W.M., and duly responded to, who took the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Perrin," in flattering terms.

Bro. Perrin, in replying, gave the assurance to the brethren of his constant and earnest desire to give satisfaction; he had passed through every office in the lodge, had attended most regularly, and by introducing several of his intimate friends, anticipated a successful and an eventful term of office. A most pleasant evening was concluded as usual by the Tyler's toast.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—This prosperous lodge met at Bro. Clark's hostelry, the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E., Bro. W. J. Millington, I.P.M., occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. G. T. Limn, W.M., through continued indisposition. Also present: Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M. Treas.; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, P.M. Sec.; J. Morrison, J.W.; W. Raiker, J. Delves, P.M.; W. Shays, P.M. Tyler; and Bros. J. A. Ramos, Stoneham, W. Bowes, G. A. Saunders, S. G. Marsh, C. F. Crocker, J. Bell, R. J. Pitt, W. Clark, G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*); and others. Visitors: Bros. J. B. D'Ardenne, 765; C. Chapman, W.M. 898; W. J. Bonner, 1278; W. H. Bromley, 228; W. J. Evans, I.G. 898; J. Byfus, 1437; J. W. Carter, 898; J. J. Carter, 898; E. Duckham, 898; W. Stewart, 898; and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes read and confirmed.

None of the brethren for passing were in attendance, but Bro. Duckham, 898, being about to proceed to sea, was by the courtesy of the W.M. capitally passed to the Degree of F.C., for which Bro. C. Chapman, W.M. 898, expressed his hearty thanks for the great kindness of the Corinthian Lodge. It is a very agreeable feature that these two sister lodges are so perfectly *en rapport*.

Bro. Ramos was next satisfactorily tested, and proving worthy was entrusted and duly raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. J. Delves, P.M., in an impressive and masterly manner. Bro. P.M. Millington undertaking the deaconry in efficient style. The absence of the impressive musical accompaniment was noticed with much regret. Some formal business was next disposed of and lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently partook of some light refreshments, and a pleasant evening was spent, the toasts being briefly given and honoured, and some excellent singing adding greatly to the general enjoyment.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE (No. 1816).—The anniversary festival of the above young lodge, whose brief existence strikingly bears out the truth of the adage that "nothing succeeds like success," was celebrated on the 26th ult., with considerable eclat at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria-park. Lodge was opened by Bro. D. Hodges, P.M., W.M., who was numerously supported by Bros. James Hughes, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Reeve, J.W.; J. Bellingham, Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M. Sec.; H. J. Cant, S.D.; C. W. Carrell, J.D.; W. J. Nodder, I.G.; J. Bellman, Org.; T. Hallett, Steward; J. How, D.C.; J. T. Kiniple, J. Gibson, W. Watkins, C. A. Sewell, G. J. Morris, J. Roberts, G. Bull, N. Chambers, W. Buckley, M. Hart, W. Leahy, S. T. Tribe, E. Walker, A. Wise, B. Wyles, F. Slimson, F. Johnson, A. Green, T. Wood, J. Finch, and others.

Among the numerous array of visitors which the importance of the occasion attracted were: Bros. T. W. Jones, P.M. 917; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1007 and 174; G. Brooks, P.M. 902; C. Chapman, W.M. 898; C. Scrutton, P.M. 898; J. Delves, P.M. 1382; J. Pige, P.M. 1228; B. C. Rowe, P.M. 781; R. J. Chillingworth, P.M. 1228; M. Gillies, 27; J. B. Clark, 1777; J. R. Shingfield, J.D. 554; C. Heel, 1356; J. Fowler, 1158; W. Back, 1076; T. G. Harris, 1278; A. Abrahams, 205; J. Holland, 528; J. Trueman, 184; C. Finch, 1365; E. Ward, I.G. 205; J. Hall, 174; G. T. Barr, P.M. 907; J. A. Keable, 174; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, 898 (*Freemason*); and others.

It had been expected that the candidate would not be present, and that only the installation ceremony, &c., would have to be performed. However, both the candidate for passing and raising were in attendance, also a gentleman to be admitted into the Order. Bro. Hodges, the out-going Master, however, performed the three ceremonies in a capital manner, and was attentively listened to in a crowded and appreciative lodge gathering.

Bro. H. Rogers, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge since its formation, next took the chair, for the purpose of working the installation ceremony, and was ably supported by Bros. Hodges, W.M., as S.W.; T. W. Jones, P.M. 917, J.W.; J. Delves, P.M. 1382, as D.C.; and C. Chapman, W.M. 898, as I.G. Bro. Jas. Hughes, W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of being installed into the chair of K.S., and having signified his adherence to the ancient charges, was solemnly obligated, and inducted into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a strong Lodge of Installed Masters, and was subsequently proclaimed and saluted in the several Degrees by the brethren. Bro. Rogers next invested the officers of the lodge, giving each an admirable lecture upon the teaching of the jewels of their offices, and upon the nature of the duties the lodge would require of them. The three charges were next given in full, and probably were never better rendered or more attentively followed. The following are the appointments: Bros. Charles Reeve, S.W.; H. J. Cant, J.W.; J. Bellingham, Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Carrell, S.D.; W. J. Nodder, J.D.; J. Gibson, I.G.; S. T. Tribe, D.C.; B. Wyles, W.S.; and H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes," next discharged a highly pleasurable duty, in presenting in the name of the lodge a Past Master's jewel to Bro. D. Hodges, and a Secretary's jewel to Bro. H. Rogers. Bro. Hodges's jewel was a massive one, with Tertius upon the bar and the Royal quarterings in enamel, and the usual figure of the forty-seventh proposition; on the reverse was engraved, "Presented to Bro. David Hodges, P.M., by the Victoria Park Lodge, 1816, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his valuable services as third W.M. October 26th, 1882." Bro. H. Rogers's jewel consisted of a five pointed star, with the Royal quarterings upon the face and Primus upon the bar. Suspended to the star is a miniature representation of the forty-seventh proposition of Euclid, and on the back the following inscription is engraved: "Presented to Bro. H. J. I. Rogers, P.M., by the members of the Victoria Park Lodge, 1816, as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary. October 26th, 1882."

Both brethren having expressed their thanks, the lodge was closed at a late hour, considering that the brethren had to travel to the Champion Hotel, in Aldersgate-street, for the banquet.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—This lodge, of which Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Town Clerk to the Corporation of the City of London, was the first master, held its installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 1st instant. The outgoing master was Bro. Frank Green, P.M., P.Z., the Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes. The compliment of performing the installation ceremony was conceded by Bro. Green to Bro. Sir John Monckton, who did the work in a very neat and efficient manner. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Major Thos. Davies Sewell, P.G.S.S.W.; Chas. W. Bowley, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treasurer; Joseph E. Turner, Secretary; Lieut. H. Wright, S.D.; E. Garnet Man, P.G.W., Burmah, J.D.; J. Perkins, C.C., J.G.; W. Pannell, C.C., D.C.; H. Jewson, Organist; H. Clarke, C. C. Steward; H. Squire, C.C. Assistant Steward; Church, Tyler.

Several joining members were proposed before the closing of the lodge, among them were the City Remembrancer, Bro. Gabriel Prior Goldney, P.M. 1, also Bro. Jex, who is also an official of the Corporation. Both of these brethren were proposed by Sir John Monckton.

There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors; among those present we noticed Bros. D. W. Pearce, P.P. G. Reg. Middlesex; S. M. Lazarus, P.P.G. W. Wilts; S. P. Norris, P.M. 21; E. W. Besley, P.M. 66; F. Dunn, P.M. 72; S. W. Lambert, P.M. 1556; S. L. Green, P.M. 1417; N. S. Marks, W.M. 368; Herbert Cuff, J.W. 716; W. J. Collins, J.W. 766; H. P. Squire, J.W. 1356; J. Minstrell, J.W. 1928; G. T. Peall, S.D. 1278; E. H. Power, Victoria Lodge, Burmah; Seymour Smith, Org. 742; B. Fletcher, 96; D. H. Ashford, 1827; B. S. Marcks, P.M. Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; S. A. Haynes, 1804; P. W. Lay, 569; H. Cooper, 745; S. Bloomfield, 1613; Ambrose Haynes, 780; L. F. Littell, Asst. G. Purst.; E. F. Fitch, H. H. Cooper, J. C. Whiddington, G. T. Peel, E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*), and others.

Before the lodge was closed Sir John Monckton gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge he should move that a Treasurer's jewel be presented by the lodge to Bro. R. J. Pawley, upon the completion of the third year of his holding the office of Treasurer of the lodge. Bro. Pawley had not been only personally all that could be desired in a Treasurer, but, what was by no means so common, he had been eminently successful in the conduct of their finances.

There being no other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren of the lodge and their visitors dined together, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed at the conclusion of the banquet.

Bro. Willey Wright, who presided, in proposing the first toast, said that during the time she had occupied the throne (now nearly fifty years) the Queen had so endeared herself to her subjects that every Englishman would eagerly respond to that toast; but when the company to which the toast was proposed consisted not only of Englishmen, but of English Masons, who recognised in their Queen not only their sovereign, but the mother of, he trusted, a long line of Masons, then it was that this toast assumed a very special importance, and was sure to be received with the utmost enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the Chairman said, that however good an army you might have, it became of little use if it were not well officered, but when that was the case all ranks became closely welded together with affection and chivalry. The Masonic army was welded together by the name of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, their M.W. Grand Master. After referring at some length to the intense anxiety felt on all sides at the time when the Prince lay ill, he concluded by expressing a hope that Freemasonry might flourish, and never have a worse head than Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

In proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Chairman said that of the Grand Officers personally he knew nothing; he had had the honour of an introduction to Lord Carnarvon, but the others were wholly unknown to a small man like himself. He, knew, however, that there was a large number of Grand Officers, and that they always did their work magnificently. The Grand Lodge was perfect only because of the Officers of that Grand Lodge. They had a Grand Officer among the Past Masters of the lodge, and he should, therefore, couple with this toast the name of Bro. Littell.

Bro. Littell, Asst. Grand Purst., returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. With regard to the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon performed his duties in the most able and efficient manner, and the Earl of Lathom as often as possible, when the Earl of Carnarvon was not present. The same observation applied to a certain extent to all the officers, the S.W., Lord Carlington, and the J.W., the Lord Mayor, and also with regard to the others. Speaking for himself, he should do his best to discharge his duties with credit to himself and to the brethren of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Green, I.P.M., said he presumed that it was an instinct in the human breast that when once a man had attained to power, he clung to it. He had himself clung to power for the last twelve months, but it had at length been wrested from his hands, and he had now the pleasure to propose the health of the man who had done this, and who now so worthily filled the chair which he, the speaker, had occupied. The W.M. had given them a good insight into his policy during the past few moments, for he had fallen foul of the P.M.'s and had complained that they were hurrying him, from their great anxiety to smoke (a cough). That is a characteristic they would highly appreciate; it was not done from a selfish motive, but from a general desire for the comfort and happiness of the meeting. It was with unqualified pleasure that he asked them to drink the toast of the evening—"The Health of their present W.M.," who had been elected to fill that chair by the unanimous vote of the Alliance Lodge; and he (Bro. Green) was quite sure that the members of the lodge felt with him that they could not have a better occupant of that chair, and that he would perform the duties of his office with credit and advantage to the lodge. He would endeavour to set the W.M. a good example in the brevity of his speech, simply contenting himself with wishing a very successful and very happy year of office to their brother, the W.M.

The Chairman said that he had to thank the I.P.M. for the way in which he had been kind enough to propose his health. He knew Bro. Green's kind heart, and he thought it was because Bro. Green wanted to say kind things of him that he had seen in him no faults, but had seen some virtues; he wished everyone else would do the same, as it would then be a great deal better for him. Bro. Green had said one thing truly—that he (the speaker) was there to do his best. He was sorry to say, however, that he was a very bad working Mason, as he had not acted on the advice he received—to spend half his life in the Emulation Lodge of Instruction. He hoped, however, to get up the work in some other way, and try to work as well as he could. He had now a toast to propose—"The Health of Bro. Green, P.M.," a man who was equally good at the banquet table as he was in the chamber of work. This was the man that he (the Chairman) had to follow. It was bad for him to have to follow such a man; but he candidly admitted that he could not have had a better model. The lodge wanted to put a medal upon Bro. Green, but he had got so many already that they did not know quite where it was to go. They therefore abandoned the idea, and it was suggested that they should present him with some token that he could hand down to

his descendants, and could show to his unmasonic as well as his Masonic friends, as a token of their appreciation in which his work in the Alliance Lodge was held. He was pleased to present Bro. Green with this gift, with the hope that he would value it, not for its intrinsic worth but as the genuine, sincere and spontaneous gift of those who had sat under him.

Bro. Green said that it would ill become him if he hesitated for one moment in rising to respond for the most kind and altogether too flattering manner in which the W.M. had been pleased to propose this toast, and for the way it had been endorsed by the brethren. He supposed it would be difficult for anyone to realise more truly the loss of not being an "orator as Brutus is," but a plain, bland man, than he Bro. Green did upon that occasion. He could not seek for words to respond to their kindness, but received that most handsome gift with the same feelings of fraternal regard with which it had been offered. His association with the Alliance Lodge had been the occasion of supreme happiness to him. He had to thank those who had worked with him during the past year, and enabled him to do his work to the satisfaction of the lodge. It would be, indeed, a very great pleasure to have that souvenir of their kindness to hand down to his children, and, he trusted, to his children's children. He said that he should only involve himself in an oratorical difficulty to say more. I am sure, he said, you will feel that I am not less sincerely thankful. "I am such a beggar that I am even poor in thanks, but yet I thank you."

The gift above referred to consisted of a handsome case of silver dessert knives, forks and spoons, including nut-cracks and pine-carvers. It was closed with folding-doors in front, on each of which there was a shield; that on the right bore the following inscription: "Alliance Lodge, 1827. Presented to Frank Green, P.M., P.Z., Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, by the members of the lodge, in recognition and appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Worshipful Master during the past year. November 1st, 1882. On the reverse shield are the arms of the W.M."

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the Master in a most genial speech of welcome, and was responded to by Bros. E. W. Besley, P.M. 66, and Marks.

Several other toasts, including "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was replied to by Bro. Major Thomas Sewell, P.G.S., S.W., were duly honoured, and the company separated shortly before ten o'clock.

SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).—The October meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Kensington, W., on Thursday evening, the 26th ult., and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a very fair muster of the local brethren. We are glad to observe that although so young a lodge the members are exercising the wisdom, so necessary to the acquisition of strength to support and beauty to adorn, in the selection of their candidates for admission into their community. The fees are not excessively high, but the single black, or negative ball is a far better protection against undesirable candidates than the money qualification. The business before the lodge on Thursday evening was chiefly routine. Four brethren of high social standing in the neighbourhood were elected as joining members, and votes of thanks passed to several of the members for presents to the lodge. The candidate for initiation not being in attendance, the W.M. worked several of the Fifteen Sections with Bro. Francis Compton, much to the satisfaction of all present. In the unavoidable absence of the Wardens, W. Bro. Capt. A. Nichols was supported by Bro. Capt. Compton, as S.W., and Bro. F. Compton, as J.W. Bro. G. Capper Harding, P.M., Sec., with many other members, were present. Bro. Thomas Friend, hall-keeper, was unanimously elected as Tyler. He hails from the Unity Lodge, No. 71, at Lowestoft, and notwithstanding he has left that place for a long time, continues to be a subscribing member to that lodge—an excellent example to others.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening the 23rd ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, was well supported by his officers and brethren, amongst whom were: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; J. Moul, S.W.; W. B. Elsdon, J.W.; M. Corbett, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; W. F. Carman, as Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; W. Brown, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; G. H. Dexter, W. Stafford, T. Thompson, W. Whitfield, A. Simpson, R. Tate, W. Richardson, J. Snowdon, G. G. Davidson, J. T. Harrison, and Rev. Thos. Metcalf. The visitors comprised Bros. C. B. Ford, W.M. 481; T. Dinning, J.W. 481; M. Watson, 481; John Spearman, P.M. 481; H. E. Crisp, 949; T. R. Short, 424; E. F. Prentice, Sec. 1643; J. Nesbit, S.W. 24; J. Hickman, S.W. 1119; F. L. Pearson, 80; F. Binks, J.W. 240; J. W. Woolner, 240; W. Mathieson, 481; Hugh Golder, W.M. 1119; G. Lawson, P.M. 240.

The lodge was draped with the emblems of mourning, in memory of Bro. John Fawcett, the late Prov. G.M. of the province, whose decease was announced in the newspapers of the day. Before proceeding with the ordinary work the W.M. alluded to their departed chief in feeling terms of respect, and was sure he was speaking the sentiments of the whole of the members in recording their sympathy and regret at the loss of so eminent a brother.

Mr. T. J. Robson, who was proposed and elected at last meeting, was initiated by the W.M., and the working tools were explained by the J.W.

Bro. Thos. Metcalf having proved his efficiency as a F.C., was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M., who gave the Tracing Board and the tools of the Degree.

The Treasurer reported that Bro. W. B. Elsdon, J.W., had presented to the lodge the scrip for five fully paid up shares in the Industry Masonic Hall Company, and on the motion of the W.M. a vote of thanks was accorded for the kind donation.

The Lodge was duly closed at 9.20 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The memory of Bro. Fawcett was pledged in solemn silence.

WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 11th ult., when the following were present: Bros. J. D. Murray, W.M.; Wm. Dean, S.D.; T. Milner, J.D.; A. H. Crossley, M.O.; R. B. Seddon, S.O.; Wm. Johnson, J.O.; H. T. Byrom, Sec.; J. Browne, S.D.; W. M. Wylde, J.D.; W. H. Horrocks, I.G.; Jno. Marsden, Reg. of Marks; Jas. Wilson and Wm. Holt, Stewards; W. A. Byrom, I.P.M., P. Reg. of Marks.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.M.O., D. of C.; Thomas Wilson, P.M. Treas.; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; and other members of the lodge, including Bros. R. Leyland, J. M. Kerr, H. D. Croft, and others. The visitors present were: Bros. J. F. Roberts, W.M. 268; and P. M. Hunter, J.W. 268.

The candidates present were: Bros. Aaron Hall, W.M. 1032; Thomas Francis Jackson, 1032; T. D. Swift, 178; and George Makinson, 178; who were duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, by Bro. Murray, W.M. The lecture afterwards was admirably given by Bro. G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when after the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. J. F. Roberts, in responding to "The Health of the Visitors," complimented the W.M. on the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been gone through, and at the same time congratulated him on the efficacy of his officers, who were all present and well up in their work. During the evening Bros. Byrom, J. Marsden, and W. Johnson, contributed some choice songs, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Bucks and Berks.

The meeting which was undoubtedly the most successful the Rose and Thistle has ever had, was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. The next meeting of this lodge is on Wednesday, December 13th.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—One of the strongest monthly meetings that has ever been held of this prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Swan Hotel, when nearly fifty of the brethren obeyed the Worshipful Master's summons to attend. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Senior, W.M.; T. Wood, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; J. Storer, P.M., Treas.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.N., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; T. E. Fowke, P.M., M.C.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Woodbridge, J.D.; J. Bervon, Org.; T. Rigby, I.G.; W. D. Batkin and H. Thorn, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; F. Espley, J. Nevitt, W. T. Moss, W. H. Frith, C. J. Nevitt, T. B. Mottram, S. S. Plant, N. Booker, H. B. Livingston, F. Greatrex, H. Belcher, R. P. Duncalf, J. Taylor, S. Parton, S. Moss, N. Joyce, A. F. Whitmore, A. C. Ward, and J. Harding.

The visitors included Bros. E. Faulkner, W.M. 1739, W.M. 779, P.P.G.S.D. Leicestershire and Rutland; Warrick Crofts, P.M., P.P.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland; J. Hassall, W.M. 779, S.W. 1739; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526, P.P.G.S. of Works; R. Dain, P.M. 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Rowley, 98; J. Pigott, P.M. 328; R. Linging, J. D. 418; B. Thomas, J.W. 456; T. C. Bird, 1896; and T. Evans, 1520.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. with that degree of punctuality for which the lodge has of late years gained a well-earned reputation, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed in the usual manner.

A favourable ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Ridge, who had been proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. F. Woolley, Sec., at a prior meeting of the lodge as a candidate for the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. W. T. Moss and S. Moss, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board and working tools being given by Bro. T. Wood. The whole of the ceremony was thoroughly well done by each officer who took part in it, and in a style that commended itself to the numerous visitors present, as was evinced by the remarks made by them at the subsequent banquet.

Several important communications were read by the Secretary, and the lodge, after receiving "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, was closed in ancient form and perfect harmony.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Hunt, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. G. Green, I.P.M.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P., acting S.W.; Henry Rosling, J.W.; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. W. Browne, P.G. Stwd., S.D. (Freemason); Thos. Winter, J.D.; W. N. Cooper, I.G.; R. A. Madge, Org.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Robert Baldry, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; E. Pankhurst, P.M.; W. F. Stratford, J. Holt, C. Holborn, J. H. Guyton, G. J. Berry, M. J. Bailey, G. Hammond, J. Juler, A. King, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Baldwin, 213; R. Bullen and H. Hooper, of 943; G. W. Dundell, 1158; A. Bullard, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., and J. Weyer, of 1500.

The business of the evening was to ballot for, and if accepted, to initiate Mr. Thomas Woods, which having proved unanimous, the W.M. then, in a most exquisite way, performed the ceremony of initiation, the charge being effectively rendered by the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Green. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room to supper, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged; and in the course of the evening several songs were excellently rendered by the brethren present.

SOUTHEND - ON - SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, on Thursday, the 26th ult. On account of the death of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., the brethren appeared in mourning. There were present Bros. T. F. Barrett, Prov. G. Reg., W.M.; W. D. Merritt, S.W.; D. F. D. Grayson, J.W.; A.

Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov G.D.C., Sec.; W. G. Brighton, P.M., P.Z., S.D.; G. R. Dawson, J.D.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B., as I.G.; G. Berry, I.P.M.; G. F. Jones, P.M. P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Bingham, P.M., P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817; J. R. Brightwell, W. Waterhouse, H. Beecher, J. Drummond, L. Warren, L. Warren, jun.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Farr, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S.B., and T. Ayling.

After the usual preliminary proceedings, Bro. W. R. Fuller was elected a joining member. The W.M. moved and Bro. A. Lucking seconded a vote of condolence to Lady Tenterden and her family on their sad bereavement. Two joining members having been proposed and other business transacted, the lodge was closed.

ALFRETON.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 1028).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the George Hotel, when there were present Bros. Henry Cupit, P.M., as W.M.; J. J. Bingham, P.M., S.W.; A. Scofield, J.W.; W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; F. Loverock, Sec.; G. B. Sharp, S.D.; G. Wild, J.D.; J. W. Haslem, I.G.; G. Bunting, Tyler; S. Rowbottom, P.M.; Wm. Manning Lacy, P.M.; G. J. Wood, P.M.; H. Rowbottom, W. D. Cupit, C. Shaw, T. Hardstaff. Visitors: G. F. Edwards, P.P.G.O. Derbyshire; and H. Lacy, 45, Pennsylvania, U.S.

The lodge was opened in due form and the summons convening the meeting and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. W. D. Cupit was passed to the Second Degree, the tracing board being given by Bro. Henry Cupit, P.M.. Bro. C. Shaw was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the tracing board being given by Bro. J. J. Bingham. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M. 40, P.P.G.J.D., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; A. D. Womersley, S.W.; W. Lamborn, as J.W.; R. Hughes, as Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas., S.D.; Henry Kimm, as J.D. (Freemason); W. C. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; G. Farley, Foord, Walder, Jordan, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Russell, J.W. 40.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were submitted and duly confirmed. Bro. W. E. Skinner was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Duke, Bro. W. Lamborn explaining the Tracing Board; after which Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, was proposed as a joining member. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

LISCARD.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, near Birkenhead, on Tuesday the 17th ult., when the lodge was opened by Bro. W. Danger, the retiring W.M., and among those present were Bros. H. Matthews, P.M.; J. H. Jones, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Allister, J.W.; E. G. Mason, Treas.; J. Lawton, Sec.; G. S. Rawson, S.D.; T. B. Hughes, J.D.; R. Jones, I.G.; J. Holloway, Tyler; R. Luke, G. Robinson, R. Cooper, W. Price, W. Bailey, W. Williams, R. Beamish, H. D. Roberts, T. Barrow, T. Leicester, A. Fay, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. B. Sparks, W.M. 1289; J. G. Davis, W.M. 604; A. G. Coveney, P.M. 605; Burrows, P.M. 673; John King, J.W. 823; T. Toddington, 1073; Ellis Davies P.M. 605; D. J. Parry, 673; O. Jones, J.W. 605; T. Cockcroft, 605; W. B. Minchin, 394; C. Burchall, 1547; J. Davies, 724; and J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609.

The position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. H. Matthews, P.M., who proceeded, according to ancient custom, to instal Bro. J. H. Jones as the Worshipful Master of the Warren Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Matthews in a most impressive manner, well meriting the special vote of thanks which was given to him at the close. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. W. Danger, I.P.M.; G. Allister, S.W.; C. T. Rawson, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Mason, Sec.; T. B. Hughes, S.D.; John Lawton, J.D.; H. Matthews, P.M., M.C.; Richard Jones, I.G.; W. Mathias, S.S.; R. Luke, J.S.; H. D. Roberts, Org.; and Holloway was re-appointed Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. was greeted with warmest wishes by brethren from other lodges in West Lancashire and Cheshire. Before the closing of the lodge a hearty vote of thanks was given to H. D. Roberts, the Organist of the lodge, for his services.

The brethren after business sat down to an excellent banquet, the post of honour at the table being occupied by Bro. J. H. Jones, W.M. As usual in assemblies of the Masonic Fraternity, the loyal toasts were given and responded to with the greatest heartiness, and during the evening "The Worshipful Master" was most enthusiastically received.

A pleasant feature in the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. Danger, I.P.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Warren Lodge during a series of years, especially in the course of that in which he occupied the position of W.M.

A capital programme was provided during the evening by Bros. Parker, Matthews, Fay, Davies, J. King (J.W. 823), Mason, H. D. Roberts, Skinner, and Danger.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The usual lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Friday evening, the 20th ult.; the officers present being Bros. T. Tillman, W.M., P.G.S. of W.; W. Brandt, P.M., acting S.W.; T. Pinkney, J.W.; J. Tillman, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., acting Sec.; J. C. Moor, J.W. 97, acting Treas.; Chapman, S.D.; T. L. Howarth, J.D.; J. B. Wilkinson, I.G.; and W. H. Craven, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened in due form, in the course of the evening Bro. J. Murphy, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. Pinkney, Treasurer; and Bro. W. H. Craven, Tyler. The resignation of Bro. R. Hudson, P.M., P.G.S., Treasurer, was read and accepted, it also being resolved that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Hudson for his valuable services to the lodge. The resignation of Bro. J. Williamson, as Secretary, on leaving the town, was read and accepted, and the thanks of the brethren ordered to be given to him. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

DAWLISH.—Salem Lodge (No. 1443).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, in this pretty sea-side town, on the 16th ult., when Bro. F. Lee was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. A goodly number of visiting brethren were present on the occasion, and were warmly welcomed by the brethren of the lodge. Among them were Bros. J. Dodge, P.M. 1402; A. I. Blamey, I.P.M. 1402; J. Lane, W.M. 1402; C. H. Collings, P.M. 303; J. J. O. Evans, W.M. 303; W. Denham, I.P.M. 39; A. Roberts, S.W. 372; W. T. Start, 1205; J. S. Kesterman, P.M., P.P.G.R., 303; W. H. R. Sanders, J.D. 303; and R. Letheren, 1402.

Bro. S. Loram, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who always does his work in a most efficient manner, carried out the duties of Installing Master. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. C. Chinneck, I.P.M.; W. H. Lear, S.W.; W. Southwood, J.W.; H. L. Friend, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Chap.; J. S. W. Cudborne, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Discombe, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Coles, S.D.; G. H. P. Westcott, J.D.; James Lee, D. of C.; W. H. G. Ruth, Org.; J. Shapter, I.G.; R. Williams and W. C. Tapper, Stewards; P. Haggarty, Tyler; and S. Loram, Rep. at Com. of Petitions.

The other brethren present were Bros. F. C. Hallett, P.M.; W. Ball, P.M.; and G. B. Avant, P.M.

After closing the lodge the brethren, with one or two exceptions, adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided at Bro. W. Ball's, the Strand. At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. F. Lee gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Bro. J. C. Chinneck, the I.P.M., was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, with a chaste Past Master's jewel.

BATH.—Arkwright Lodge (No. 1495).—The interests of Masonry in this charming and romantic Peak district received a decided impetus by the successful gathering held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., in connection with the above-named lodge, which has its head-quarters in Tyack's Hotel, Matlock. Notwithstanding the boisterous and inclement weather of Tuesday, Wednesday saw the beautiful scenery of the locality bathed in sunshine; and a large number of visitors attended the festival.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Hill, W.M., who, besides a goodly muster of the brethren of the lodge, was supported by the following: Bros. W. B. Hextall, P.M., P.S. G.W. Derbyshire; A. Frazer, P.S.G.D. Derbyshire; the Rev. Thomas Orrell, P.G. Chap.; Geo. Cay, W.M. 731; Bowler, W.M. 787; Wilkinson, W.M. 1235; W. Whitaker, P.M. 731; Lawson, P.M. 1235; Lugg, P.M. 884; Belfield, S.W. 802; Hibbert, 787; Harrison, 1235; Webster, 731; Helps, 731; S. Hall, 731; Bennett, 787; Webster, 787; Mill, 1235; Hobson, 1852; Edgar Horne, 731; W. J. Piper, 802; Weldon, 925; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; T. H. Orme, 731; and Radford Pym, 787.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Robert A. Greenhough, was duly installed by Bro. Frazer, who conducted the interesting and impressive ceremony with admirable taste and skill, receiving able assistance at the hands of Bro. Hextall and Bro. Whitaker. Bro. Greenhough subsequently appointed his officers for the ensuing year as under: Bros. M. Hill, I.P.M.; H. Tislington, S.W.; Vernon J. Greenhough, J.W.; T. Parker, P.M., Treas.; J. Holmes, Secretary; J. C. Innes, S.D.; J. A. Wheatcroft, J.D.; W. Lennox, D. of C.; H. B. Boag, I.G.; and J. King, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, the W.M. received the congratulations of his brethren, after which the company adjourned to the dining room of the hotel, where an elegant and well-served banquet was partaken of. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured, "The Healths of the W.M." and "The Installing Master" being received with especial heartiness and goodwill.

LIVERPOOL.—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and the gathering proved one of the most successful of the "Emulation" series, as it was numerously and influentially attended by many whose names are prominent in connection with the Fraternity in this division. The chair at the opening of the lodge was taken by Bro. R. Foote, the retiring W.M., and the officers present were Bros. H. Coulston, I.P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; H. H. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; M. Strong, J.W.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., Treas.; P. Thomas, Sec.; W. J. Kretschman, S.D.; W. Favery, J.D.; W. Foulkes, I.G.; A. H. Hallwood, J.S.; and W. Burnet, Org. The visitors present at the ceremony were Bros. H. S. Alpass, G. Std. B. Eng., P.G. Sec. W. Lanc.; Dr. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; J. Houlding, P.P.G.R.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Duncan, jun., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Firth, P.G.S.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; J. H. Parker, P.M. 1547; W. H. Veever, P.M. 594; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; R. Martin, P.M., Treas. 1182; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; W. Robinson, 248; and C. Fothergill, W.M. 1264.

After the transaction of preliminary business, Bro. R. Foote, the retiring W.M., then proceeded to instal Bro. H. H. Smith, as his successor in the chair, the presentation being made by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., and the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C. The ceremony was performed with much effectiveness, and the following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. R. Foote, I.P.M.; Peter Thomas, S.W.; Leon Kretschman, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap., C.; J. T. Callow, Treas.; W. Parry, Sec.; W. Foulkes, S.D.; A. H. Hallwood, J.D.; H. Coulston, P.M., M.C.; W. Burnet, Org. (re-appointed); J. Lancaster, I.G.; W. B. Sweetman, J.S.; J. G. Hallwood, A.S.; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. H. H. Smith, the W.M., presented Bro. R. Foote, I.P.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel in token of the esteem of the brethren, and a special vote of thanks was subsequently passed to Bro. Foote for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of marshalling master.

At the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where dinner was served by Bro. W. Woodhouse, 1075. Bro. Woodhouse has been recently appointed to the post of House Steward of the Masonic Hall, and his catering on this occasion was of the very

highest quality, eliciting encomiums from all who were present at the table, while the serving was of an equally satisfactory nature. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to, and an excellent programme of music was provided by Bros. Burnet, Bryan, Muir, Ramage, Bucknell, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

The first monthly meeting of this lodge, after the installation in September, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. Wm. Savage, the new W.M. was at his post, and amongst his officers and brethren were Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; L. Courtenay, P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M.; Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; Dr. Whittle, J.D.; J. O. Marples, I.G.; H. Round, S.; J. J. Monk, Org.; J. Cantor, Asst. Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; J. Chambers, J. Reay, Dr. Macpherson, J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; J. Keet, G. H. Jones, W. Hildyard, A. Harrison, E. H. Allen, Sylvester Mattison, P.P.G.S.; W. H. Owen, F. Emery, E. Graham, J. Ballard, J. Rawsthorne, jun., F. M'Connon, E. Wilson, A. Gordon, F. Wilkinson, F. Ferrani, D. Cumming, A. Hines, J. Boardman, P. Buck, B. Hughes, H. Williams, L. Neubert, G. Redmond, B. Streim, and others. The visitors included Bro. T. Berry, P.M. 155; H. C. Sidney, 95; C. H. Stephenson, 1319; C. H. Jones, 292; H. M. Quick, 1380; L. S. Dewar, 1319; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Terry, P.M. 1319; F. Kerr, 594; F. Ewart, 1086; T. F. Hill, P.M. 220; P. H. Davis, 1055; J. S. Russel, P.M. 292; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Ainley, 306; and H. Burrows, P.M. 673.

The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by the Secretary and duly confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Wm. Thomas Withy, Dr. James Bruce Macpherson, and Dr. S. R. Corder. The voting was unanimously in their favour, and Dr. Macpherson, being in attendance, was initiated into the Craft in the usual form. Bros. B. Hughes, A. Gordon, and M'Connon were passed to the Degree of F.C., the working of the W.M. and his officers in both Degrees being of the best description.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by many of the visitors, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren subsequently sat down to dinner in the large banqueting-room, under the presidency of Bro. Savage. The catering of Bro. Woodhouse, the House Steward, gave general satisfaction.

"The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to."

"The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. C. H. Stephenson, G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and W. F. Hill.

An excellent selection of music and recitations was given during the evening by Bros. Edgar Wilson, J. Cantor, T. Ainley, H. C. Sidney, Dr. F. A. Macpherson, L. Courtney, Dr. J. B. Macpherson, J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., C. H. Stephenson, Davis, and others.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—

This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Angel Hotel, under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. G. W. Rogers, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bro. A. R. J. Woolbright, I.P.M.; D. G. F. Gaul, S.W.; Horace Randall, J.W.; A. Bullard, P.M.; P.G.A.D. of C.; Rev. Geo. Sharley, Chap.; N. B. Webster, S.D.; H. Lovelace, J.D.; Chas. Barnes, Sec.; J. Firman, jun., acting Org.; E. Skipper, I.G.; W. H. Hornor, Steward; E. Hollidge, Tyler. Among the brethren and visitors present were: Bros. C. W. Bacon, P.G. Steward; and J. S. Carman, 1500.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to the ballot for Mr. R. Palmer, which proved unanimous, and the ceremony of initiation was impressively performed by the W.M.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. C. W. Bacon rose and asked permission for a procedure, which, he trusted, might not be against the rules of the Order; but as many of the brethren were anxious to get away, he was pleased to take the present opportunity of asking their indulgence for what he was about to do. Addressing Bro. Woolbright, Bro. Bacon said: Four weeks ago, he had the very high honour of presenting him (Bro. Woolbright), on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by them in token of the high esteem in which he was held, and also as a slight acknowledgment of his exemplary working, and the care he had bestowed during his year of office upon the affairs of the lodge. The brethren, he was happy to say, had determined to further mark the occasion by adding an illuminated address, bearing the names of all those who subscribed for the jewel. On their behalf he begged his kind acceptance of the same, at the same time assuring him that with it he had their sincere wish that it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to spare his life for many years, and that he would continue to come amongst them and assist in the glorious work of their Institution. Before he sat down, he desired to tender his sincere thanks to their worthy Secretary, Bro. Barnes, and to Bro. D. G. F. Gaul, the S.W., for their kind and valuable assistance, without whose assistance it would have been impossible to have brought this presentation to such a successful end.

Bro. Woolbright, in a most effective speech, gratefully acknowledged the gift, and thanked Bro. Bacon and the brethren for their kind remarks, and, addressing the W.M., said he had also a very pleasing duty to perform, in presenting to his Bro. Past Master G. T. Plumbly, P.G.S.B., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, wishing him many years of health and happiness to wear the same, and he trusted he might ever look upon it as a small tribute of the esteem in which he was held by every brother Mason in the province.

Bro. Plumbly, in accepting the same, thanked the brethren, one and all, for their kind thoughtfulness towards him, and stated that he should always look upon it as the evidence of their good feeling and sincerity, and so long as his life was spared to him he would continue to promote in every way the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Bacon promised to obtain an illuminated address, similar to the one presented to Bro. Woolbright.

The lodge was then closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th ult., at Essenden House, the residence of Dr. Spurrell. Present: Bros. James Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; F. Wood, S.W.; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; Spurrell, I.P.M. Treas.; Kentish, acting S.D.; Elliott, J.D.; Gibson, I.G.; H. A. E. de Pinna, Sec.; J. D. Paine, Macdonald, Barnes, Lemon, C. R. Paine, Maynard, Heather, and others. Visitors: Bros. Lightbody, Tozer, and Tedder.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Elliott was invested with the collar and badge of his office as J.D. by the W.M. Several brethren were balloted for and approved as joining members. Bros. de Pinna, C. R. Paine and Heather, were then passed to the Second Degree by the W.M.; after which, Messrs. W. J. Coleman and W. O. Robinson, who had been previously balloted for and approved, were admitted in ancient form, and initiated by the W.M. in his usual efficient manner.

Bro. Lightbody was proposed as a joining member. The brethren then proceeded to discuss the by-laws, which had been drafted by the Secretary, Bro. de Pinna, since the last meeting, and which were then approved. The Treasurer's report was then submitted to the lodge and showed a satisfactory balance in hand.

The J.W., Bro. Bateman proposed, the W.M. seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that a donation of £5 5s. be made to the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, Belvedere.

The W.M. proposed, Bro. de Pinna seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a Treasurer's jewel be presented to Bro. Dr. Spurrell, in recognition of his services. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—

A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. T. Cull, W.M.; Sparrow, S.W.; G. H. Hunter, J.W.; R. Pearcy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; J. A. Powell, S.D.; E. J. Spencer, I.G.; D. Moss, Darnell, Archer, Wolf, Brasted, Glass, Cobb, Crawley, Cooke, S. D. Hatch, Strugnell, Robinson, A. J. Dixie, F. Ashton, Chipperfield, Bevan, C. C. Turner, Rhodes, Airey, Carr, Marks, Weeden, Ferrar, Edmunds, Geer, R. M. Jones, Houghton, Meeham, Gribbell, Parkes, Forge, Wright, Osborn, Galer, Richardson, Williams, sen., Davis, and R. W. Pearcy.

All necessary formalities were complied with in opening the lodge. The minutes of last meeting were duly confirmed, after which the Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., Bro. T. Cull, being assisted by the following brethren:

First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Cooke, 186; Second, Bro. Glass, S.W. 453; Third, Bro. Cobb, 1745; Fourth, Bro. G. H. Hunter, P.M. 1298; Fifth, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Sixth, Bro. Sparrow, S.W. 1743; and Seventh, Bro. T. Cull, P.M. 1446.

Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. H. Hunter, P.M. 1298; Second, Bro. J. A. Powell, 186; Third, Bro. Airey, 1298; Fourth, Bro. Davis, P.M. 107; and Fifth, Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. 1950.

Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Strugnell, W.M. 1745; Second, Bro. Osborn, P.M. 1602; and Third, Bro. Edmonds, 1507.

The following brethren were then proposed as members: Bros. Ashton, 1807; Bevan, 749; Cobb, 1745; Cooke, 186; Davis, 167; A. J. Dixie, 453; Edmonds, 1507; E. D. Hatch, 357; Meeham, 1288; John Rhodes, 1524; Strugnell, 1745; C. C. Turner, 1677; Chipperfield, 749; and Wright, 1897, and were duly elected.

A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. T. Cull for the able manner he had worked the Sections; also to the brethren who kindly assisted him, after which the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 27th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Nevill, and there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Stokes, S.W.; Lucas, J.W.; G. W. Knight, S.D.; F. Thurston, J.D.; C. H. Phillips, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; J. S. Eidmanns, Pooler, and others.

The previous minutes having been confirmed, the First Section was worked, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Nevill affording great promise of efficiency. The ceremony was also worked in Sections, and Bro. Stokes having been elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—

This lodge met as usual on the 27th ult., at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse. Bro. Waller, P.M., was W.M., and had the support of Bros. Moore, S.W.; C. Breden, P.M., as J.W.; Charlton, Treasurer; Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; Ellingford, S.D.; Esmond, J.D. Hudson, I.G.; Dixon, Rolfe, Eting, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Dixon was interrogated as a candidate for the Third Degree. Bro. Ellingford then worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Dixon candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down, and Bro. Moore was elected to occupy the chair upon the next lodge meeting, and lodge was closed in harmony.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—

The above lodge of instruction, which is held at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday, the 26th ult., when the brethren, notwithstanding the inclement weather, assembled in large numbers, to hear the ceremonies of consecration and installation rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.S.G.W. of Norths and Hunts, &c., and Sec. R.M.B.I. The lodge was opened in due form, and the presiding officer appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Shaw, P.M. 834, S.W.; Taffs, S.W. 186, J.W.; Rowan, 1901, S.D.; Gauntlett, 1901, J.D.; Taylor, Sec. 1531, I.G.; Powell, 1185, Organist; and Bowler, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which, it is quite unnecessary to observe, was

rendered in a most impressive manner. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. W. H. Hook, I.P.M. 1901, being installed as W.M.; Bros. Shaw, S.W.; Burnett, J.W.; Eagle, Treasurer, Bellis, Sec.; Rowan, S.D.; Gauntlett, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; and Bowler, Tyler. The charges were delivered by Bro. Terry in a very effective manner. Several of the visitors present were elected as members, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry, for his kindness in presiding on the occasion was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, provided by the host, Bro. J. S. Gurney, and recitations given by Bros. L. Eagle, St. Leger, Hook, Powell, Campbell, and Dawson brought the evening to a most successful termination.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—

The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the able presidency of Bro. C. W. Wise, P.M. 1158, Preceptor, by whom the questions were put and ably answered by the following brethren:

First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Holloway, P.M. 1158; Second, Bro. Serjeant, 1765; Third, Bro. Darch, P.M. 72; Fourth, Bro. Holloway, P.M. 1158; Fifth, Bro. Leaper, W.M. 1275; Sixth, Bro. Wise, P.M. 1158. The inclement weather prevented the attendance of several brethren, and the Seventh Section was consequently omitted, and the lodge called off. On resuming, the lodge was advanced to the Degree of F.C., and the Sections of Second Lecture were worked as follows: First Section, Bro. Morris, W.S. 193; Second, Bro. Smith, P.M. 1158; Third, Bro. Ball, P.M. 144; Fourth, Bro. Stewart, P.M. 1158; and Fifth, Bro. Hartley, 72. After opening the lodge in the Third Degree, the Sections of the Third Lecture were worked as follows: First Section, Bro. Morris, W.S. 193; Second, Bro. Darch, P.M. 72; and Third, Bro. Mordey, 1744.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his admirable working of the Sections; and the Secretary, Bro. Walter Wood, J.W. 193, expressed the thanks of the lodge to Bros. Leaper, S.W.; Darch, J.W.; and the brethren rehearsing the various Sections, for their cordial assistance. Bro. Wood reminded the lodge that they had just completed twelve months in their present quarters, and hoped that the gradual increase in the average attendance at the weekly meetings would continue in the year upon which they were then entering.

South London brethren should visit this most punctual and regular lodge, which is easy of access from all parts south of the Thames, meeting at the Pheasant, Stangate, Bro. Lloyd's, every Thursday, at eight o'clock.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—

This well known lodge met on Monday evening, the 30th ult., and in spite of the very severe weather was well attended. The business of the evening was the working of the Fifteen Sections, by Bros. J. Davison, P.M. 299, W.M.; W. Martin, S.D. 879, S.W.; G. Perkins, 765, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M. 879, 1623, Preceptor; J. Laurence, I.G. 1326, Sec.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; J. W. Ewens, J.D.; Freyer, I.G.; and H. Duncher, Tyler.

First Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. Perkins, 765; Second, Bro. Freyer, 879; Third, Bro. J. Laurence, I.G., 1326; Fourth, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 879, 1623; Fifth, Bro. J. Davis, W.M. 879; Sixth, Bro. W. Martin, S.D. 879; Seventh, H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. R. J. Greenwood, 1623; Second, Bro. G. Perkins, 765; Third, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 879, 1623; Fourth, Bro. W. Martin, S.D. 879; Fifth, Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. Strugnell, W.M. 1745; Second, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 879, 1623; Third, Bro. J. Davis, W.M. 879.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was further opened in the three Degrees and resumed in the First. The Sections having been completed and lodge resumed, it was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be given to the W.M., and recorded on the minutes, for the very able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony, and also that the thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bro. W. Martin, for the admirable manner in which he had filled the onerous position of S.W., likewise that both be elected honorary members with full privileges.

In reply, the able and distinguished brethren expressed their desire to be useful members, and as such, would always be found ready when wanted. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the Section. The following brethren were then elected joining members: Bros. R. White, P.M. 615; Stone, S.W. 299; G. Perkins, 765; Freyer, 879; J. Strugnell, W.M. 1745; H. D'Arcy, 1326; and H. Scurr, 879.

The W.M. having risen for the second and third times, the Secretary said he had nothing to communicate except that looking a good way ahead he might remind the brethren that the annual dinner of this lodge would take place on the fourth Monday in January, 1883. He mentioned this so that the brethren might reserve themselves for the occasion, and also that they might give timely notice to the Secretary and so avoid the crush for tickets. Due notice will be given when tickets are issued.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Bro. Chubb, officiated as W.M., assisted by Bros. Hasluck, S.W.; Pocock, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Fletcher, J.D.; J. G. Langton, I.G.; Sudlow, Precept.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; and Bros. Tanqueray, Willis, Herbage, Godwin, Hosken, and Barnett.

The lodge opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree, when the ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willis acting as candidate. After a "call off" the Preceptor worked the Sixth Section of the First Lecture, assisted by Bro. Morris, and the W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Pocock was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he announced that the work would be the Second Degree; the Third Section of the First Lecture worked by Bro. Fletcher, and the Fourth and Seventh by Bro. Bishop. The W.M. rose for the second and third time, and the lodge was closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Geo. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. R. Poore, W.M.; C. H. Phillips, Treas., S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Sec.; W. Lucas, S.D.; W. Croucher, J.D.; F. A. Smith, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, W.M. 1949; Thos. Poore, P.M., &c.; G. W. Knight, R. W. Pooler, J. A. Danks, A. E. Albert, G. Monk, J. Harling, P.M. 30; and S. Richardson, J.D. 183. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed, in a very excellent manner, the ceremony of passing; Bro. Richardson kindly acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Pooler as candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree. Bros. J. Harling, P.M. and Treas. 30, and S. Richardson, J.D. 183, were unanimously elected members, and returned thanks. Bro. Phillips, Treas., was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This chapter held a meeting, on the 24th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, M.E.Z.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, H.; H. Turner, J.; H. Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; G. Manners, S.N.; Bristow, P.S.; F. Clemow, 1st Asst.; W. Farrington, Org.; J. H. Dodson, I.P.Z.; Lowe, C. Brown, F. Farrington, W. E. Farrington, Farthing, Harding, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Dalwood proposed, and the M.E.Z. seconded, that the annual subscription be raised to three guineas. The proposition, after some discussion, was carried unanimously.

The M.E.Z. having given a notice of motion that the present nights of meeting be changed, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—A convocation of the above influential chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, which was not only well attended, but remarkable for the elaboration of the ceremony of exaltation, as performed for the benefit of Bro. Walter Ducker, 700, who, upon the occasion under notice, was exalted to the Supreme Degree. The furniture of the chapter is of the newest and most artistic character, while the robes of the three first Principals are both superb and costly, so that the companions of a chapter about to be consecrated in the neighbourhood will easily understand the why and wherefore their request for the loan of them was (with regret) not acceded to.

The chapter having been opened by Ex. Comp. W. B. Lloyd, M.E.Z., the following were present: Ex. Comps. Eugene Sweny, H.; H. Mason, J.; Comps. T. D. Hayes, I.P.Z.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.G.P.S. Kent; C. Coupand, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G. P.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent; W. Musto, P.Z., P.Z. 248; H. Pryce, S.E.; T. R. Richardson, D. Campbell, Dr. W. R. Smith, M.B.; W. Rees, G. Frost, R. Hewitson, H. Wilson, C. Clapham, C. Ellis, G. Nichols, J. H. Roberts, A. Randall, Jas. Topp, G. Spinks, 13; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

On account of the unavoidable absence of Comps. Cook and Edmunds, the positions of S.N. and P.S. were filled, and admirably so, by Comps. Musto and Rees; in fact, the admirable working of these companions, in their respective places, was highly commended.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, Bro. Ducker, having been approved of, was duly initiated, and although this was the first meeting since the installation of the Principals, the lengthy and beautiful histories and legends of the Order were rendered, with one exception, without a halt or breakdown of any description; thanks to the unceasing tuition of Ex. Comp. Denton, the Preceptor to both lodge and chapter of instruction attached to the "Pattison." The request for the loan of the furniture and effects of the chapter above spoken of, having been considered and settled, the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of a quiet little supper.

On re-assembling round the social board, the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were drunk in bumpers. Comp. Hayes, I.P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," pointed out in forcible language the admirable manner in which Comp. Lloyd had upon that, his first night in the chair of Z., worked the ceremonies appertaining to that office, and augured from that, and the good work done by him while in the chair of the lodge, a happy and prosperous year or office under his rule.

Comp. Lloyd, in response, assured the brethren that he should do all he could to verify the prediction of Comp. Hayes, and cordially thanked the Second and Third Principals, and also Comps. Musto and Rees, for their valuable assistance that night.

Comp. Spink, the only visitor present, met with an ovation when his name was coupled with the toast of "The Visitors." The M.E.Z., in the name of the chapter, heartily welcomed him home from Natal, where for the last three years he had been serving his Queen and country as Commissary Officer, in charge of stores at Newcastle, South Africa. That he was a good and zealous Mason they all knew, and when he, the M.E.Z., mentioned the fact that while at Natal, Comp. Spink had gone two hundred miles up the country to assist in an installation meeting, they would at once endorse every word he had said as to the truly Masonic feeling that inspired their most excellent companion and brother. He asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved, and it was so drunk.

In the course of his reply, and after thanking the companions for their kind reception of both himself and also the toast attached to his name, Comp. Spink spoke at length of Masonry at the Cape and in Natal. He said

Masonry there was something more than a mere name; it lived, and moved, and evidenced itself by its large and expansive heart. There they met in halls dedicated to Masonry alone; one lodge in which he had affiliated himself to there, met in a hall that cost £6000 to build. There they not only welcomed every Mason that came to them, but absolutely looked around to find Masons, and took them by the hand, and found them a home in Masonry worthy of the name. He was proud to say that Masonry was flourishing in Natal; and there they had, only recently, received a charter from the Grand Lodge of England to found a District Grand Lodge to rule and govern them. There he met Comp. and Bro. Deeves, who was commissary officer in charge of stores at Pietermaritzburg. That brother, whom they all knew to be an indefatigable Mason, had started a lodge of instruction, and was from one end of Natal to the other looked up to as an authority in Masonry, and would, he (Comp. Spink) felt sure, take a high position in the new District Grand Lodge. He was thankful to be home again; but was ready, as a soldier, to go wherever duty called, and, wherever he went to, he should always remember with pleasure his Masonic friends in Woolwich, Plumstead, and Natal. He again thanked the M.E.Z. and companions, and resumed his seat amid applause.

The toast of "The Past Principals" followed, and Ex. Comp. Coupland responded, referring with pride and satisfaction to the honour conferred upon Comp. Butter, he having been invested as P.G.P.S. at the last Grand Chapter meeting.

"The Officers" and Janitor's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were of a most harmonious and enjoyable character.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others: Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; C. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx. H. and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, J. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.H. Middx. &c., I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. S.E., acting P.S.; R. H. Saunders, S.N.; Smiles, and S. H. Saunders, Assist. S.N.'s; and Harrison, Janitor. Comp. H. Bué, Alfred Chapter, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, P.G. Chap. Middx. 1503, was most impressively exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Rushworth, M.E.Z.; W. H. Saunders, H.; T. C. Walls, J. and S.E.; R. H. Saunders, S.N.; W. Taylor, Treas.; Metier, P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor.

A Past Principal's jewel having been unanimously voted to the M.E.Z. for the very able way in which he had conducted the affairs of the chapter during the past year, the convocation was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed, "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Ex. Comp. Thrupp, P.G.N. The toast of "The Exalte" drew from Comp. the Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, an excellent reply. "The Second and Third Principals" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Rushworth and W. H. Saunders, and "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. Walls terminated the proceedings.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The first meeting of this chapter for four months took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The long interval since the companions met was caused through the hall being redecorated and thoroughly cleaned. The following were present: Comps. James Dawson, Z.; J. E. Steward, J.; John Bladon, S.E.; H. Walmsley, S.N.; C. Oldham, P.S.; J. W. Almond, 1st Asst. Soj.; R. R. Lisenden, 2nd Asst. Soj. (*Freemason*); J. W. Edwards, Treas.; J. J. Lambert, P.S.E.; H. L. Rocca, W. R. Sowter, S. D. McKellen, W. Hardcastle, Abraham Weld, and J. G. Elderton. Visitors: Comps. J. N. Squirril, 1387; J. R. Lever, H. 1496; J. M. Sinclair, 163; G. Burslem, S.E. 1496; and J. McGrath, P.S. 1496.

After the chapter had been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the companions adjourned to tea. Upon re-assembling in the lodge-room, Bro. William Henry Meakin, 1773, was balloted for, and duly elected. He was afterwards exalted, together with Bro. John Garside, of the Affability Lodge (who had been previously elected), to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, in a most efficient manner. The M.E.Z. afterwards delivered, with his customary ability, two of the lectures to the candidates, and Comp. J. E. Steward, H., gave the other.

The beautiful and somewhat lengthy ceremony being over, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in the usual manner.

The companions afterwards spent a pleasant couple of hours around the social board, where "The Healths of the Newly-Exalted Companions" were proposed and responded to.

"The Health of Comp. Nicholl, J.," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who remarked that it was a matter of serious regret to them all that Comp. Nicholl was unfortunately absent from their midst, owing to urgent business. He felt sure no one regretted his absence more than their esteemed companion himself, especially as he felt certain Comp. Nicholl had prepared himself to deliver one of the lectures, which, beyond a doubt, he was quite capable of delivering to the satisfaction of them all. He felt sure Comp. Nicholl was thinking of them at the present time. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—This eminent chapter of improvement has resumed its weekly meetings for the season at its old quarters in the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and as usual, its convocations are well attended, notwithstanding the comparatively early hour (6.30) at which they are held, to suit the convenience of members living at a distance from the city. Comp. Brown still appears punctually at his post as Preceptor, and that being so it is almost needless to say that the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry under his auspices is correctly and strictly adhered to, and those aspirants for honours in this exalted

degree have only to attend to the lecturing here so freely given to be qualified for any position that may be properly open to them. The meeting on Tuesday last was well attended, and as usual the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with the following officers: Comps. Briggs, Z.; J. S. Fraser, H.; Webb, J.; Cottrell, N.; Haynes, P.S.; Edmonds, candidate. The Comps. present were: Willey, W. Fraser, Warrant, Power, Daniels, Fullwood, Abell, Smith, H. Thompson, Rowe, Lilley. Comps. Rosenthal, 1260, and Allen, 742, were elected members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing fortnight: Edmonds, Z.; Rowe, H.; Lilley, J.; Cottrell, N.; and Allen, P.S. The convocation was closed in due form and adjourned to Tuesday evening next, at half-past six.

Rosicrucian Society.

MANCHESTER.—Lancashire College.—The regular meeting of this college was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, on Saturday, the 7th ult., when the following fraters were present: R.W. Fraters Thos. Entwistle, Hon. 9°, Chief Adept; G. P. Brockbank, Hon. 9°, Suffragan; Fraters J. D. Murray, Secretary to the college; A. H. Crossley, Wm. Nicholl, T. C. Thorburn, A. H. Jefferis, W. J. Thomson, H. T. Byrom, R. B. Siddon, J. F. Hoffgaard, A. Middleton, R. Young, J. T. Richardson, W. H. Horrocks, J. M. Kerr, Frank A. Huet, and W. M. Wylde.

At the last meeting, at Wigan, Frater J. D. Murray was elected Celebrant, and was now invested and installed as Celebrant for the ensuing year by the R.W. Frater J. Entwistle. The following fraters were then appointed as officers: Frater James Horrocks, Deputy Celebrant; R.W. Frater G. P. Brockbank (re-appointed), Treas.; Fraters J. H. Hoffgaard, 4th Antient; Arthur Middleton, 3rd Antient; H. T. Byrom, 2nd Antient; A. H. Crossley, 1st Antient; W. M. Wylie, Secretary; Reginald Young, Preceptor; James Danber, Organist; R. B. Seddon, Conductor of Novices; John Barratt, Herald; J. T. Richardson, Guardian of Temple; Wm. Nicholl, Torch Bearer; and W. J. Thomson, Medallist.

Certificates from the High Council were delivered to several of the fraters, after which Bro. Patrick Murray Hunter, W.M. 1313, having been elected, was admitted to the grade of Zelator, and the second grade—Theoricus—was conferred on Fraters Richardson, Nicholl, and Wylde by the Chief Adept, assisted by the newly-installed Celebrant.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the customary banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

The Chief Adept, in proposing "The Health of the Celebrant," congratulated the college on the appointment, and said he had no doubt whatever but that during the ensuing year Frater Murray would discharge the duties of Celebrant in as satisfactory a manner as he had done those of Secretary the past three years.

The healthy tone of this college speaks well for its prosperity in the future.

MASONIC BALL AND CONCERT AT MANCHESTER.

The members of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055, gave the first of a series of "petits bals" and concerts on the 16th ult., at their rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, Manchester. With no exception, the artistes gave their services gratuitously, and a double share of thanks is due, and certainly was awarded to Mr. Chas. E. Stevens, the popular comedian (late of the Queen's Theatre), for so kindly volunteering his services, and exerting himself so much to amuse the company. The entertainment commenced at eight o'clock, with a pianoforte performance by Bro. W. G. Pettitt, "Theme Allemande," which was followed by a song from Bro. P. H. Davis, entitled "The Flipitty Flop Young Man." Bro. Thomas Campbell next cleverly executed a solo on the French flageolet, called "Les Folies," and which was loudly and deservedly applauded. Miss Morrison (daughter of our highly esteemed Bro. Alexander Morrison) sang, with taste, "Thy voice is near," after which Bro. R. K. Lisenden (by permission of Bro. J. H. Greenwood) gave "The Cruise of the Calabar." "Give me the man of honest heart" was well sung by Bro. W. Alcock, as was "The Bugler," by Mr. J. S. Cannan. The lion's share of applause was, however, showered upon Mr. Stevens, who fairly convulsed the audience with his melancholy comic effusion, "Put a plaster on my chest," and "Qui va sans dire" was rewarded with a vociferous encore, in response to which (in the second part), he sang George Grossmith's, "He went to a Party," and later in the evening, by request of Bro. Lisenden (in whose name the song was set down), "The Muddle-puddle Porter." Each song was most funnily rendered, and provoked much laughter; in fact, it is not too much to say that the audience would willingly have listened to half a dozen songs more from this clever comedian. The remainder of the entertainment was carried out by Bro. D. D. Macpherson, 163, who read a selection from Mark Twain's "Tramp abroad;" Bro. Thomas Campbell, who performed a selection from "La Sonnambula," on the violin, very ably; Miss Morrison, who sang "Barney O'Hea;" Bro. W. Alcock, "My sweetheart when a boy;" Mr. J. S. Carman, "Sailing;" and Bro. Pettitt, who played the grand valse "Fenella," on the pianoforte. The concert was undoubtedly a great success, and was much enjoyed by a numerous and fashionable audience, amongst whom we noticed Bro. Alfred and Mrs. Turner, Bro. Morris and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Joseph Warren, Bro. T. H. Glendinning, Bro. Alexander and Miss Morrison, Bro. Thos. E. Rigby, Mrs. Crookford, Mrs. Lisenden, and others. After the concert the company partook of refreshment, and eventually indulged in the mazy dance until the small hours of the morning. We must not omit to give a special meed of praise to Bro. Thomas E. Rigby, under whose superintendence the programme was executed.

Bro. J. Estlick, J.W., at Chacewater, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Masonic Mark Lodge at Chacewater, for the ensuing year, and Bros. J. Nisess, P.M., and W. Lean were nominated as treasurer and tyler. The installation takes place on the fourth Monday in November.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. George Kenning has received instructions from the General Purposes Committee to manufacture the sword to be presented to Admiral Sir Frederick Beauchamp Paget Seymour, G.C.B., F.R.G.S., A.D.C. to Her Majesty the Queen.

Bro. the Right Rev. Bishop Beckles, D.D., performed the ceremony of marriage between his brother, Mr. S. H. Beckles, F.R.S., F.G.S., and Miss J. G. Spooner, at Kew Church, by special licence.

The meetings of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, are held on the third Thursday in the months of January, February, March, June, October and November, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey.

Bro. the Earl or Shaftesbury will preside at a public meeting of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, at Willis's Rooms, on the 15th inst., in connection with the Egyptian crisis on the subject of the African slave trade.

Bro. Lord Percy, M.P., and Bro. the Lord Mayor are members of a Committee just formed to entertain the battalions of Foot Guards who served in Egypt, and who are expected home about the 14th inst. V.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the officer in command of the Foot Guards, left Alexandria on Tuesday for England via Brindisi.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Rosslyn, and Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford were amongst those who assembled at the celebration of the marriage of the Earl of Durham and Miss Ethel Milner, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Saturday afternoon. The Earl and Countess left for The Durdans, Epsom, Lord Roseberry's seat, for the honeymoon.

On Friday evening the 27th ult., at a largely attended meeting of the House Committee of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Robinson, it was resolved to proceed with the decoration of the chapter and other rooms, staircases, corridors, and other portions of the building, at a cost of upwards of £500. Cordial thanks were given to Bro. R. Washington, P.P.G. S.D., for his gift of a very valuable clock, which has been placed in the entrance hall of the building.

A new work is in the press upon the "Disputed Text" in the First Epistle of St. John, about the three that bear witness in heaven. In the revised version of the English Bible this verse is omitted without explanation or comment, and we understand that the aim of the forthcoming work is to show that this is to decide an old controversy in a new way, without any substantial addition to the evidence. The work is enriched by a section from an eminent Dignitary of the church who is himself a member of the Committee for the revision of the Bible. It is by the Rev. H. T. Armfield, M.A.F.S.A., a rector of Colne, Engaine, Essex, and will be published by Messrs. Bagster and Sons, the eminent Biblical publishers of Paternoster-row.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain Great City Lodge, Incumbent of Curzon Chapel; Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., S.W. Brixton Lodge, F.R.G.S.; the Duke of Marlborough, K.G.; Rowland Plunbe, F.R.I.B.A.; and Alderman Fowler, M.P., are Stewards for the festival dinner of the National Orphan Home, in addition to those we mentioned last week. The dinner is fixed for Tuesday, and it is hoped a large number of noblemen and gentlemen will support our Royal brother the Chairman (H.R.H. Prince Leopold), as the banquet is being held at a different time of year from the conventional one in the spring. We may add that the Secretary, Captain Taylor (late 108th Regiment), is a member of the Fraternity since 1845, and was initiated in the George William Lodge, of the 94th Regiment, and later a member of the Universal Assembly, and is also on the books of the Knight Templars Preceptory, Golden-square.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Sherborne on Wednesday last. A report will appear in our next.

A Lodge of Instruction is held in connection with the Temperance in the East Lodge, 898, on Wednesday evenings at the George the Fourth, Ida-street, Poplar. Bro. S. T. Finch, P.M. 861, 898, &c., is the Preceptor.

The marriage of Bro. the Rev. Thomas Cochran, Grand Chaplain, M.A., Rector of Stapleford Abbots, Essex, only son of the Hon. Sir James Cochran, formerly Chief Justice of Gibraltar, and Miss Julia Walker, younger daughter of the late Rev. William Walker, M.A., Vicar of Bardney, was solemnised on Tuesday in last week, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The Rev. St. George Walker, M.A., Rector of Elveden, and the Rev. Frederick Walker, Vicar of Kingswear, brothers of the bride, performed the ceremony, the bride being given away by her brother, Mr. Henry Walker, of Kilburn.

Bro. Wood, of 112, Cheap-side, has introduced a cigarette, which he calls the "Craft Cigarette," and has sent us a small packet "for review." This we do with pleasure, as it is much more agreeable than reviewing a dry book. Bro. Wood recommends us to smoke one while writing a notice, exhibiting a confidence in the genuineness and superiority of his wares which we can cheerfully say is not misplaced. Tastes vary, and in nothing more than tobacco; but this Craft cigarette suits us to a nicety, and it will give us great pleasure to keep on reviewing them, although we cannot promise to record their soothing influences in the pages of the *Freemason*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Spirits.—Everyone has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for harmoniously attuning circulation and respiration, disturbance of the balance of which produces a sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clean the furred tongue, and wholesomely stimulate the liver, and act as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.—[ADVT.]

R.W. Bro. the Lord Mayor unveiled the busts of Lord Beaconsfield and Mr. Gladstone, on Tuesday, in the vestibule of the Guildhall, in the presence of Bro. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Alderman Fowler, M.P., 1; Sheriff de Keyser, and Sir Wm. Thos. Charley, D.C.L.

The Inaugural Meeting of the New Club and Institute to be held at Bro. R. Hirst's, 237, Mile End-road, E., on Thursday evening, has to be postponed until the 16th inst., at 7 o'clock, in consequence of Lord Mayor's day occurring on next Thursday. The opening night will be devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections, when Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, and the Preceptor of the Club and Institute will preside, and be supported by numerous well-known and able workers. Bro. Dr. T. Loane, M.C. 1421, and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, &c., are acting as Joint Secretaries, and the undertaking promises to be a success. On Monday evening an inaugural supper was held to celebrate the completion of the structural arrangements which will enable the brethren to meet in a handsome and well appointed lodge-room. Bro. C. H. Bardouleau, 1421, presided, and was supported by Bro. Loane, 1421; Loftus, 1306; Stephens, 1623; Taylor, 554; Pringle, 781, &c. Bro. Hirst's, 1421, catering giving much satisfaction.

The performance of Gounod's "Redemption" at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, with several of our chief artistes in the leading parts, was honoured by the presence of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Limerick are staying at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone.

Bro. the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.S.W., and Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, were amongst the mourners at the funeral of Lieut.-Col. Balfour at Balbirnie, Fifeshire. The deceased is the only officer who has died belonging to the Foot Guards during the Egyptian war. Lieut.-Col. Balfour was wounded in the knee, but died of blood poisoning, after the operation at his sister's house, the Marchioness of Downshire. Lieut. Weyland has also died, and he is the only officer the Household Guards have lost from the war. He was attacked with dysentery at Malta.

Bro. Sir Henry Tyler, M.P. (Harwich), and family have been staying at Brighton. A most fashionable bazaar has just been held in aid of the funds of the rebuilding of the Chapel Royal.

Arabi's counsel are both English barristers, and both members of the Masonic Fraternity. Bro. A. M. Broadley is the son of the Rev. J. Broadley, rector of Bradpole, and honorary canon of Salisbury Cathedral. Bro. Broadley was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, in 1879, and left soon after for Tunis, where he has established an extensive and remunerative practice, and is a master of the native language. Bro. Broadley is a Past Master of Lodges 1835 and 1717, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta, besides being a member and holding office in many of the higher Degrees. As an author he has distinguished himself by the publication of a work on Tunis, entitled "The last Punic War." On the Tunisian Question Bro. Broadley may be regarded as an authority, he having occupied the position of "Times" correspondent during the French and Tunisian war. In connection with Masonic literature, we may also mention that Bro. Broadley has written a "History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta"—a work of much interest to Masons, not only in the Mediterranean, but in England as well. Bro. the Hon. Mark Napier, the junior counsel, is the third son of Francis Napier, ninth Lord Napier and Ettrick. He was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in 1876. He married the daughter of Lord Ranelagh, by whom he has two sons. His chambers are in Fig Tree-court, Temple.

At the Court of Common Council, held on Thursday last, at the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor remarked that it would be the last occasion on which he should preside, and therefore he took the opportunity of thanking the members for the cordial support he had received from them on all occasions. It was subsequently agreed to present our worthy brother with an illuminated vote of thanks on vellum.

The gold medal and other prizes given by the Prince and Princess of Wales for swimming, to the choristers and ex-choristers of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, were competed for on Friday last, at the Charing Cross Floating Bath. They will be presented at the general distribution of prizes next year.

Messrs. Brinsmead and Son having arranged for a series of concerts in aid of the endowment fund of the Royal College of Music, the first is to take place at St. James's Hall on the 16th inst., when Miss Anna Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Herbert Reeves, Signor Runcio, Mr. Barrington Foote, Signor Foli, and the London Vocal Union will sing.

Among those present on the platform at Charing Cross Station to greet Bro. Sir Garnet Wolsley, G.C.B., were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Mr. Gladstone, M.P., Bro. Earl Granville, Mr. Childers, the Duke and H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, and Lieut.-Col. Clarke, on behalf of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Professor Palmer, of whose untimely death there seems to be little, if any doubt, was a distinguished oriental linguist. He commenced his favourite studies at a very early age, and having matriculated at Cambridge, was elected a Fellow of St. John's College as a reward for his great oriental attainments. He had several times previously visited the Syrian Desert, and his command of the Arab language, as well as of the people's manners, was such that he might easily have passed himself off as one of them. Look seems to have been at the bottom of the cause to which he has fallen a victim.

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.]

The names of the following brethren appear in the requisition presented to Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, soliciting him to become a candidate for the London School Board: Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Edwin Freshfield, W. G. Harrison, Q.C., E. W. Hub-buck, G. M. Felton, J. A. Vickers, D. Shrewsbury, Henry Darcy, George Darcy, A. E. Gladwell, Edwin Fox, T. Fenn, R. J. Dart, G. Chillingworth, T. Hastings Miller, H. H. Heath, — Draper, F. Green, E. W. Stillwell, U. Knell, A. J. Altman, C. Spurgeon, J. R. Foulger, R. W. Paget, G. M. Taylor, H. W. Dalwood, and J. C. Dwarber.

Bro. Thos. Perrin has been unanimously elected Master of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297, for 1883, and his installation will take place on the last Saturday in March.

Bro. Alderman Hadley entered the fifty-first year of his age yesterday.

Bro. John Lobb, of St. Bride-street, delivered the address to the inmates of the Printers' Almshouses, Wood-green, on Sunday afternoon last.

Bro. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson will be installed W.M. of the St. Mark's Lodge of Mark Masters on Tuesday next.

On Saturday last some 200 gentlemen dined together at Anderton's Hotel, to inaugurate a club of journalists which has been established in Fleet-street. The president, Bro. G. A. Sala, was in the chair, supported by Lord Houghton, Viscount Folkestone, M.P., and by many journalists. After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed, Mr. G. A. Henty gave the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," coupled with the name of Capt. the Hon. B. Fitz Patrick. Lord Houghton responded for "The House of Lords." Viscount Folkestone and Dr. Cameron, M.P., responded for "The House of Commons." The president, in a speech of genial humour, proposed the toast of "Prosperity to the Club." Mr. C. Williams, the chairman of the club committee, responded, and other toasts were given.

The South Australian Parliament has voted £25,000 for the introduction of domestic servants, and £30,000 for the extinction of rabbits.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., has arrived at Chatham, where he will again take up his duties as Commandant of the Garrison.

On Thursday evening last the Lord Mayor elect (Bro. Alderman Knight), in accordance with ancient custom, entertained his brethren of the Court of Aldermen, the high officers of the Corporation, and some private friends, at a banquet which took place at Haberdashers' Hall.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will open the Norfolk Agricultural Hall at Norwich, on Thursday, the 16th inst.

The Prince of Wales's hunting stud, which is usually kept at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, has left Windsor by special train for Sandringham, as His Royal Highness intends hunting that country during the present season.

By command of the Queen, Bro. Sir Garnet Wolsley left London shortly after his arrival from Egypt for Balmoral, where, on Monday evening, he had the honour of dining with Her Majesty.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught has arrived in London from Balmoral, and will shortly be joined by the Duke of Connaught, who has already left Egypt for England.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, and the Earl of March, M.P., P.G.S.W. England, were among those who attended the funeral of Lieut.-Col. Balfour, of the Grenadier Guards, lately deceased of wounds received at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir.

Last week there was a large family gathering at Baron's Court, Newtown Stewart, Co. Tyrone, the seat of the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. Ireland, to celebrate the golden wedding of the Duke and Duchess.

The season of Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden Theatre will terminate this (Saturday) evening, when the performance will be for the benefit of Mr. C. Tod-Pullen, the acting manager.

Mr. Boutches, the newly appointed Professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh, delivered his inaugural address to the students on Tuesday afternoon, and was received most enthusiastically.

Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York, to whose pen we and the Craft in general are indebted for many erudite essays on Freemasonry, past and present, now gives us a specimen of his artistic skill and taste in the shape of an elaborately designed programme for the Mary Commandery Knights Templar, Philadelphia, on the occasion of the Bi-centennial of the landing of William Penn, which was celebrated on the 26th ult. It is one of the prettiest designs we have seen, and as Bro. Whythead does everything Masonic "con amore," we fear we shall be tempted to trouble him in a similar way when our "own artist" is barren in ideas.

Bro. R. D. Parr has removed from Hatton-garden to larger premises, 57, Fetter-lane.

Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., Viscount Powerscourt, C. C. Cotes, M.P., and Hon. F. S. A. H. Tracy, M.P., were among those present at Brook's, on Saturday evening, at a meeting of the Fox Club.

The annual banquet of the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday last, and was attended with great success. We hope to give an account in our next issue.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending October 25th was 980.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.—[ADVT.]



H.R.H. the R.W. Grand Master and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales visited the Royal Comedy Theatre on Friday week, to witness the performance of "Rip Van Winkle," and during the evening sent for M. Planquette, the composer, and Mr. H. B. Farnie, one of the writers of the story, and under whose charge it is produced. H.R.H. personally congratulated those gentlemen on the success of their work. We shall give a full account of the opera in our issue of Saturday next. There is no truth in the report that M. Planquette has been offered and refused £12,000 for the score of his new opera, as stated in some of the newspapers.

Bro. Sam Wilkinson, late stage-manager to Messrs. Jones and Barber, of the Alexandra Palace Theatre, is engaged to play in the pantomime at the Imperial Theatre, at Christmas, and also to combine the duties of stage-manager.

Miss Nellie Bromley has taken the part played by Miss Lottie Venn in "Betsy" on a former occasion. "Betsy" was revived on Monday last, at the Criterion, and Bro. W. J. Hill resumed his old character—indeed he could ill be spared. The Prince of Wales attended the performance on Monday evening.

"Romany Rye" is about being taken off the boards of the Princess's, and a new play, entitled "The Silver King," a five act play, by Messrs. Herman and Jones will be brought out in its stead. Mr. Wilson Barrett, Miss Eastlake, and the other members of the company now acting here will continue in the new drama. Bro. Herman, the joint author, is also the manager of the theatre.

The Grand Theatre, that takes the place of the late Philharmonic, will be opened on Easter Monday next, by Messrs. Holt and Wilmot. It will have not less than nine exits. It is to be constructed to hold 3000 persons; there will be three tiers of stage boxes and balcony, dress circle and gallery. The saloon, refreshment rooms, promenade, and smoking-rooms being on a level with the balcony.

At the invitation of Bro. Holland, the manager, about 200 of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) attended the afternoon performance of "The Merry War," on Saturday last. Several of the officers occupied seats in the private boxes and stalls. At the end of the first act the entire company sang "See the Conquering Hero Comes;" being encored, "Rule Britannia" was given. At the close the orchestra played the "National Anthem."

The Court re-opens the second week of this month with "The Parvenu," in which Miss Marion Terry, Miss Lottie Venn, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Anson, and Mr. Kemble will appear. Mr. Forbes Robertson retires, and his place as *Claude Glynde* will be filled by Mr. George Alexander. Messrs. Stephenson and Thomas are writing a new play, "The Comrades," in which Mr. Coghlan and Mr. Cecil, old favourites here, will play, in conjunction with the present staff of the Court.

We draw our readers attention to the fact that next week will be the last of "Fun on the Bristol" at the Olympic. This "dreadfully comic, terribly funny comedy-oditty," has been played in London four months, and is quite a novelty. It is a production of Yankee-land, and makes one almost split with laughter. Mr. Sheridan's make up of a lady, a mother of two grown up daughters, and still a coquette, will bear seeing more than once. To those who like strong Irish it is especially attractive. We should think the "last nights" will prove as remunerative as the opening nights, notwithstanding that now most of the theatres are open. The Prince and Princess of Wales honoured the performance on Tuesday, with their presence.

"More than Ever," by Mr. Matthison, was brought out on Wednesday, at the Gaiety, a matinée in which Miss Bella Howard, Mr. Squire and Mr. Wyatt, took part. We saw it stated that Mr. George Conquest and the whole company of the Surrey were to be present to see their melodrama "For Ever," burlesqued. Mr. Wyatt represented the *Man Kangaroo* (in the Surrey piece Mr. Conquest is *Zacky Pastrana, the Man Monkey*); Mr. Squire *Shambles*; Mr. Crutwell, *The Avenger*; *Lady Aqua Toffana*, Miss Howard. It is termed a concentrated tragedy in one horror.



The programme of last Saturday's "Pop" was an excellent one, and was most successfully rendered by the artists engaged. It included Schubert's quartet in A minor for strings, Rubenstein's sonata in D major for pianoforte and violoncello, Corelli's sonata in D major for violin, and Beethoven's variations in C minor for pianoforte alone. Madame Norman-Neruda (violin), and Middle Janotha (pianoforte) won great applause by their respective performances. Miss Cravino was the vocalist. To-day (Saturday) will be given Mozart's divertimento in D major for strings and horns, Haydn's trio in C major for pianoforte, violin and violoncello, sonata by Porpora for violoncello and Schumann's carnival for pianoforte alone. The executants, in addition to the two already named, will include M.M. L. Ries, Hollander, Mann, Standen, and Piatti, and Bro. Santley will be the vocalist.

Monday's "Pop" included Mendelssohn's quintet in B flat by Madame Norman-Neruda and M.M. Ries, Hollander, Zerbini, and Piatti; Schumann's piano-

forte trio in D minor, Beethoven's variations in C major, nocturne by Henschell, valse by Janotha for pianoforte alone, and a Hebrew melody, "Kol Nidrei," arranged by Max Brusch, for violoncello. The vocalist was Miss Marian Mackenzie. Monday next the selection will include Haydn's quartet in F major, Mendelssohn's trio in C minor (pianoforte, violin, and violoncello), Schumann's "Kreisleriana" for pianoforte, and a ballade by F. Neruda, for violin, with pianoforte accompaniment. The executants will be those already mentioned, with Miss Annie Marriott as the vocalist.

Mr. Walter Bach's pianoforte recital, consisting entirely of original compositions by Liszt, will take place on the afternoon of Monday next, at St. James's Hall. Liszt's sonata, dedicated to Schumann, will be played on this occasion for the first time in England. Mr. Arthur Oswald is announced as the vocalist.

In spite of the wretched weather of Saturday last, there was a fair attendance at the Crystal Palace concert, the attraction, no doubt, being the prelude to Wagner's "Parsifal," and the ballet airs from Goldmark's "Queen of Sheba," which were then given for the first time in this country. The other principal numbers were the overture to "Leonora," Schumann's symphony in D minor, and Mendelssohn's violin concerto. Middle Carlotta Badia was the vocalist, and Mr. Carrodus, as usual, distinguished himself as solo violin.

The programme of the first of the two Richter Concerts, which have been announced to take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., and Tuesday, the 14th inst., respectively, will include the introduction to Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," and to his "Parsifal," a new serenade in G major by Mr. Villiers Stanford, Liszt's Hungarian rhapsodie in F, and Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony.

The Mohawk Minstrels inaugurated the tenth year of their existence as a negro troupe on Thursday week, with a programme specially prepared for the occasion, and including, among other novelties and additions to the ordinary performances, Paul Martinetti and his company of pantomimists.

The first concert of the Royal Academy of Music, Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, came off on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., under the direction of Mr. Henry Holmes. Beethoven's quartet in C, Haydn's quartet in F, and Bach's concerto in D minor for piano solo with strings, constituted the programme. The executants were Messrs. Holmes, Parker, Gibson, and Howell, and Madame Haas.

To judge from the arrangements announced in connection with Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Musical Festival on Tuesday next and four following days, the worthy people of London-Super-Mare have in store for them a treat of rare excellence. Mr. Arthur Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch," and Mr. F. H. Cowen's "Scandinavian" symphony, to be conducted by the composers themselves, will be given on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning there will be a classical concert, on Thursday evening "Elijah," and on Friday evening a miscellaneous concert for the especial benefit of Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O.; the whole concluding on Saturday morning with a grand performance of "Redemption." The orchestra will be under the leadership of Mr. Carrodus, and the choir under that of Mr. A. King. Mr. Crapps will preside at the organ, and the solo pianists will be Miss Kuhe and Bro. Kuhe. Conductors Messrs. A. Manns, Kuhe, and Randegger. Among the principal vocalists will be Mesdames Albani, Trebelli, and Antoinette Sterling, and the Misses Ella Lemmens and Santley, with Messrs. E. Lloyd, F. King, H. Jones, Lucas Williams, Bro. Barton McGuckin, and Bro. Santley.

A prize of ten guineas for the best overture by a British musician has been offered for public competition by the directors of the Philharmonic Society. Sir Julius Benedict and Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G. Warden, have kindly consented to act as umpires.

There was a very full attendance in the Dome, Brighton, on Monday evening, on the occasion of Mr. Geo. Watts's second Philharmonic Concert. The principal vocalists were Madame Trebelli, Miss Spencer Jones, and Miss Robertson, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Barrington Foote, and Mr. Joseph Maas, with M. Hollman (violoncello) and Mr. W. Coenen (pianoforte).



The opening of the International Electric and Gas Exhibition at the Crystal Palace has been postponed till the end of the month, in consequence of the additional arrangements that have been found necessary in order to keep pace with the increased importance of the display.

It appears that the great comet, prior to its discovery by M. Cruls, had already been seen at the Cape of Good Hope, and it is believed to have been seen even at an earlier date still at Melbourne, whence, at all events, we have news of a planet of exceptional brilliancy having been seen there and in other parts of Australia. Owing to the state of the sky there have been difficulties in the way of sighting it, but from occasional glimpses obtained during the last few mornings, it is evidently much diminished in the grandeur of its appearance.

The fourteenth meeting of the Royal Commission on Technical Education was held at South Kensington Museum, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., F.R.S., among those present being Messrs. Slagg, M.P., Woodall, M.P., Dr. Roscoe, Messrs. Magnus, Swire, Smith, and G. N. Redgrave, Secretary. The subjects under discussion related to the future visits of the Commissioners to

educational institutes in the country, and the arrangements for the examination of the officials of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. Col. Donnelly, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, director of the South Kensington Museum, and Professor Huxley have given their evidence.

It is understood that on the occasion of the Earl of Rosebery's delivery of his sectional address this day (Saturday), the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh will confer on his lordship the Degree of LL.D.

A series of admirable portraits by the electric light have been recently produced by Mr. J. E. Mayall, of Bond-street and Brighton, among them being the heads of Mr. Justice Chitty, Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Pateman, and others. The utmost skill and judgment have been shown in the diffusion, distribution, and arrangement of the lights, there being, in spite of the intensity of the illuminating power, no harsh gradations of light and shade.

On Saturday last, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., opened a new Board school at Page Green, and in the course of his remarks spoke strongly against a reckless expenditure of money, which, in his opinion, seriously damaged the cause of education, by arousing hostile feelings in the minds of the ratepayers against the educational authorities.

Her Majesty's First Commissioners of Works, after consultation with Sir Joseph Hooker, has written to say that the *Temperate-house gates* at Kew-gardens will not be removed, as the prospect of their removal does not appear to have given satisfaction to the public, who would prefer their remaining where they are.

At a meeting held at Kew on Saturday last, general satisfaction was expressed at the above intimation. At the same time it was unanimously resolved that every effort should be made to have the gardens opened to the public at 10 a.m. instead of 1 p.m., subject only to such restrictions as might be necessary in connection with the scientific objects of the gardens.

Dr. Wm. Macintosh, President of the Natural History Chamber, in St. Andrew's University, was formally installed in office last week. Principal Shaip was in the chair, and several of the professors were present.

Several winter exhibitions of pictures have recently been opened, so that in art as in music the public will for some time to come find no lack of instructive entertainment. Thus the eighteenth annual show of water-colour drawings, at Mr. McLean's gallery in the Haymarket, was opened on Saturday, the number of works contributed by British and foreign artists being almost two hundred. One of the most prominent among the exhibitors, both as regards the number and quality of her contributions, is Miss Clara Montalba, to whose most important specimen "The Grand Canal," Venice, (No. 88), is assigned the place of honour. Among other exhibits must be mentioned "A Highland Raid," (No. 89), by Mr. Andrew Gow, A.R.A.; a pair of drawings by M. G. Jacquet, entitled respectively "The Brunette" (No. 86), and "A Fancy Dress" (No. 90), and flanking Miss Montalba's work; the late Cecil Lawson's "The Moon in russet mantle clad" (No. 87); and the last of his works "The Haunted Mill" (No. 93); M. Harpignies's "Evening" (No. 100); "A Lonely Shore, Forby Sands" (No. 158), by Mr. T. B. Hardy; "Spring Time" (No. 45), by Mr. Birket Foster; and Mr. James Ovrock's "In Broadgate Park, Leicestershire." Other contributors are Mr. Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A.; Mr. Boughton, A.R.A.; Sir John Gilbert, R.A.; and Rosa Bonheur.

Several pictures of a high order of merit are to be seen on the walls of Messrs. A. Tooth and Son's Gallery in the Haymarket, the principal attraction being, unquestionably, M. Bastien Lepage's contribution, "Le Père Jacques" (60), in which an aged, poverty-stricken woodman is wending his way along a path of flowers, which his little grandchild has turned aside to pluck. Mr. S. E. Walker's "Flown" (76), representing an official, standing, writ in hand, before the iron gateway of a deserted mansion, with two horse soldiers waiting within call, will be generally admired. Mr. Holl, A.R.A., is represented by "Pets" (32), a little girl nursing a tame rabbit; in strong contrast with the brightness of which is the sorrowful home so pathetically depicted in his "No Tidings" (100). "Gossips" (25), representing sundry groups of people, scattered at different tables on a shady terrace, and discussing the latest news or scandal over their coffee, is the work of Mr. Ridgway Knight. It is full of animation, and shows him to be an artist of marked ability. Mr. Andrew Gow, A.R.A., exhibits "The Wedding Morn" (10), in which a number of post boys are decorating their jackets with white favours in honour of the occasion. "The Half-way House" (67), by Mr. Heywood Hardy, vividly impresses us with the comfort and picturesqueness of old-fashioned English days, when travellers halted by the way to refresh themselves and bait their horses at the comfortable inn, now rapidly being superseded by railway and similar hotels. Mr. W. C. T. Dobson, R.A., Mr. E. Crofts, A.R.A., Mr. Thos. Weber, Mr. B. W. Leader, and a host of others have freely contributed to this exhibition.

The thirtieth annual Winter Exhibition at the French Gallery, 120, Pall Mall, is also open, and the contributions of British and foreign artists, which form the collection, make a goodly show, several among them, indeed, being works of conspicuous excellence. Among these must be mentioned Professor Müller's "The Guardian of the Sacred Well" (60); a pair of small, but extremely delicate, works by Mr. C. Sleir, namely, "A Freischütz Bargain" (56), depicting an episode of every-day life in Bavarian Tyrol, and "Arguing out the Question" (62). "Alsace, 1870," by Madame Henrietta Browne, is worthy of the artist who painted the touching picture "Sisters of Mercy," now so generally known through the engraving. Of landscapes must be noticed Mr. Heffner's "Summer Sheen" (68), "The Wilds of Dartmoor" (98), and "On the Llugwy, North Wales" (83), by Mr. B. W. Leader; and "In the Fields, Brittany—Labour" (15), by Mr. Julian Dupré.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, November 11, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.

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, NOVEMBER 6.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1609, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.
- " 1853, Caxton, F.M.H.
- " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley.
- Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, S.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, Norfolk-sq. Hot., Paddington, 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, NOVEMBER 7.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
- Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
- " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
- " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
- " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
- " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
- " 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
- " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., N.
- " 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
- " 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
- Mark 1, St. Marks, F.M.T.
- Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
- Domatic, 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 Bldgs., 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.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-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, NOVEMBER 8.

- Gen. Com. Ben. Institution, at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 87, Vitruvian, S.L.M.H., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
- " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albion Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1694, Imperial, Imperial Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
- " 1718, Centurion, Regent M.H.
- " 1766, St. Leonards, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
- Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
- Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.
- Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 35, Golden-sq.

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, S.
- 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, S.
- 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, S.
- 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, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
- " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
- " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting-hill.
- " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
- " 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
- " 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
- Chap. 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
- " 538, Vane, F.M.H.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

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, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.
- Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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 8.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, 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, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot.
- " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
- " 1686, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
- Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, November 11, 1882.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

- Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
- " 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1496, Trafford Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

- Lodge 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
- " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
- Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Concord.
- " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
- " 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
- " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
- Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
- Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H. Liverpool.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
- Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, M.R., Birkenhead.
- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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NOTES.

(n) Hanover.—Freemasonry appears to have made its way into Hanover from Hamburg, in 1744, when a warrant for a lodge, "Frederick of the White Horse," was granted. It was not, however, till 1746 that the lodge engaged in active operations. At this time, and until the year 1828, Hanoverian Masonry worked under a Provincial Grand Master appointed by the Grand Lodge of England, except during the period of French supremacy in Germany, when the P.G. Lodge, and Lodge Frederick ceased operations. When Hanover was incorporated with the Kingdom of Westphalia, the P.G. Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of Hamburg having previously accepted the rite of Schröder. In 1828 it declared itself an independent Grand Lodge, with Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, afterwards King of Hanover, as its Grand Master, See Note (k), for August.

(b) Johnson.—A most arrant impostor, whose real name appears to have been Leucht, but who passed under several aliases at different periods of his career. In 1758 he appeared at Jena, and became friendly with Von Hund. Here he professed to have authority from the so-called Scottish Templar system to extend it in Germany, and accordingly set up a chapter with Dr. Teichmeyer as president. He was exposed in 1764, and arrested the year following in Alsleben, whence he was conducted to the Wartburg, where, in the custody of Von Fritsch, he died, 1775.

(c) Bro. Von Guionneau was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, for a period of twenty-four years, and died in 1829. He has made himself remembered by establishing a fund for rendering assistance to Freemasons' sons while pursuing their studies.

(d) Bro. Von Botzelaer was third in order of the G. Masters of the G. Lodge of the Netherlands, having been appointed to that office in 1759, in succession to Bro. Count Von Bentinck. He remained Grand Master for thirty-nine years. The year following his election a new Book of Constitutions was issued, which materially assisted in consolidating the Craft in this country. It was, also, through his mediation that the Netherlands effected their complete independence of England; the agreement which was drawn in 1779 only stipulating that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands should not establish lodges in England or the English possessions. In 1798, the year of his death, he submitted to the brethren a new Statute Book, in accordance with which the Grand Lodge accepted only the three Symbolic Degrees, the four High Degrees being placed under a Grand Chapter.

(e) Utah.—In this jurisdiction there are some half-dozen lodges. According to statistics we have seen for the year 1880, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is most prosperous, the statement of account showing a balance to the good of over £300. The library contains 3400 volumes, valued at 7000 dollars (£1400).

(f) Copenhagen.—It was in this city that, in 1743, Freemasonry first made its appearance in Denmark, a lodge without the sanction of the Grand Master, having been set up by a Baron Von Munich, and four other brethren. In January, 1745, it took the name of "St. Martin," and in 1749 it received its warrant of constitution from Grand Master Lord Byron. At the very outset of its career, however, some of the brethren separated, and set up a lodge "Zorobabel," which was warranted by Grand Master Lord Cranstoun, in 1745. In 1765, these two lodges, which had through-

NOV. † HISTORICAL CALENDAR. † 1882.

1	Wed.	Prov. Grand Lodge of Hanover (a) declares itself an independent Grand Lodge, 1828.
2	Thur.	Grand Lodge of Scotland sanctions publication of Lawrie's History of Freemasonry, 1801.
3	Fri.	Fête given to the poor by Grand Lodge of Sweden in honour of Gustavus IV.'s marriage, 1797.
4	Sat.	General Washington initiated in a lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1752.
5	Sun.	Grand Lodge of Ireland accepts the friendly advances of Grand Lodge of England ["Ancients"], 1772. Prince Frederick William of Prussia, now Crown Prince of Germany, initiated 1853.
6	Mon.	Johnson, (b) at Jena, publicly burns documents published by the Grand Lodge of Three Globes at Berlin, 1753.
7	Tu.	Bro. Von Guionneau, (c) Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, celebrates his Masonic jubilee, 1824.
8	Wed.	Baron von Hund, disseminator of Templarism in Germany, and Grand Master of the Strict Observance, died 1776.
9	Thur.	Lodge at Bolton-le-Moors, now Anchor and Hope, No. 37, founded 1732. Memorial meeting of Lodge Amalia, Weimar, in honour of Goethe, just previously deceased, 1832.
10	Fri.	Scottish General Grand Lodge, A. and A. Rite, Paris, in quarterly communication, issues Constitutions to several lodges and chapters, 1804.
11	Sat.	Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, solemnly renounces the Strict Observance, 1783.
12	Sun.	Grand Orient of France declares all lodges irregular which countenance other degrees than those it recognises, 1802. Foundation stone of the Athenæum, Sunderland, laid by Grand Master Duke of Sussex, 1839.
13	Mon.	Bro. von Botzelaer, (d) Grand Master of the Grand National Lodge of the Netherlands, celebrates the 25th anniversary of his Grand Mastership, 1784.
14	Tues.	Dedication of new Masonic hall, Salt Lake City, Utah, (e) 1876.
15	Wed.	A "Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph," being No. 2 on the roll of Grand Lodge of all England at York, constituted South of the Trent, 1799.
16	Thur.	Foundation stone of the new buildings, University of Edinburgh, laid by Lord Napier, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1789.
17	Fri.	Privilege of nominating their successors accorded to Grand Stewards, 1731.
18	Sat.	Lodge "Frederick of the Crowned Hope" opened in Copenhagen (f) for work in the German language, Lodge "Zorobabel" continuing to work in Danish, 1778.
19	Sun.	Masonic Hall, Sunderland, which had been erected 1778, burnt down, 1782. Resolution at an Especial Grand Lodge extending benefits of the Charity Jewel to R.M.B.I., 1856.
20	Mon.	Lodges of Peru (g) meet at Lima, and re-constitute Grand Orient, 1859. Lord Suffield installed by Prince of Wales as Prov. G. Master of Norfolk, (h) 1776.
21	Tues.	Privilege of voting in Grand Lodge restricted to Past Grand Masters, 1724. Committee of Charity (i) instituted, 1724. Fessler (j) joins Lodge Royal York of Friendship, Berlin, 1796.
22	Wed.	Smith's abridged Ahiman Rezon approved by Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1781.
23	Thur.	Friendly communications opened between G. Lodge of Ireland and England ["Moderns"], 1808.
24	Fri.	Lodge room at Dalkeith, consecrated by Bro. Richard Tod, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, 1767. George, Prince of Wales, elected Grand Master, 1790. Testimonial to Dr. Crucefix presented at Bank of England Lodge, 1841.
25	Sat.	Opening of the Masonic Congress at Lyons under M. de Villermoz, 1778. Prince Frederick of the Netherlands (k) celebrates 50th anniversary of his Grand Mastership, 1866.
26	Sun.	Offensive manifesto circulated by members of Lodge No. 31, Liverpool, 1821.
27	Mon.	Resolution by Lord Paisley passed giving power to Masters, Wardens, and the requisite number of Masons to create Fellowcrafts and Master Masons, 1725.
28	Tues.	Number of Stewards (l) to Grand Lodge restricted to twelve, 1728.
29	Wed.	Proposal at an Especial Grand Lodge to grant £300 a year to establish a Widows' Annuity Fund under Board of General Purposes, 1847. N.B. Not confirmed at next Grand Lodge.
30	Thur.	Grand Lodge of Scotland constituted, W. Sinclair first Grand Master, 1736. Foundation stone of the Bridewell, Edinburgh, laid by Earl of Morton, Grand Master Scotland, 1791.

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out worked amicably together, united under the name of "Zorobabel of the North Star."

(g) Peru.—Early in the present century Freemasonry appears to have been at work in Peru, under French warrants. In 1831 was founded the Grand Orient, which has under it some forty bodies. This was re-constituted in 1859. There is also a Symbolic Grand Lodge, with Bro. A. Wholey as Grand Master, and, in addition, there are established several lodges under Scottish and Irish constitutions, the former having a Provincial Grand Lodge organisation.

(h) Norfolk.—Though this is by no means a strong province in respect of the number of its lodges, it can boast of several of long standing. The senior Norwich lodge—Union, No. 52—was constituted in 1736, and the next in order—Social, No. 93—in 1755. The Faithful Lodge, No. 85, Harleston, was warranted in 1753; the senior Yarmouth—Friendship, No. 100—in 1757; and the senior North Walsham—Unanimity, No. 102—in 1757. All these have received centenary warrants. The Lynn lodge—Philanthropic, No. 107—dates from 1766; but up to the date of publication of Grand Lodge Calendar for 1882 had not received such warrant—a fact that may be accounted for by its having been an "Ancient" lodge. Its location in Norfolk dates from 1810.

(i) Committee of Charity, now the Lodge of Benevolence, though established during the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Richmond, owes its origin to his predecessor, the Earl of Dalkeith. It meets monthly for the administration of relief to distressed brethren or their widows. It is ruled by a President, nominated annually by the Grand Master, and two Vice-Presidents, who, with twelve Past Masters, are elected annually by the brethren. W. Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers are ex-officio members of the same. Its funds are raised principally from capitation payments, in respect of all subscribing members of the Fraternity, at the rate of one shilling per quarter per member for lodges in the Metropolitan district, and sixpence per quarter for members of country and military lodges. The disbursements have latterly amounted to several thousands of pounds annually.

(j) Fessler, a Masonic writer, was born in Lower Hungary, in 1756, and died 1839, at the advanced age of eighty-two. He was initiated at Lemberg 1783, in the Lodge "Phoenix of the Round Table," after which he devoted himself to the study of Freemasonry. After joining the Royal York Lodge, he was honoured with the task of revising the rituals, which he did most successfully, after which he set himself to work out a constitution. In 1798, on the Royal York Lodge constituting itself a Grand Lodge, he was appointed Deputy Grand Master. His chief work is "An attempt to furnish a critical history of Freemasonry and the Masonic brotherhood, from the most ancient times down to the year 1802." It was in four folio volumes, and was sold in written, not printed copies, at the rate of £30 per copy, a receipt being required, and a promise to restore it if required.

(k) Prince Frederick of the Netherlands was Grand Master of the G. Lodge of that country from 1816 till his death, last year, or for sixty-five years. The late Duke of Lianster was G.M. Ireland, 1813-74, or for sixty-three years.

(l) Grand Stewards are now eighteen in number, representing as many lodges, one for each lodge, which are known as "Red Apron Lodges." Their principal duty is to make the necessary arrangements for the Grand Festival.

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