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WE call special attention to an eloquent address by Bro. STOPPANI, delivered at a recent meeting of the St. Ambrose Lodge. Bro. STOPPANI is, we understand, a distinguished barrister in his own country (Switzerland), W.M. of the lodge at Lugano, and a near relative of the well-known historian, MERLE D'AUBIGNE. Certainly his address betrays all the marks of great eloquence and of a very cultivated mind. In its general aim and scope we most fully concur, and are glad to think that so admirable a testimony to the value and importance of Freemasonry was delivered by a Swiss brother in an English lodge. It is a proof of the Cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry, striking and effective, which none can gainsay, and none can ignore. For fear of any misunderstanding, however, whether on the part of friends or foes, we think it right to add that, according to our English teaching, which we venture to deem the soundest and the safest of all, Freemasonry is not a religion, and cannot be a religion, in the true sense of the word, to us. Such is an idea very popular on the Continent, but never accepted in England. Freemasonry is an admirable, and tolerant, and beneficent Fraternity, inculcating all Divine morality, as found in God's Holy Word, and advocating necessarily, in its most extensive application, the Divine message of "Goodwill, Affection, Charity, and Sympathy" for all the children of the dust. A loyal Institution to the Supreme Government ever, it keeps away from all plots and conspiracies against the State, always seeks to obey law and to preserve order, and to extend the benign principles of liberty of conscience and toleration of opinions to all, as well within its own fold, as on the surface of this wide world. We, however, as all others, our readers now and the hearers then, cannot fail but to be struck with the effective words of Bro. STOPPANI, and we heartily thank Bro. Dr. RAMSAY, W.M. of the St. Ambrose Lodge, for favouring us with a copy of our excellent foreign brother's kindly and eloquent address.

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WE have seen some correspondence and some remarks about the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which certainly grate very much on our Masonic memories and Masonic feelings, our understanding of Masonic law, our realization of Masonic comity. We are told, for instance, that many American Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as well as the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada. But why have they done so? There surely is some well-established rule of Masonic recognition, some "custom of war in like cases." Yet when we ask what it is, or how it is proclaimed, in fact, how or where it is to be found or how it all comes about, we are answered, "by the recognized laws of Masonry." We shrug our shoulders; yes, and we scratch our heads, we do not hesitate to say, when we hear such astounding dogmata declared with so much self-assurance, dogmata of which we can find no trace, dogmata of which we have never even heard. But what is the American law of recognition, for we presume that is the recognized law, in the "eternal fitness of things," intended by these words? Yes, what is this universal law which these modern sagacious Hierophants declare, with almost as much energy as did their namesakes of old, when the herald had called upon all the profanes to withdraw, and the "aporreta," of the mysteries were to be revealed to initiates and adopts? We must all remember the abnormal position of the United States. Its States are sovereign bodies of coequal authority, and, therefore, each State forms a self-contained and independent jurisdiction in itself, according to the favourite State Right Act. Hence the Grand Lodges of American States become "ex necessitate rei," Supreme Grand Lodges. American Masons held another view, that in unoccupied country, (that is where there is no one dominant Grand Lodge), any neighbouring Grand Lodge can charter a lodge, and so it comes to pass that when a certain number of

lodges are chartered by separate legal jurisdictions, after a certain time a congress of lodge deputies is formed, and a Grand Lodge is proclaimed. There are three views in America as to this question, one being that all the lodges must agree; the other, that a majority, some hold two-thirds, can bind the minority. Undoubtedly, such cases have happened in America, and the rule has been, as we have just stated, though there have arisen difficulties even in America, that when once the Grand Lodge is formed, all the lodges in the new State conform to the actually established supreme power. But this is American law, suitable for America; and has never, so far, been recognized in England or in Europe. Yet one canon of such law, unailing and absolutely necessary, has ever been that a clear majority of lodges, at any rate, must concur in the resolution of forming a Grand Lodge. In New South Wales a small section of lodges out of eighty formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, not one-fourth in number; and yet, strange to say, this abnormal and unprecedented act Masonically, has been hailed as a legal exercise of Masonic privileges, as if in entire conformity with Masonic law and usage, and a proper outcome of the Masonic teaching of obedience to authority, and recognition of Masonic duty, loyalty, and allegiance. As we see daily many queer things in the world, alike irregular and unprecedented, so we must not be surprised if this world-spirit of irregularity and restlessness and general disintegration affects even Masonic bodies. We can only regret that well-intentioned and well-informed Masons anywhere can be found to sympathize in Freemasonry with these alarming tokens of ignorance of Masonic law and forgetfulness of Masonic decorum; this hoisting the flag of Masonic mutiny, under the specious claims of Masonic needs, and Masonic rights.

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THE extension of the Royal Arch Grade must be satisfying to all loyal English Freemasons. Unpopular abroad, it has been somewhat depreciated at home, the why we know not; and we trust that its future may be more striking than its past, both in its general acceptance and its particular development. We are aware that some of us think there is not much to complain of, either as regards the number of chapters or the roll of companions. We respectfully differ from them. We do not contend that every lodge absolutely should have a chapter attached to it, though we see ourselves no objection to the fact. But this we do venture to suggest, that all new lodges should have the privilege of having chapters attached to them, if they so wish it, in order that every brother Mason after twelve months probation shall have the opportunity afforded him of entering the Royal Arch Grade. We are also aware, that there are many who think that the separate organization should cease, and that the Grand Chapter should be fused into the Grand Lodge. We cannot agree with them for very many reasons, some undesirable naturally to express in print, and therefore we trust that the day will never come, when such hasty and needless changes will find approval either with Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge. It is said that the expense might be lowered and the period of probation abbreviated; but we confess we do not see that there is much room for complaint in these points, and little, we feel sure, would be gained by any questionable alterations. We do think, however, that any new lodge, as we said before, should have a right, all other matters being regular and in order, to petition for a Royal Arch charter after twelve months' existence, as the old red tape notion, that chapters could not be kept up, is alike we feel convinced chimerical and out of date. No doubt, in London, there may well be a certain limit as to Chapters perhaps, though we are inclined to question much, whether any such exceptions need now be maintained, and whether every lodge that desires it should not be able to have a separate chapter attached to it.

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WE call attention elsewhere to a statement taken from *The Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, U.S., relative to a recent Roman Catholic divine on Freemasonry. We say nothing about the view of the Rev. Father Gibaud, further than to remark that though he no doubt fairly represents the official Roman Catholic view of the subject, there is an unofficial view which he does not attempt to deal with. There are, as we know, a large number of Roman Catholic Freemasons in all Roman Catholic countries, and the liberal and enlightened of the Roman Catholic clergy notoriously take no cognizance of the fact. If the fact of secrecy be the point condemned and objected to by Father Gibaud, we are curious to know what he says about the Jesuit Association, with its secrecy, and its "signs" and its mysterious Fourth Degree. Condemned by one, an infallible head of the Roman Catholic Church, as baneful to religion and society, it has been revived by

another. But what we apprehend Father Gibaud really meant to say was this, that secrecy was objectionable, and a society illegal, so long, but only so long, as it was condemned by the Bishop of Rome. These are facts and statements worth noticing and remembering, so we call attention to the extract elsewhere.

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SOME foolish French newspaper, we believe the *Figaro*, thought fit, a little time back, to term Freemasonry the "Religion of the Future," in irony and derision, because certain Freemasons, it said, had been invited officially to a municipal banquet at the Hotel de Ville, Paris. It is not our mission or duty to defend the French Freemasons in these pages; but no one surely will grudge them a good dinner and a courteous reception. We can assure our worthy confrère that all serious Freemasons utterly repudiate any such idea or teaching as that to which he alludes. While Freemasonry knows religion, respects religion, aids religion, it never affected to claim to be, or to profess to be, in any sense a religion to man or to the world. If any foreign writers ever say so, we must ascribe the assertion to a little pardonable hyperbole, or venial exaggeration.

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WE call the attention of our readers to the letter from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba elsewhere, by which it will be seen that we have been right in every particular from the first, and that the proper and dignified action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba fully justifies our well meant remarks and fraternal animadversions on most abnormal proceedings in every respect.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Steward, presided, and there were also present:

Bros. C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, E. E. Barrett Kidder, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Frederick Adlard, Don M. Dewar, J. Terry, W. Mann, Alfred Williams, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. Paas, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for sums payable, and it was afterwards resolved to invest £1000 in Indian Three per Cents.

Five petitions were examined, and the children named therein were placed on the list of candidates for next April election.

Grants of outfits of £5 each were made to two ex-pupils of the Institution, and a grant of £10 to another.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. J. M. Case. There were also present:

Bros. R. P. Tate, J. H. Leggatt, C. G. Dille, G. Bolton, James Brett, J. J. Berry, W. H. Goodall, C. A. Cottebrune, Edgar Bowyer, T. W. C. Bush, C. H. Webb, J. M. Stedwell, Frederick Adlard, T. Cubitt, W. W. Murlis, Charles Lacey, William Clarke, J. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, James Willing jun., J. A. Farnfield, William March, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Secretary, Bro. TERRY, reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been five deaths among the annuitants, viz., three males and two females. The aggregate sums which each annuitant had received were as follows: No. 1, £321; No. 2, £160; No. 3, £100; No. 4, £144; and No. 5, £215—making up a total of £940.

The Warden's report stated that on the 11th October Bro. Festa had provided for the residents at the Institution at Croydon a substantial entertainment, and had sent gifts of tobacco to the male residents and a supply of whiskey, in which to drink his health, on the occasion of his commencing his year of office as Master of the Montague Guest Lodge.

On the application of the SECRETARY, who said that provision had to be made for payments to the amount of £3500, a sum of £2000, now on deposit at the bank, was ordered to be transferred to current account, the present balance of which was £1500; and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, a list of which was read by the Secretary.

There were two applications from widows of deceased annuitants to be granted a moiety of their late husbands' annuities, in accordance with the rules of the Institution. One of these was granted; but as it appeared that the widow of the other deceased annuitant had not been married to her late husband for the term of five years prescribed by the bye-laws, a member of the Committee called attention to the fact, and enquired whether they would not be out of order in granting the second application.

The SECRETARY said that the Committee had on previous occasions taken a merciful view of the matter when such applications had been made, and had granted the half annuity, notwithstanding the fact referred to. After some discussion upon the point, the Committee being satisfied that they had on the occasions referred to exceeded their powers, the brother who had raised the question moved that the petition now before Committee be rejected, as it did not appear that the applicant was eligible according to the rules.

This motion was duly seconded, and the application rejected.

Another member of the Committee then inquired whether it would be possible to make a grant to the applicant, to assist her until such time as she could apply to be elected herself as an annuitant on the fund. The

Secretary stated that there had been instances in which such grants had been made. On the 13th September last there was a case in which a grant of £15 had been made, and there was another case which had occurred at an earlier date, in which the sum of £25 had been granted. In order to enable the Committee to make a grant of this kind, however, a notice of motion was required, which would have to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee. Thereupon Bro. DILLEY gave notice that at the December meeting of the Committee he would move that the sum of £10 be granted to the applicant.

There were nine petitions from candidates for election on the Annuity Funds, which were all carefully considered, and in eight of the cases the names were ordered to be added to the list. The other petition, however, gave rise to a considerable amount of discussion, and the motion that it be received was met by an amendment to the contrary effect; and the amendment, on being put to the vote, was carried with only two dissentients.

This being the whole of the business, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Swindon, the receiving lodge being the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, New Swindon.

The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:

Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Lord Harry F. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W., P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, Past G.S., P.G. Treas.; T. Ponting, P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, Past G.D., P.G. Sec. W. T. Briscoe, P.G.S. of W.; J. Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; J. Sparks, A. J. Beavan, P.G. Pursts.; William Knott, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. Charity Sec.; Alfred Plummer, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Graham, P.P.G.J.W.; C. F. Marshall, P.P.S.G.W.; T. S. Futchter, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. A. Law, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, P.P.G. Chap.; S. Gauntlett, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Chandler, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.P.G.O.; W. S. Bambridge, P.P.G.O.; S. Badham, P.P.G.O.; Edwin Eyres, P.P.G. Purst.; E. Brown, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Cook, P.P.G.S.B.; and many other brethren.

There were comparatively few visitors present, amongst them being Bros. Clement Tudway, P.M. 592 and P.P.G.D.C. Gloucester; E. E. Botley, 780; and others.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and all were found to be duly represented.

The Prov. Grand Master, Lord METHUEN, after expressing the pleasure at again meeting the brethren, called upon the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. Hy. C. Tombs, to read the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also of a lodge of emergency, held on the 19th July last, at Devizes, principally for the consecration of a new Masonic Hall there for the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 633.

These minutes, which were rather voluminous, having been duly read and confirmed,

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, read an abstract of his accounts for the past year, which had been duly audited; the Charity account showing a balance in hand of upwards of £50, in addition to £100 invested, in pursuance of the directions of the last Provincial Grand Lodge. The accounts were approved.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee held that morning. The Committee recommended a donation of £10 to the Provincial Benevolent Fund, and that two brethren, who had offered their services, should be approved as Stewards to represent the province at the festivals of two of the Masonic Institutions in the coming year, viz., Bro. Dr. Theobald Ringer, 1533, P.M. 1308, for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. James Sparks, 1271, P.G.O., for the Boys' School.

The report of the Charity Committee, and its recommendations, were unanimously approved and adopted.

A considerable discussion then took place as to the disposal of the balance on the Charity Fund account, and eventually it was resolved that £10 10s. be placed on the list of each of the two Stewards named.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, before calling for the reading of the other reports, said that these were rather lengthy, and contained much valuable information, which he thought would be much better appreciated if the reports were for the future printed and circulated with the Provincial Grand Lodge summons and agenda paper. The brethren would thus have time to consider them, and it would not then be necessary that such reports should be read in full at the Provincial Grand Lodge. This suggestion was unanimously approved.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. T. PONTING, then read his usual annual report, which showed that the number of subscribing members in the province, now 444, was practically the same as for the last two or three years. The report called attention to the fact that the outstanding subscriptions in arrear showed a very slight decrease, whilst the outstanding liabilities were considerably less, but there was no other alteration in the main feature of the returns. It was especially voted that for the past three years two of the lodges had neither outstanding assets nor liabilities. Accompanying the report, the Registrar submitted an abstract of the lodge returns, dealing fully with the accounts, both financially and otherwise, and made out on the averages for three years, as had been done by his predecessors, and in submitting it he suggested that a summary, showing the totals of each lodge return, would be more useful than one showing the averages for three years, as it would state accurately the position of each lodge and consequently of the province at the date of the return, instead of only its general average

position throughout a period of three years. The Prov. Grand Registrar's report was approved and his suggestion adopted.

Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, Prov. Charity Secretary, then read his report on behalf of the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, which was as follows :

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

On behalf of the Committee I beg to lay before this Provincial Grand Lodge an account of its work during the past year.

This province, having no candidate for either the Boys' or the Girls' School, was enabled to so dispose of its votes as to more than cancel its indebtedness, and leave a small balance of votes owing to it.

On the Benevolent Fund account matters were different. It having been decided that the case of Mrs. Roach, the candidate adopted by the Committee, should, if possible, be carried at the election last May, arrangements were made by which this object was effected. Owing to the increase in the number of Wiltshire votes sent in to the Committee, to the good help given by outside friends of the candidate, and to certain advantageous arrangements which your Secretary was enabled to make, our candidate's success was secured with only a comparatively small debt being incurred by this province on the Benevolent Fund account. Our candidate was seventh on the list of the thirteen successful candidates, with a total of 1448 votes.

Thus far, as regards this province more especially, but it may be mentioned as regards the other provinces with which Wiltshire is associated, that at the Boys' School election in April, out of the twelve successful candidates, four were from the allied provinces, namely, one each from Lincoln, Worcester, Somerset, and Leicester; whilst at the election for the same Institution in October now just past, the only case in which the Association was interested, a Gloucester case, came in at the head of the poll. As to the Girls' School elections, in April, the whole of the candidates were declared elected without ballot; in October the allied provinces determined to run one candidate only, a Worcester case, and succeeded in carrying it; while the surplus votes beyond the number necessary were polled for a Somersetshire case, which has been adopted for the election next spring.

As regards the Benevolent Fund, and the other provinces alluded to, a widow's case from Bristol would in addition to the Wiltshire case have been successfully carried had it not been for some unfortunate mischance in the counting of the votes sent in. As it was, she was highest on the unsuccessful list, and at the next election there will doubtless be little difficulty in carrying her case together with, it is hoped, those of two other candidates, one from Monmouth and one from Worcester.

Your Committee highly appreciates the hearty co-operation received from the representatives of other provinces, and would more especially mention Bros. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., Monmouth; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., Somerset; W. H. Bowden, Bristol; George Taylor, P.G. Sec. Worcester; the Rev. W. Langley, Leicester; and Col. Basevi and his successor, R. Vassar Smith, Gloucester.

In order to carry out the work which has been recapitulated, your Charity Secretary attended at three of the elections during the year.

The votes the Committee has placed at its disposal by the lodges in the province, and voters connected therewith, during the last three years have been as follows :

	1880	1881	1882
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	372	407	475
Do. do. Girls	350	372	356
Do. Benevolent Institution for Aged			
Freemasons	222	219	235
Do. do. for Aged Widows	127	119	153
	1071	1117	1219

being an increase in this year over last year of 102 votes, and being considerably more than in any previous year.

The voting power of the province is thus shewn to be increasing, and it is very necessary that it should increase if Wiltshire is to hold its own at the elections; the number of votes necessary to carry a candidate at either of the Institutions, having increased something like fifty per cent. during the past few years.

WILTSHIRE RECIPIENTS OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

As it may be interesting to the brethren to know what advantages are being derived by this province from the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, the following particulars have been gathered together :—

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Three widows are now enjoying annuities of £32 each, or, a total of £96 per annum; one (whose husband belonged to the Trowbridge Lodge, 632), having been in enjoyment of her annuity for six years; another (Devizes, 663) for four years; the other (Chippenham, 626) being the annuitant elected in May last.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

The Wiltshire scholars, with the lodges to which their fathers belonged, are as follows; and against the name of each is an extract from the report of the Governess or Master of the School respecting them :

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A. M. C. (Old Swindon, 355), aged 13; elected 1879, leaves the School 1885—"Will rise to third class after Christmas; is a good girl."

A. L. W. (New Swindon, 1295), aged 13; elected 1879, leaves 1885—"In fourth class; has lost time through delicate health, but is stronger, and likely to make more progress; is a good girl."

E. M. G. (Salisbury, 586), aged 11; elected 1879, leaves 1886—"In fifth class and backward; is a good little girl."

F. J. N. (Old Swindon, 355), aged 11; elected 1880, leaves 1887—(No report.)

G. E. B. (Old Swindon, 355), aged 11; elected 1880, leaves 1886—"In fifth class, but is likely to make progress; is a good girl."

G. M. S. (Old Swindon, 355), age 9; admitted 1882—"Is a nice little girl, admitted this September; is backward."

L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge, 632), aged 10; admitted 1882—(No report).

BOYS' SCHOOL.

H. V. N. S. S. (Trowbridge, 632), aged 12; elected 1877, leaves 1886—"Conduct satisfactory; ability and industry fair, and has much improved of late."

It will thus be seen that there are at present no less than eight Wiltshire children enjoying the advantages of education at these Schools, an education which must represent a money value of some £400 per annum, and which, added to the annuities, gives a total of about £500 a year.

STEWARDSHIPS FOR THE CHARITIES.

During the year the following amounts have been taken up to the festivals of the different Masonic Institutions by the following Stewards from this province :

Bro. Martin—Benevolent Institution	£89	5	0
„ Dr. Ringer—Girls' School	56	3	0
„ William Nott—Boys' School	147	0	0
„ Dr. Ringer—Boys' School	15	15	0
Total	£308	3	0

BENEVOLENT FUND.

No claim has as yet been made on this fund. The Committee has therefore been enabled to invest the whole of the net income, thus helping to form a capital fund, which will in a short time be sufficiently large to be able to afford from its investments a substantial annual income.

In last year's report the Committee was only able to furnish a provisional account of receipts and payments; but a complete account for the year ending 31st December, 1881, is appended hereto.

Your Committee in its last year's report ventured to express an opinion that the number of contributing lodges would this year be increased. Such anticipation has been realised, and there is every reason to hope that next year the whole, or nearly the whole, of the lodges in the province will be direct contributors to this fund.

Under the rules of this fund, the Provincial Grand Lodge is entitled to nominate one of its officers as a Life Governor of the fund, in respect of the donation of £50 voted to it last year. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Registrar, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and the Charity Secretary are already ex-officio members of the Committee. It is, therefore, suggested whether it would be desirable that this Provincial Grand Lodge should name another of its officers to be a member of the Committee as Life Governor.

Devizes, 3rd November, 1882.

WILLIAM NOTT, Prov. Charity Sec.

The report was unanimously approved, but the consideration of the suggestion contained in the last paragraph thereof was postponed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. TOMBS, produced the report of the Bye-Laws Committee, accompanied by the draft of the bye-laws, which such Committee recommended for adoption. These bye-laws having been already well discussed in the province and generally approved, no discussion now took place upon them.

On the motion of Bro. Sir G. GOLDNEY, D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Lord H. F. THYNNE, the report of the Committee was adopted, and the bye-laws as presented were approved and passed, and ordered to be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge; and it was resolved that if and when such bye-laws were so approved, they should be printed and circulated in the province.

Bro. JAMES POWELL, W.M. of the receiving lodge, the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, asked permission to introduce for the approval of the Prov. Grand Master, a banner which had been presented to the Gooch Lodge, the device thereon being the armorial bearings of the esteemed brother from whom that lodge was named, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., formerly Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Wilts, but now the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Bucks. Permission having been granted, Bro. Powell, accompanied by the Past Masters of his lodge retired, and re-entered with the banner in question, begged leave to present this banner to the Prov. Grand Master and to ask his sanction to its being used as the banner of the Gooch Lodge.

Lord METHUEN, in reply, said that he most willingly gave his sanction, and that it would have given him additional pleasure if their dear friend, Sir Daniel Gooch, whose name they saw on the banner before them, could himself have been present on the occasion.

Bro. POWELL thanked the Prov. Grand Master, and the banner was then hung in its proper situation on the walls of the lodge-room.

Lord METHUEN then said that a very pleasurable duty devolved upon him, and that was to recognise the services to the cause of charity of two brethren who, during the past year had acted as Stewards for two of the Masonic Charities. He first called upon Bro. William Knott, Prov. Charity Sec., who having in previous years twice filled the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and once the like office for the Girls' School, and thereby become the possessor of the Charity jewel and one bar, had, in 1882, acted as Steward for the Boys' School (with a list of nearly £150), and thus entitled him to a second bar. This bar the Prov. Grand Master now, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Nott, coupling the presentation with the remark, that all the brethren were deeply indebted to him for his successful efforts during many years past in the furtherance of the cause of Masonic Charity in Wiltshire, and the hope that the province would long have the benefit of his services.

Bro. NOTT briefly returned thanks for the presentation, and expressed his gratification that his efforts in the cause of charity had been so well supported, and hoped that in the future he might still merit the approbation of his lordship and the brethren of the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next called up Bro. Deputy Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, of Lodge No. 1533, Marlborough, and P.M. of Lodge No. 1308, who had during the past year filled the office of Steward, both for the Girls' School and for the Boys' School, taking up for the former fifty-five, and for the latter fifteen guineas. This entitled him to the Charity jewel, and such jewel the P.G.M. then, in accordance with the practice in the province, presented, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to Bro. Ringer. Lord Methuen expressed the pleasure it gave him to thus recognise Bro. Ringer's exertions, and that it was with still further pleasure he found that brother's name down as one of the Stewards of the province for the ensuing year.

Bro. RINGER thanked his lordship and the brethren for this recognition of his services.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the letter issued by the Grand Secretary, dated 9th November, 1881, declaring the precedence of Grand Officers over all Provincial Grand Officers (except Provincial Grand Masters), whether in their own province or not. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee as to revised Book of Constitutions presented a report, in which certain alterations were recommended. This report was unanimously adopted, and the alterations recommended were directed to be submitted to Grand Lodge for consideration.

The R.W. the PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the meeting, congratulating himself and Masonry on the excellency of the attendance.

Masonry in this province, fostered as it had been by such Deputy Provincial Grand Masters as Sir Daniel Gooch, in the past, and Sir Gabriel Goldney, in the present, still maintained its position, and showed that their influence on the province had not been impaired by time. He himself felt deeply indebted to those Provincial Grand Officers, more especially to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, who so kindly undertook so much of the labour of the province off his hands; and he hoped that when he met them again he should be able, thanks to the valuable assistance of those officers, to again congratulate them on the progress of Masonry in Wiltshire. The Prov. Grand Master, in alluding to several matters which had been brought before them, more especially called attention to that part of the minutes of a preceding Provincial Grand Lodge which expressed disagreement with Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the dues to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence payable by Provincial brethren, and expressed a hope that the members of that Provincial Grand Lodge would, as far as possible, make a point of attending Grand Lodge when the subject came on for discussion there, in order to support the resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.

Lord METHUEN then declared all offices vacant.

On the proposition of Lord H. F. THYNNE, seconded by the Rev. G. E. GARDINER, Bro. F. H. Goldney was re-elected, by acclamation, as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Henry J. Birch, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Col. J. H. Ford, 335	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Canon Millar, 625	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney (re-elected), 626	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thos. Ponting (re-appointed), 1478	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry C. Tombs (re-appointed), 335	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Geo. Lopes, 1626	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Edwin Browne, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. H. Chandler, 663	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Chandler (re-appointed), 355	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" James Powell, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. C. P. Calley, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Fredk. Harding, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Joseph Goudge, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" John Savory (re-elected), 355	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

This ended the business of the meeting and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Goddard Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and warmly responded to.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, on Tuesday, the 17th ult. There were about 100 companions present. In the absence of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent (Lord de Tabley) who is not yet sufficiently recovered from his late illness to be able to take an active part in Masonry, Comp. H. Bulley, P.P.G.H., officiated as Z., and was supported by the following Provincial Grand Officers:

Comps. R. Beales, P.G.H.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.H.; G. W. Latham, P.G.E.; W. Johnson, P.G.P.S.; W. Pritchard, P.G.A.S.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G. Treas.; L. Bradbury, P.G.S.B.; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; E. Cuzner, P.G. Org.; T. Marwood, P.P.G.H.; H. C. Lisle, P.P.G.P.S.; Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.P.G.H.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.J.; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.; and J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.T.

The usual business of the Provincial Grand Chapter having been gone through, a sum of thirty guineas was voted from the Provincial Grand Chapter's funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the same to be placed on the list of Comp. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.H., Chairman of the Committee of Benevolence of the province. Ten guineas were voted towards the expenses incurred by the entertaining chapters—the Cestrian, 425, and the Grosvenor, 721. The name of Comp. Marwood, P.P.G.H., was placed on the Provincial R.A. Committee.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were invested by the Acting Prov. G. Superintendent:

Comp. Walter Milner, 537	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" John Eyton Williams, 425	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George Wm. Latham, 321 and 941 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.E.
" Wallace Lumb, 321 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.N.
" David Thomas, 721	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" John Peter Bardsley, 322	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" William Roger Wass, 758	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Ferdinando Jackson, jun., 295, 321 (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Cullimore, 321	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Robert Clowes Edwards, 721	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Charles Booth, 287	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Herbert Finch, 323 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Dutton, 477	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Edward Cuzner, 425 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Mark Allcock, 941 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. BULLEY, seconded by Comp. BEALES, it was resolved that a record should be placed on the minutes of the Provincial

Grand Chapter expressive of the deep sorrow of the chapter at the illness of the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent; and that it was the earnest prayer of all Royal Arch Masons in the province that it might please the Most High to speedily restore him to his usual health.

It was announced that the next annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter would be held at Runcorn,

THE WARRANT.

The following is from a recent issue of the *New York Dispatch*, and is a clear presentation of the author's ideas about a subject that is a fruitful source of discussion among brethren, and in regard to which a variety of opinions are held. We think the *Dispatch* presents the case fairly, and its position is not strained in claiming that a law requiring the warrant to be present at all meetings of the lodge is a modern one. The rule, however, is fixed in Massachusetts by the Grand Lodge Constitution as follows: Part V. Sec. 11—The Master of a lodge shall have the special charge of its charter, and shall see that it is carefully preserved, and is present whenever the lodge is opened. Sec. 12—A visiting brother, having produced his Grand Lodge certificate, or diploma, shall have the right to call for the charter of the lodge he desires to visit.

"A recent discussion in regard to the warrant, at which we were present, has led us to the belief that a few words on this subject might be of interest to our readers, and lead to a better appreciation of the matter than now obtains. During the debate in question, it was evolved that the common law of Masonry is that the warrant must be present at any and every meeting of a lodge or other Masonic body, or otherwise the meeting will be illegal, and the work done clandestine. So general is this opinion that by many it is claimed to be a landmark, and we have been present when a Grand Master refused to allow a lodge to be opened because it was discovered that the Master had forgotten to bring the warrant with him.

"In the absence of any positive law upon the subject, it is claimed to be the common law of Masonry, by long and unquestioning usage, that the warrant must be present. Let us see. According to Preston, in his 'Illustrations,' there were no warrants previous to the revival in 1717; all that was required being the Sheriff's warrant for a meeting, without regard to a special organisation, so that the persons who formed a lodge one night at the 'Goose and Gridiron' might the next night take part in a similar ceremony at the 'Apple Tree Tavern,' and so on through all the places of rendezvous in London, the idea being that the gathering related rather to the house where it was held than to any particular organisation, it being the brethren who happened to meet at any particular place rather than any one or more who might, as we say now, belong to a particular lodge. The first mention we have of a warrant occurs in the General Regulations, or XXXIX. Articles of 1721, in which it is provided that no lodge shall be held without the Grand Master's warrant, and it will be easily seen that no such regulation would have been necessary if it had been previously the custom to have warrants.

"From this we may reasonably conclude that the warrant came in with the new formation of the Craft in 1717, and hence that it is not of immemorial usage, but only an episode of our history since the revival, and from this predicate it follows that the presence or absence of the warrant at any meeting of a Masonic body is simply a matter of regulation. The constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge of New York are entirely silent so far as this matter is concerned, and the brethren are left to the government of such ideas as are given them by the Ritual at the time of their initiation.

"It may be said that this is sufficient, and that we should accept any such teaching without argument, but we respectfully submit that the day has gone by when enquiring and educated brethren may be expected to accept any dictum of this sort; for Masonry is a thing of reason, and has a reason for all it does or requires to be done by its adepts. Hence, to ask that we shall accept as general or common law a proposition that we know lacks the qualities to entitle it to such a place is a trespass on common sense to which thinking men will not submit.

"So far, so good. But we shall be told that a lodge should always be in position to prove its regularity and its relation to a just and duly established Grand Lodge. Admitted: but is a lodge any more obliged to prove its legitimacy than an intending visitor is to know before applying to be admitted that the lodge is regular or that the corresponding right to apply belongs to the applicant? Again, supposing it to be the right of every visitor to see the warrant before submitting to examination, will some one tell us how many out of a hundred are competent to pass upon the validity of the document submitted to them or to know by examining the parchment whether the lodge is regular or not?

"Our conclusion is that while every lodge or other subordinate Masonic body must have a warrant from its superior or governing power, it is sufficient that the fact of its existence be recorded and that the constant presence of the document itself is not necessary. We are quite aware that a great deal is to be said on the other side, and we purposely leave the question here in the hope that some one may undertake a refutation of the ideas herein set forth, in order that both sides may be heard."—*The Liberal Freemason*.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and other members of the Royal Family, have signified their intention of honouring with their presence the coming complimentary dinner to be given by the United Service Club to Admiral Sir Beauchamp Seymour and General Sir Garnet Wolseley.—*United Service Gazette*.

THE ARTICLES ON THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE THEREON.

130. As "R.W.O." points out, the rule 130 provides for the service in a Warden's chair under English Constitution, in order to be eligible for election as a W.M. It is a point that is worth considering, for according to the strict letter of the clause, a P.M. who had acted as first W.M. of a new lodge and who had not previously served as Warden, would not be eligible. At the present time such a brother would be eligible, and I presume is still intended to be, but an additional sentence is required to make the rule accord with the usual practice. I suggest that it reads "who have duly served the offices of *Master or Warden* in a regular lodge under the English Constitution."

173. The "W.M. 1402," I see refers to the annual returns being sent to Prov. Grand Lodges at the same time as to the Grand Lodge. As any time during the year (as our brother states) will do for the Grand Lodge return, and a fixed time is stated in Devon for its Provincial return, why not let the latter remain unaltered, and then the Grand Lodge forms can be sent at the same time? It would be easy to make this answer for the Grand Lodge return, if lodges had not previously forwarded them at the same time, but I think Provincial Lodges generally make out both together for transmission.

THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND CHAPTER, BATH.

We have been asked to publish the following:—
"October 27, 1882.

"Dear Sir & E. Companion,
"The Centenary Meeting of this chapter is appointed to take place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th day of November next, when the pleasure of your company is requested, as well as to the banquet, which will be held at the Christopher Hotel at 6.30 p.m.

"The chapter will be opened punctually at 3.30 p.m., and on conclusion of the business the companions will proceed to the banquet.

"The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Col. A. W. Adair, will attend and present to the Principals of the chapter the Centenary Charter and Jewel, granted them by the Supreme Grand Chapter.

"It is expected the following distinguished companions, and many others, will be present on this interesting occasion: M.E. Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; R. C. Else, Prov. H.; Col. Ford, Prov. J.; W. J. Hughan P.Z., &c.

"A paper will be read, giving a sketch of the chapter from 1782 to 1881, by Comp. Radway, E.

"An address, on the origin of the Royal Arch Degree, will be delivered by Ex. Comp. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, P.Z., &c., the well known Masonic historian.

"We are, Dear Sir & E. Companion,
"Yours very fraternally,

"LAWSON HOWES, M.E.Z.
"C. BECKET, P.Z.
"E. L. HILL, P.Z. & P.P.A.S.
"C. W. RADWAY, SCRIBE E. } Stewards.

"It is particularly requested the companions who purpose being at the banquet will so advise the stewards on or before Friday, the 10th November, in order that proper arrangements may be made for the comfort of the companions."

A MASONIC ADDRESS

Delivered by Bro. M. Leon de Stoppani, W.M. of the 11 Dover Lodge, Lugano, Switzerland, at the banquet of the St. Ambrose Lodge, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington.

Worshipful Master and dear Brethren:—I regret my inability to address you in your own language, for I should have liked to make each of you understand the joy and the gratitude which fill my heart at finding myself in the midst of you, and seeing the truly fraternal manner with which I have been received by you, and above all by Dr. Ramsay, the W.M. of your lodge.

Since I have put my foot on this hospitable land, everywhere where I have met a Freemason, in the lodges as in the outside world, everywhere I have found a fraternal reception; everywhere I have been received and treated as an old friend, as a member of the family, as a true brother. It is sweet to me, dear brethren, to prove that English Freemasonry practices with such generosity and with such great sincerity the principle which is the basis of Freemasonry, the holy brotherhood.

It is in applying always and everywhere this principle that Freemasonry, whose true origin is lost in the night of time, has been able to defy the course of so many centuries, survive so many political and religious sects, which it has seen born, prosper, decline, and disappear; that it has been able to triumph over so many persecutions, and that it has been able to establish itself in every part of the world. It is because Freemasonry is a religion based on eternal principles which find an echo in all honest minds. It is the religion of virtue, of work, of duty, of brotherhood, of progress; of the material and moral perfection of all men, without distinction of race, colour, sect, or nationality. Let us preserve these principles intact; let us, profess them everywhere, in our Temples as in the outside world, and we shall have fulfilled our duty. Let us profess sincerely our adoration for fraternal love, and for the perfection of all; and we shall be able to say that we have brought, as all good workmen ought to do, our stone to the great edifice to which we have been called to work. Masonry, like every human institution, has to fulfil its different duties according to the countries in which she has built her temples. Her task can become more or less difficult, according to the regions in which she has founded her studios. But the principles which guide her—virtue, work, progress, and brotherhood—are everywhere the same. It is that which makes her force, her grandeur, and her merit.

In England Masonry can walk with her head high, and throw all veils to the winds, for you, dear English brethren, have everything on your side. Your national flag has travelled over the world, collecting laurels everywhere—from the icy plains of Russia to the ardent sands of Africa; at Balacava, as at Tel-el-Kebir, victory has crowned the courage of your soldiers and the policy of your ministers. The riches of the whole world flow into your ports. In-

dustry does not find in any other country establishments as prosperous, workmen as clever. In any other country authority and the law are not better respected than in England. Your Government gives to every citizen all security for his person, his property, his rights; it favours the instruction of the people, the well-being of the working classes; it is the first to defend your liberties from within and without. You have so much glory, riches, commerce, industry, order, liberty; you have a Government which works, as we have, for the benefit and perfection of the social classes. In this country Masonry finds her way united, smooth, easy, and she can labour in the midst of feasts and banquets at the grand work of the brotherhood. But we do not forget that there are other countries where Masonry can only establish herself and prosper; opening for herself as an impetuous torrent a passage through the midst of obstacles of every kind. There are countries where the privileged classes predominate, who claim to confiscate for their own benefit the government of the people and the direction of consciences. In those countries Masonry is considered as an enemy.

There are some countries where the civil and ecclesiastical authorities represent and consider Masonry as a diabolical work; as a society founded to bring everywhere fire, war, immorality, discord; in fine, to assure on this earth the triumph of evil. In these countries Masonry finds itself necessarily, by the force of affairs—I would even say against its will—in a state of perpetual strife. For one cannot speak of liberty and equality without encountering the opposition of those to whom the preservation of their privileges is the necessity of this life.

One cannot found schools without being forced to combat against those who think that the best manner of governing well is to keep the people in ignorance. One cannot speak of the emancipation of consciences without raising the imprecations of those whose kingdom is based upon superstition. One cannot speak of the progress of humanity without bruising the interests of those who have for their aim the making humanity march on the wrong side. One cannot speak of brotherhood without undergoing the attacks of those who affirm that all who do not think as they, are beforehand devoted to eternal damnation. In these countries, where Masonry ought to strive without the penalty of failing in its mission, her struggle is not violent, it is not corporeal, it is a moral and pacific strife, but it is a constant strife, a daily strife. It is the strife of light against darkness.

If we study the history of Masonry in the last centuries we see that it has always been accepted and recognised, sometimes even protected, by Liberal governments, always opposed by despotic governments.

It is the law.
From the moment when she wishes liberty, virtue, justice, progress, fraternity to triumph, she must meet the opposition of every government professing opposite principles. That she knows how to strive without ever departing from her principle, which is neighbourly love and the fraternity of all men of goodwill, and she will triumph.

As majestic and peaceable as the Thames flows between its banks, peopled with ships, carrying the riches of the whole world, where as rushing and impetuous as the "Adize," they both meet on their way obstacles of every kind, our water of Masonry will arrive in like manner at our sea, which is the great brotherhood of the human race. There they shall find peace and rest.

Masonry is neither a political nor a religious society, it is a religion of itself—the religion of fraternal love—which ought to progress from the base to the material and moral perfection of humanity.

As long as man, free of honest manners and goodwill, labours at this grand work, then Masonry shall have fulfilled her task. Nations will not delay recognising its benefits. I have many times had the opportunity, the consolation, of seeing in Switzerland, in Italy, in France, as I see in England, that, in spite of the war which they make against us in certain States; in spite of the calumnies that are heaped upon us, it suffices to say, "This is a Freemason," as to say "This is an honest man."

This is the best reward that we can hope for.
This is, W.M. and very dear brethren, how I understand Freemasonry, and the plaudits with which you have often interrupted my discourse, makes me see that these sentiments are shared by you. I doubt it not.

On re-entering my country, I shall make it my duty to give an account to my brethren of the fraternal reception with which the Freemasons of England have honoured me, and for which I here renew my sincere thanks.

With these sentiments permit me, dear brethren, to give my toast to the brotherhood, to the prosperity of universal Freemasonry, and in particular to that of the St. Ambrose Lodge, of the W.M. and his officers.

HELP FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS IN LIVERPOOL.

ADDRESS BY LADY LATHOM.

The first annual meeting of the Liverpool Girls' Friendly Society was held in the Bold-street Savings Bank, in that city, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when the Lady President of the Society, the Countess of Lathom (the esteemed wife of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, V.W.D. G.M., R.W.P.G.M.), occupied the chair and delivered an interesting address.

HER LADYSHIP said that it gave her infinite pleasure and satisfaction to see their first annual meeting so well and numerously attended. She was sure that this feeling would be shared by all present, and that the service which they had had the privilege of joining in that morning would be an additional bond of union between those who were already, she hoped, linked together in their heartfelt desire to further and help, by all the means in their power, the work of the Girls' Friendly Society in this diocese. She would also express their sincere thanks to their kind friends of the clergy who had assisted and encouraged them, because such sanction was most valuable, and she hoped it would be continued. This was the first occasion upon which, as the diocesan president of the society, she had to present a report as to the progress of the work in the diocese, and she did so with much diffidence, as she felt that it could not be so full or so satisfactory as could be wished. If, as she believed, there was no diocese in England in which the work of befriending young girls was more needful than that of Liverpool, where they require more safeguards to hedge them in, where they should be earlier

taught the inestimable value of a pure life, and helped by healthy association and the kind word of a good and wise friend to induce them to keep in the straight path of virtue—if all this was the case, she thought they would require more energy, zeal, and heart in the good cause from their association. In their last diocesan committee meeting they had much discussion on the subject of "deputation work," by which was meant the organisation of meetings all over the diocese to explain their objects and aims, and to make clear the proper relations between "associates" and members, and the duties devolving upon the associates. She was very anxious to further this because she felt that more than half their want of energy resulted from ignorance and the lack of direction and advice. They were in need of funds, but she hoped that some practical suggestions adopted at the committee meeting would assist them in that direction. The diocesan council had met in January and in October, and the executive committee in April and July. They had appointed a special committee at the last diocesan council to meet on Friday November 10, to appoint the executive for the coming year, and also to revise and finally settle their rules, to have them ready for the next meeting in January. They now numbered eight sub-branches in the diocese, including new ones at Birkdale, Southport. For the six branches already formed there were 107 working and 86 honorary associates, and 1285 members. There were five diocesan associates and six unattached members. Classes for religious instruction were held in five and for secular instruction in three branches. A library had been started in the beginning of the year by a contribution from the central society in London, and several associates had made presents of books. On the recommendation of the bishops, the S.P.C.K. had made a grant of £10 worth of books, while the Religious Tract Society allowed some books to be purchased at about one third the usual price. The head of the department for members in service reported that the principal registry work of the diocese had been carried on at "The Lodge," 19, St. James's-road, where the lady superintendent had been successful in placing eighty members, the greater number belonging to the diocese. Premiums had been granted, at the recommendation of employers, to thirty-eight members who had joined before the rule substituting "cards of merit" for such premiums had been drawn up. Several young members had received "cards of merit," and a few were in training in industrial homes. There was not, so far, much to be said about the working of the society among mill and factory girls, but in Warrington a successful branch was being carried on, and efforts in the same direction were being made in Prescott, St. Helens, and Ormskirk. There was perhaps no class for whom the privileges of the society should be so valuable as for mill and factory girls, because the high wages they could earn at an early age made them singularly independent both of parents and employers, and enabled them to leave home and take lodgings for themselves. This independence, while making such a society as the Girls' Friendly Society, more needful for them than for those under supervision as servants or at their homes, was in itself a difficulty in the way of bringing them under any influence, whilst employers of large numbers of girls cannot possibly have control of them out of working hours, and object to any responsibility in the way of testimonials as to personal character, &c. Some employers, however, did much in the way of providing night and sewing schools, and it should be easy to awaken in them an interest in the society and secure their subscriptions. As regarded Lancashire mill girls, experience had proved that, though they would be inclined to resent control or interference, they were peculiarly open to personal influence. It was a mistake, however, to enlist members as soon as a branch had been formed, and it was only after a considerable period of probation, with personal knowledge, that girls should be admitted as members. During the year, eight members had received assistance from the sick fund, and three of them had been sent to convalescent hospitals with recommendations from subscribers. Their society were anxious to have the utility of this branch more thoroughly understood throughout the diocese, and they invited associates to procure orders for these convalescent institutions from their friends, while the members should be made to comprehend that at a comparatively small cost they could secure a wholesome change and a rest for a weary or ailing body. In conclusion, her ladyship expressed a hope that they might make greater progress next year, and strive neither to faint nor fall, but press forward in the good work before them—"strong in the strength which God supplies through His Eternal Son."

Several other addresses were given by ladies, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Countess of Lathom for presiding.

Scotland.

ROYAL ARCH.

ABERDEEN.—Aberdeen Chapter (No. 11).—The centenary of this ancient chapter was celebrated in the Masonic Hall, on the 30th ult., when there was a large number of companions of the chapter and of the various chapters in Aberdeen present. Major Crombie, Prov. Grand Superintendent, presided, and installed the office-bearers for the current year as follows: Comps. E. C. Sylvester, 1st Principal; George Cheyne, Past 1st Principal; John Laing, 2nd Principal; Robert Milne, 3rd Principal; George Skakle, Scribe E.; James Coue, Scribe N.; Alex. M. Byres, Treas.; Alex. I. McConnochie, 1st Soj.; Charles Shepherd, 2nd Soj.; and Andrew Stott, 3rd Soj.

The chapter was then closed, and all the companions present adjourned to the banqueting-room adjoining, where supper was laid. The newly-installed 1st Principal occupied the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially drunk and responded to, interspersed with a few songs from some of the companions.

The Aberdeen is the oldest chapter in the north of Scotland, satisfactory evidence having been produced that the Arch Degrees had been regularly given as far back as 1782, although there is good reason to believe that it had existed even earlier than that date. Unfortunately the earlier minute books have been lost, so its early history is a blank. Its fortunes have been varied, and latterly the chapter had almost ceased to exist; but now, under new auspices, and with a large addition of affiliated members, there is every appearance that a prosperous time will be enjoyed under the Principalship of Comp. Sylvester.

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

STEWARDS,	
Bro. J. E. Anderson, S.D. 18, and 255.	Bro. A. Marvin, W.M. 1768.
" W. Beattie, P.M. 142.	" J. H. Matthews, P. Dis. G.D. Bengal.
" W. A. Blackmore, 1485.	" E. M. Money, S.D. 28.
" H. Buc, S.D. 1820, J.W. 1965.	" *C. A. Murton, P.G.D.
" G. Brown, W.M. 140.	" J. Muzio, P.M. 1150.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.	" T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512.
" R. R. Davis, P.M. 250.	" G. C. Pulsford, Sec. 1503.
" *W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768	" *A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex.
" G. Drysdale, W.M. 222.	" J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.
" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.	" Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart. P.G.S.
" A. W. Duret, P.M. 1768, and 1223.	" S. W. Shaw, S.D. 709.
" A. Escott, P.M. 1503.	" *W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, S.W. 969, Sec.
" *T. Fenn, P.G.D. Treas.	" A. C. Spaul, P.P.G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop.
" A. Fyson, 1768.	" F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768, W.M. 1124.
" G. Gardiner, P.M. 749.	" R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1905.
" R. Grey, P.G.D.	" T. Truman Tanqueray, S.D. 1965.
" W. H. Johnson, I.G. 1965.	" T. Thomas, I.G. 1420.
" J. W. Jones, S.D. 5.	" S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.
" C. Lowther Kemp, 63 and J.W. 1924.	" R. A. Zeederberg, Good Hope.
" W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293.	
" J. W. Lambert, P.M. 142 and 1415.	
" J. Gordon Langton, I.G. 96.	
" P. de L. Long, P.G.D.	

*Members of the Committee.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Of the Lodge will take place at
FREEMASONS' HALL,
On Friday Evening, November 24th, 1882,
On which occasion

BRO. THE REVEREND AMBROSE WILLIAM HALL,
Past Grand Chaplin, has kindly consented to preside.
The Lodge will be opened in the Grand Hall, at Six o'clock precisely.

The Work will be the First Lecture, viz:—

- I. Section by Bro. J. Gordon Langton, I.G. 96.
- II. " " H. Buc, S.D. 1820.
- III. " " A. Fyson, 1768.
- IV. " " T. Truman Tanqueray, S.D. 1965.
- V. " " W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293.
- VI. " " R. A. Zeederberg, Good Hope.
- VII. " " R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1965.

Tickets for the Banquet, price 4s. each, may be had of the Stewards, or of Bro. W. SMALLPEICE, Secretary, 38, Lamb's Conduit Street, W.C.

N.B.—The Emulation Lodge of Improvement meets at Freemasons' Hall every Friday evening throughout the year at seven o'clock.

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WANTED to find his MASONIC CERTIFICATE, or Number of Lodge to which he belonged. Has been on ships between Liverpool and New York since the year 1857; before that belonged to Dublin. Any information thankfully received by his widow, Selina Buchanan, New Ferry, Cheshire.

DREADNOUGHT SEAMENS' HOSPITAL, Greenwich, S.E., and DISPENSARY, Well-street, London Docks, E., for Sailors of all Nations. No admission ticket or voting papers of any sort required, but both are entirely free to the whole maritime world, irrespective of race, creed, or nationality. Since establishment upwards of 225,000 have been relieved from no less than forty-two different countries, and the number of patients during 1881, was 7132, as compared with 4245, the average of the preceding ten years. Qualification of a governor one guinea annually, or a donation of ten guineas. New annual subscriptions or contributions will be thankfully received by the bankers, Messrs. Williams, Deacon and Co., 20, Birchin-lane, E.C., or by the Secretary at the Hospital. Funds are urgently needed for this truly Cosmopolitan Charity, which is supported by voluntary contributions.
W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

TO Builders and Contractors.—Brethren as above are kindly appealed to by Advertiser for EMPLOYMENT. Owing to great reverses in business, he is very much in need of occupation to maintain family. Would be thankful for a Foreman Bricklayer's situation, or Journeyman only. Well up in some of the office duties. Thirty-two years of age. Very active, and of very sober and steady habits.—C. P., Office of this Paper, 116, Great Queen-street, W.C.

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To Correspondents.

ESPRIT DE CORPS.—We think it is unnecessary to continue the discussion, as the reference in the leader had nothing to do with any special designs.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Court Circular," "The Citizen," "El Taller," "Address of the Grand Secretary of Manitoba," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Pianoforte Dealers' Guide," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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.]

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am directed by the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to forward you for publication enclosed copy of a letter to Bro. R. S. Patterson, which speaks for itself.

Yours fraternally, H. D. P. LE GAPPELLAIN, 14th.
Winnipeg, October 10th. Grand Secretary.

"To Bro. R. S. Patterson.
"Windmill Hill, Gibraltar, July, 14th, 1882.
"Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your several communications lately received have been laid before the M.W. Grand Master, and after consultation with the Deputy Grand Master and Board of General Purposes, who concur with him in his views of the matter, he directs me to state that he can not approve of your action in calling an 'Occasional Grand Lodge,' as our Constitution gives no power to the Special Deputy to do so, and the matter of forming a so-called 'Territorial Grand Lodge' he strongly condemns as being entirely unconstitutional, and not in accordance with Masonic custom as practised by any Grand Lodge on this continent, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba cannot recognise any such Grand Body, as it is clearly illegal. Our Constitution, of which you, I presume, have a copy, as one was sent you, provides for the particular manner of constituting new lodges and installation of their officers. From the records received, it is clearly manifest that you have not fulfilled those requirements, while the Grand Master and Grand Lodge hold (as determined at the last annual communication) that Gibraltar is Masonically unoccupied territory, for though several Grand bodies are there represented, there is no Sovereign Grand Lodge at Gibraltar; they were nevertheless willing, on the ground of expediency, to concede to the point, and therefore ordered the warrant of Lodge 'Al Moghreb' al Aksa returned, unless constituted in Morocco in accordance with the expressed intentions of the petitioners for said warrant.

"Morocco is acknowledged by all Masonic authorities to be unoccupied territory, and the Freemason of London of the 13th of May acknowledged that this Grand Lodge had every right to grant a warrant for a lodge at Tangiers, and if deemed advisable at other points; and that when three or more lodges were properly organised in Morocco, then, and then only, could they form themselves into a Grand Lodge.

"From the records received it appears that you:
"First: Convened an occasional Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"Secondly: That you formed a Territorial Grand Lodge.
"Thirdly: That you then constituted the Lodge Al Moghreb al Aksa and installed the officers.

"The Grand Master holding your course to have been illegal and contrary to our Grand Lodge Constitutions, therefore orders:

"First: That the warrant granted Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge, together with all papers emanating from this Grand Lodge, be immediately returned, said warrant having been so improperly used that we cannot recognise the body of Masons supposed to be working under it; and,
"Secondly: That your commission as Special Deputy be revoked, and that you return the same to this Grand Lodge.

"He further desires me to state that he regrets very much that such action is necessary on his part, as he would be extremely glad to see Masonry prospering, not only in Morocco, but all over the globe; but while such is the case he cannot countenance what he deems to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, even to further so desirable an end as the spreading of Masonic light.

"Believing that you will immediately carry out the M.W. Grand Master's orders, I remain, yours fraternally,
"H. D. P. LE GAPPELLAIN, 14th,
"Grand Secretary."

THE WORD "COWAN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

I see that you complain, and I have no doubt very justly, about the bad writing of some of your correspondents. I know that mine is villainous. At the same time, please let me point out to you that the whole sense and meaning of the letter on the above subject that you have been good enough to insert in to-day's *Freemason* is entirely lost, because your printer has insisted upon giving the plural only of the Greek word for "dog."

What I wrote was, "I have always believed that the word 'cowan' is simply an English rendering of the Greek noun 'kuón,' a dog;" my point of course being that phonetically, as well as naturally, the word "cowan" is so derived. Now there is no possible phonetic resemblance between "cowan" and "kuncs," though there is between "cowan" and "kuón"; so that I shall feel extremely obliged if you will kindly insert this letter in your next issue, not only to explain my theory, but also to free me from the charge of having forgotten the little Greek I even possessed.

Yours fraternally,
T. WARD CHALMERS.
Market-street, Stafford, November 4th.

[The mistake, for which we apologize, occurred through a little misunderstanding by the printer of the two Greek words.—Ed. F.M.]

SYMBOLIC TEACHING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Without attempting to enter into the vexed question as to the comparative Masonic merits of the right line and the square, as set forth in the paper on "Symbolic Teaching," contributed "to the P.G.M. Lodge by Bro. N. S. Marks, W.M. Washington Lodge, 368, I.C., Melbourne," on 11th April last, and read for him by Bro. Angell Ellis, I shall be glad of a little space to point out that, in one part of his paper, and that a very important part, Bro. Marks has fallen into a somewhat grave error.

He says: "The \square , or double square, by its diagonal right line, is bisected into two triangles, and as the three angles of a triangle are together equal to two right angles, so must the right line forming the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle \triangle be of a value double to either of the other two lines."

The well-known 47th proposition of the First Book of Euclid, so familiar to all brethren from being included in the jewel of a Past Master, demonstrates that in every right-angled triangle the square on the side subtending, or opposite to, the right angle is equal to the sum of the squares described on the sides containing the right angle.

Thus if \triangle be a right-angled triangle, the angle

at B being the right angle, then the square described on A C equals the sum of the squares described on A B, and B C, or, in other words, $A C^2 = A B^2 + B C^2$. This will be still more apparent if we take the figures 3, 4, and 5 as representing the values of A B, B C, and A C respectively, namely $A B=3$, $B C=4$, and $A C=5$. Then for $A C^2 = A B^2 + B C^2$ we have $5^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$ or $25 = 9 + 16$, which is the fact. It is also a fact that 5 is not the double of either 3 or 4.

Fraternally yours, RIGHT ANGLE.

THE LATE BRO. CRITCHETT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many of your readers are not aware that the above universally-lamented gentleman, one of the brightest luminaries of the medical profession, was likewise a member of our Craft.

Bro. George Critchett was initiated into our Order over thirty years ago, and although he seldom visited a lodge, the tenets of our Order were practised by him in the truest sense of the word—a truer and better Mason never lived. The qualities and virtues which should belong to every Mason he practised. Not only did he excel in his particular and most important branch of the healing art, but he was likewise a man of very high attainments, of great culture, and a thorough gentleman—a beau ideal of the old school. Graceful in appearance, his manner had that peculiar charm which fascinates and endears; but, above all, his sweet disposition and gentleness of heart, his generosity, which knew no bounds, his extreme unselfishness.

The whole aim of his life seemed to be to do good, to alleviate suffering, and befriend the friendless; thousands have been the recipients of his bounty.

To the great fundamental principles of our Order—charity—he was a true disciple, and its most enthusiastic votary. In the exercise of that great virtue lay his peculiar charm. With him it was but too true, that "One hand knew not what the other gave." How many poor and needy will mourn their kind friend and generous benefactor? How many will miss, not only his bounty, but his wise counsel? The indigent patient found not only relief to his suffering but likewise pecuniary assistance; to the impecunious sufferer he would hold out one hand to grasp that of the grateful patient, while with the other he would pour balm to another wound—poverty. How many tears flowing from grateful and mourning hearts will follow him to the grave?

Indeed, I may say, without exaggeration, that but few shake off the mortal coil lamented and regretted so universally. Amongst the multitude surrounding his grave, mute with heartfelt grief, there were many who, like myself, involuntarily ejaculated, "May the Great Architect of the Universe receive his gentle spirit into that Grand Lodge above, where well-merited reward will be meted out to him."

He has left a worthy successor, his son. Mr. Anderson Critchett has already given ample proof that not only will the great skill and attainments of the father survive in him,

but also his excellent qualities and virtues. Our departed brother has left but one daughter, his favourite and best beloved, who has been a true ministering angel to him. From the commencement of his illness, until the sad and final end, she incessantly watched by his bedside. Almost his last words were, while embracing her, "God bless you my dearest child." In most of his deeds of charity that lady was his "factotum," his secretary and his almoner. To show you how universally he is regretted, I will but mention an incident. Yesterday I met a friend, a Catholic priest; his words were, "My poor flock will sadly miss their kind and good friend." To day I met a Jewish rabbi, whose first words were, "I can but inadequately express my sincere sorrow at the loss of such a man. Many the acts of kindness I have received at his hands."

This good and noble man knew no distinction of caste, of race; to the poor especially he was the gentlest of the gentle. May his soul rest in peace.
Yours fraternally,
October 4th.

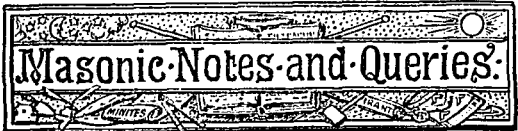


THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. No. II, III. Cassell and Galpin.

The progress of this spirited republication seems going on apace and satisfactorily, and as we take up each succeeding number we feel more and more how very wonderful was the influence of those Oriental Stories on the childhood and youth of a couple or so of generations ago. We are aware that stern moralists and ecstatic preachers have found fault with the "Arabian Nights" as instructors and amusers of youth. But then, to say the truth, as we always object to people "taking the high moral line" especially out of season, we pay very little heed to any such fanatical objection, or any "ex parte" statements of the kind. One of the surest indications of the bad taste and worst form of the rising generation is in the alleged unconcern and want of appreciation for the "Arabian Nights." It only shows how thoroughly vitiated the temper of their minds must have become, how utterly demoralized by the sensationalism of the hour, if they can and do prefer the high spiced melodramas of odious criminality and successful villainy, to those amusing and harmless, and yet fascinating tales, which delighted our forefathers, and filled our youthful memories with pleasant associations and gracious imaginings. The quaint and often fantastic traditions of Oriental parable and word-painting, have a mine of wit, and truth, and sense, and loyal sympathy and kindly teaching in them one add all, which only has to be faithfully explored and safely reached to reward the industrious seeker, and make him glad to company with those gay ghosts of the Arabian story tellers, which fill up idle hours or supply our daily musings with genial and elevating thoughts.

THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO SALISBURY CATHEDRAL. Brown and Co., Canal, Salisbury.

This is a remarkably handy and admirably illustrated little handbook to one of the most beautiful of English cathedrals, which deserves a reverent pilgrimage from all who love the works of mediæval masons, and delight in those beautiful "houses of God in the land," which tell us such an impressive tale of the piety and sacrifices of our forefathers. Salisbury Cathedral, from its peculiar position and its architectural claims, has long been a source of fervent admiration to those who know it best; and it may be pardoned the writer of this effective illustrated guide, if he soars occasionally into enthusiasm when describing the effect of that stately structure, at all times, seasons, or hours on the sympathetic imagination, or the reflective mind. No one can spend a shilling better than in the purchase of this little work; and we will just add that it would be better for some of us, in our opinion, if before they went abroad to distinguish themselves, as they sometimes do, in foreign cathedrals (see Brown, Jones, and Robinson "passim"), they would learn to appreciate the wonderful beauties and excellencies architecturally, of the cathedrals of their native country.



MASONIC AND HERMETIC ILLUSTRATIONS.

I would venture to suggest that all our correspondents who note what they consider Masonic or Hermetic symbols in MSS., and early printed works, should write and let you know, as I feel quite sure, from personal observation, that many such little matters are passed by as wholly undeserving of notice, though often very valuable and important, and that there are many things as yet not touched upon and not dreamt of, alike in Bibliographic lore and Masonic philosophy.

MASONS' COMPANY.

Have any documents of this company ever been published? Is any history of it extant? I have been, so far, practically able to find no accounts of it at all.

BOOKWORM.

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RE COWAN.

Bro. Chalmers is quite correct as to Bro. Sir Walter Scott using the term "Cowan" in one of his works. Masonically it was used as early as 1599 for certain, and, doubtless, earlier, if we had the old minutes to consult. In 1599 it described one who had a knowledge of Masonry, but had not acquired it according to the usages of the Craft, and that meaning has been connected with the term from that day to this. The word is now virtually obsolete, save in its Masonic sense, just as with the word "hele." Bro. D. Murray Lyon, in his fine work on the "Lodge of Edinburgh," has much to say about the origin of the word, but Masonically there cannot be a doubt of the meaning, and outsiders, not being cowans, were "caves-droppers," or "intruders."

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the White Hart Hotel, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. Bro. Robinson, W.M., occupied the chair; and there were present Bros. Jannaway, S.W.; Knight, J.W.; Davis, J.D.; T. Minstrell, I.G.; Watson, Lambourne, and a large muster of brethren.

The ceremony of passing was most successfully worked. The bye-laws, as altered, were unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be printed. A petition from a Past Master, who had been for very many years a subscribing member, and who from failing eyesight had been considerably reduced in circumstances, was received, asking the support of the lodge in his application to the Lodge of Benevolence for pecuniary assistance. It was unanimously agreed to recommend the petition, which was signed by every brother present.

The W.M. announced that the members of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, would pay a complimentary visit to the lodge of instruction, on the 23rd inst., and work the whole of the Fifteen Sections.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren partook of refreshment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, and was in every respect worthy of the high character the lodge possesses both for its good harmony and brotherly love. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hancock, W.M., and Mr. Batall, a candidate for initiation, having been approved of, was made acquainted with the mysteries and privileges of the First Degree. Bro. J. Terry, P.M., &c., &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was then placed in the chair as Installing Officer, and in his own inimitable style proceeded to install Bro. T. W. Gilling, W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. We need hardly say that the ceremony was worthy of the highest commendation, and such as all Masons, who know the intense interest our distinguished brother takes in all his Masonic duties, might easily be led to expect from his great and profound Masonic erudition. The following officers were invested by the M.M.: Bros. E. H. Rolfe, S.W.; J. Chorlton, J.W.; E. Jex, P.M., Treasurer; R. Bradbrook, P.M., Secretary; W. Esmonde, S.D.; C. Wakefield, J.D.; Homer, I.G.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Organist; Robinson, Steward; J. P. Moore, P.M., D.C.; and James Very, Tyler. The three charges, as delivered by Bro. Terry, were a purely Masonic treat, and delighted every one present. A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., who briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Jex, P.M., then rose, and, amid great applause, proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for the handsome manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer.

Bro. Moore, P.M., eloquently seconded, and Bro. Adkins supported, the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry said that it was some years ago since he presided in the chair of the W.M. at the consecration of the lodge. Bro. J. Wright was its first Master, and since then, to show the importance of the lodge, as well as the estimable qualities of Bro. Wright, he had been invested by their Royal Grand Master as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England. As for himself, he was pleased to be able to be with them, and as one of the oldest honorary members of the lodge felt a natural interest in its welfare. He trusted for many years to be spared to come among them, and prove to them how much he appreciated their earnest endeavours for the grand Charities of the Order, and aid them in their prosperity by every means in his power.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Wright for his attendance, and in response, he said he always had, and should have, a great interest in its welfare.

Bro. Jex then, in the course of an eloquent and lengthy speech, told of the work done by the lodge for the cause of charity. When he stood Steward for the Boys at the last festival, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, he was thankful to say he was well supported, not only by the lodge but by others outside of it. He spoke of the two Sheriffs of the Ward he was a member of in the City of London, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, and Sir W. Hogg. The latter said, when asked to subscribe, that he was not a Mason, but when told that whether he was a Mason or not he might have the votes and vote just the same, he added his name to the list.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. Among the brethren present beside the above enumerated brethren were Bros. J. Wright, P.M., P.G.P., England; C. Chapman, W.M., 898; P. H. Nelson, W.M., 861; G. A. Payne, W.M., 933; F. Orchard, J.W., 198; R. Brown, I.G., 1076; J. Morriss, D.C., 933; J. G. Speaight, 1519; G. H. Stephens and C. Jolly, J.D., 1472, 13, 913, 1336 (*Freemason*).

The cloth having been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Wright responded for "The Grand Officers," and assured the brethren that it was the remembrance by the brethren of their work in Grand Lodge at such meetings as the present that made that work a pleasure. It gave them encouragement to go on and do their duty, not only to their own satisfaction, but with, he trusted, credit to the choice of their royal and honoured Grand Master.

Bro. Hancock then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and in response, Bro. Gilling said he felt glad to see so many around him that evening, and hope that the twelve months he should hold office would be beneficial to the lodge and its members. He should endeavour to uphold the dignity of the lodge, and hand it over to his successor as prosperous and even a better lodge than when he took it.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bros. Hancock and Atkins responded, both eloquently urging the claims of the Masonic Institutions upon the brethren.

"The Benevolent Institutions of the Order" followed, and Bro. Terry responded in an elaborate speech, in which he pointed out the great advantages the children of Freemasons received in the Boys' and Girls' Schools; but he especially advocated the consideration of the claims of the aged Freemasons and widows. He spoke of the grand manner in which both boys and girls had come out of the past year's Cambridge Local Examinations, and of the remarkable energy displayed by Bro. Binckes, as Secretary of the Boys' School; but he put it to the brethren in forcible language, whether a child might not often be adopted by some friend or relative. But who, asked the speaker, ever heard of any one adopting an old man or an old woman? Bro. Terry gave an instance of the good work done by the Benevolent Institution in the case of the widow of a brother, who, at one time, was worth a quarter of a million of money; and who was compelled to come to the Benevolent Institution for help, and got it.

The other toasts were the "Initiates," "Visitors," "Officers," and "Tyler's Toast," and so closed a most enjoyable evening.

ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).

—This lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, the lodge being opened by Bro. W. Meyer Lutz, W.M., there being also present Bros. John Maclean, S.W., W.M. elect; Frederick Delevanti, J.W.; E. Stanton Jones, P.M.; J. W. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middlesex; George Buckland, P.M.; Charles Coote, Treas.; Edwin Frewin, P.M.; W. H. Cremer, Henry Baker, Charles S. Jekyll, P.M., G. Org.; Joseph Parry, W. A. Tinney, P.M.; John M. Ball, Henry Sniders, Henry J. Tinney, M.C.; Julian Egerton, William J. Castell, W. Graves, Leopold Silberberg, Edward Swanborough, P.M.; Gustavus R. Egerton, Arthur Thomas, Robert Hilton, Abraham Henson, Charles Henry Stephenson, Charles Wellard, I.P.M.; Arthur Swanborough, R. Soutar, William Jones Hill, James Charles Hambleton, Victor Tussaud, John H. D. Wallace, George Chas. Alias, W. H. Smith, Steward; H. J. Carter, Robert Dodson, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, S.D.; Edwin J. F. Bell, Wm. J. Kent, I.G.; Henry J. Calcott, Alfred Morton, Hy. Ashley, J.D.; Richard Temple, Harry J. Hitchins, Edw. Humphrey, George E. Fairchild, Wallis Mackay, Henry Marsh Edsell, Alfred R. Phillips, Charles J. Taylor, Henry Parry, Geo. Griffiths, John L. Simon, Walter A. Rolls, Henry Bracey, Alfred Woodhouse, George Jenkinson, John Carter, Louis Honig, Henry Herman, Charles S. Bradberry, J. A. Hamilton, J. J. Dallas, F. Clive, J. Willing, jun., T. de Brunnow Holmes, H. Prenton, J. G. Speaight, C. W. Clement Smith, and H. Parkin.

There were also present as visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Gen. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. Jersey; Col. Henry Radcliffe, P.M. 858; Arthur G. Taylor, P.G.S. of W. Surrey; H. E. Nevill, W.M. 969; J. Mason, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Joseph Langton, P.M. 1673; B. Jackson, 1677; George Bishop, 231; W. B. Blackman, 140; J. W. Hanson, 1706; Thomas Smith, Richard Taylor, 733; Dr. H. J. Strong, 452; J. Lloyd, 1201; J. F. Walsh, P.M.; R. W. Dunn, P.M. 1670; J. B. Johnson, W.M. 134; T. Knox Holmes, 23; John Read, P.M. Friends in Council; S. Fitzgerald, 1364; J. H. Casson, 1706; H. Whaley, W.M. 1670; Samuel Johnson, 227; T. J. Bourne, 1614; John Lindsay, Chap. 1351; Lionel B. Brough, 1609; J. Heaton, S.W. 1260; Samuel E. White, 972; Charles Hobbs, 1351; Robert White, 101; Joyce Murray, P.M. 1706; C. F. May, P.M. 780; C. N. Brandon, 1503; B. L. Wilson, 1366; J. R. Taylor, 22; Samuel A. Mullier, Wm. Hilton, J. D. Langton, W.M. 1673; J. W. Baldwin, P.M. 1433; W. Binnie, P.M. 1237; G. M. A. Low, P.M. 1670; P. T. Duffy, 33; G. S. Ayres, P.M. 95; Dr. Richard Morris, 1185, Head Master of the Boys' School; Arthur Adams, 738; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

A letter was read from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, G. J. W., expressing his regret that a prior engagement prevented his accepting the invitation he had received to be present on this occasion.

The ceremony of installation has been so frequently reported in these columns that it is quite unnecessary to refer to it in its various stages on this occasion. It is sufficient to say that Bro. W. Meyer Lutz, the W.M. of the Asaph Lodge, installed his successor, Bro. John Maclean, in a most admirable manner, no detail of the elaborate ceremony being omitted. It was a general remark in the lodge-room, that it was marvellous that one who was not a native of this country, and who it was understood was twelve months ago far from proficient in our language, should have so mastered our tongue as to have rendered the ceremony of installation in a thoroughly impressive manner. Bro. Lutz is intelligent, painstaking, and energetic, and to these three good qualities his success as a Mason may be attributed. The Asaph Lodge is fortunate in its Masters. If the admiration of the brethren has been excited by the success attained by Bro. Lutz under difficulties, they will experience the satisfaction in the ensuing year of seeing and hearing the beautiful Masonic ceremonies performed by a thorough elocutionist and actor, in the person of the new Master, Bro. John Maclean, who in the little that he had to do on Monday, after he was installed, gave them a taste of his quality. We have seldom, if ever, seen the officers of a lodge invested, with advice and congratulations, in better taste than those of Bro. Maclean, on Monday last.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Bros. Delevanti, S.W.; Charles Tinney, J.W.; Charles Coote, Treas.; Chamberlin, Sec.; Henry Ashley, S.D.; William Kent, J.D.; Henry Tinney, I.G.; Woodbridge, M.C.; Walter Smith, Henry Hitchins, Stewards; Starton Jones, P.M., Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

Bro. Edward Swanborough, P.M., proposed that a sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds be voted and placed upon the list of the W.M., who, he understood, had consented to stand as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was duly seconded, and passed unanimously.

Bro. Maclean said that he was very much indebted to Bro. Swanborough, P.M., for his proposition, and to the lodge for their vote; but he had been intending to inquire first whether any brother wished to stand as Steward, and only to offer his own services if he got a negative reply. As the brethren, however, wished him to stand as Steward, he would say that if any of them got a windfall, and had an unconsidered trifle to spare that would be useful to these old folks, he would be very happy to relieve them of it.

A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence by the widow of Bro. Righton, who died in 1880, was signed by the Master, Wardens, and several brethren as recommending the case.

After the dinner which followed the closing of the lodge, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured by those present.

On rising to propose the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said that he thought that Masons should drink that toast even more cordially than other men, because three of Her Majesty's sons were distinguished members of the Order. They were entitled to couple her honoured name with their body as their patron; and, besides, she was ever ready to bear witness to the worth of those gallant men who upheld the dignity of our land, and was even the first to send messages of sympathy and condolence to those who were afflicted. Might she live long to do so for the future. He gave them "The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M." he said he did not think it would be possible to submit a more popular toast. The Prince of Wales, as a patron of art, the drama and the fine arts appeared to be everywhere, doing everything for everybody. Unfortunately for him (the speaker) he and his brother professionals had not had the opportunity to assist so much at Grand Lodge as others had. He had, however, had the pleasure of being present on an occasion when the Prince of Wales was to officiate for some purpose, and he had concluded that the Prince having so much to do at all times would have deputed some of his Grand Officers to assist him; but no, he was there. He would not dwell on the subject however, but he must refer to a little anecdote connected with the return of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) which he (Bro. Maclean) went to witness. There was a certain comedian known as Teddy Righton, who was not a "gusher." He also went to see the return of the Guards. A brother comedian, who was on a balcony, saw him, and hailed him, "Hulloa, Teddy!" "Yes, I'm coming up there," said Teddy, and up he came. A carriage went by, "Hulloa!" said Teddy, what's that? "The Prince of Wales accompanied by the Princess going to be the first to give the Guards a greeting." Said Teddy, "Hang me, if that man is not always in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time."

In proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Maclean said that the majority of the members of the Lodge of Asaph were very much handicapped and placed at a disadvantage in having so few opportunities of attending Grand Lodge, as when they contrived to be present at all they were dragged away by their professional engagements. However, he was able to say that the work of Grand Lodge was admirably done. The M.W.G.M. was most ably represented by the Earl of Carnarvon or the Earl of Lathom, and if he is not there he is well represented. He (Bro. Maclean) had always felt that the systematic, orderly, and dignified manner in which the work of Grand Lodge was done was of the highest importance as an example to the Craft in general. In submitting this toast he would couple with it the name of Colonel De Carteret, Prov. Grand Master of Jersey.

Bro. Colonel De Carteret briefly returned thanks, and said that he could endorse everything that the Worshipful Master had said as to the way in which the work of Grand Lodge was done. In his province, himself and his officers endeavoured to tread in the footsteps of the Grand Officers here. He would call upon the Grand Secretary to supplement these remarks, as being so much better able than he was to reply for this toast.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said he thought that he was not to speak to this toast, but should be pleased to say a few words. This was not the first time that he had had the pleasure of being present at the Lodge of Asaph, and the oftener he came the higher was the opinion that he formed of it. He had been for several years, and he had always seen the work done very efficiently indeed, and he was pleased to find that the brother chosen for Master had always been as efficient as any Master he had seen before. They were all aware that the Installing Master was not an Englishman by birth, and considering that, it was marvellous how he had mastered the ceremony. He must say that visiting the Asaph Lodge, representing the dramatic profession, was a most unusual gratification to those of the outer world. He would not say that they comprehended all the talent of the world; but he thought they had a large share of it, and those of the outer world were most charmed to meet them on this occasion, and also pleased to see that their most arduous vocation did not prevent their working at our good old Craft, as it was plain that they had done. He congratulated the Lodge of Asaph upon the marvellous progress it had made during the twelve or thirteen years it had existed, and he hoped that in the future it would attain that excellence which it merited. He congratulated the W.M. upon the proud position he had attained in the lodge; he had given them a strong earnest of the way in which he meant to do his work, because in the small part that had fallen to his lot that day he (the Grand Secretary) had never seen anything more perfectly performed. He thanked the W.M. on behalf of the Grand Officers, and on his own, and wished him every success.

Bro. Meyer Lutz, I.P.M., then rose and said that the most pleasing task that had fallen to his lot was to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It was a pleasure to call Bro. Maclean their Master, because he was an earnest and well-schooled Mason in every respect. He had said it was his most pleasing task to propose Bro. Maclean's health, and he would content himself with saying that.

Bro. Maclean, W.M., said that he would rather talk about anything else than himself. He had to thank the brethren for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed, and he thanked them from his heart for the very genial manner in which it had been received. He had also to thank the Grand Secretary for the kind words which he had spoken of him. He would not inflict a wearying speech upon them, but he did honestly and sincerely feel that it was a proud position which he held as the head of such a body of men as he saw round him; and when he knew—when it was made manifest to him in such a manner as it had been—he said to himself, "Well John, you can't be such a bad lot after all." From the moment when he became embued with the spirit of Masonry—and he believed he was embued with the true spirit—and as long as it was in his power, he would

endeavour to sustain the reputation of the lodge which had been so admirably upheld by the Masters who had gone before him. Brethren, he concluded, I thank you all, and drink to your hearty good health and long life to you.

The W.M. rose and said that he had now the gratification to invest their I.P.M., Bro. Lutz, with a jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him. Their worthy and esteemed Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell Clerke, had alluded to the disadvantages with which Bro. Lutz had had to contend in mastering the English language in working the ceremonies. For his part, he could almost wish that they were all Germans, that he might have worked the ceremony in German. What he said he honestly meant. He had met a good many honest, earnest, worthy Masons, but never a more earnest Mason than Bro. Lutz; nor had he ever met one more convinced of his own shortcomings. From the manner in which Bro. Lutz had performed his duties that day they must all bear witness to the fact that no man could have succeeded so well without sticking to his tether. Bro. Lutz, P.M. (addressing him), allow me, on behalf of the brethren of this lodge, and it gives me very great pleasure indeed, to invest you with a jewel presented by the brethren of this lodge for the duties you have so ably rendered during your year of office.

Bro. Lutz said that the reception of such a handsome jewel he was quite sure was not due to any services on his part, but, on the contrary, he knew that it was the generous appreciation by the brethren of his earnest anxiety to do his best. He trusted that time would carry away with it all his shortcomings, and leave only the feelings of generosity which the brethren had shown him on that occasion.

"The W.M. next proposed 'The Health of his Visitors,' coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Henry Nevill.

Bro. Nevill, in returning thanks, said that he had never heard the installation ceremony better performed than it had been that day by Bro. Lutz, except on two occasions, the first was when he himself was installed, and the second was when Bro. George Buckland performed it. He was particularly pleased to be a guest of that particular lodge, because it numbered amongst its members many of that profession to which he had devoted his life. Like most actors he was very fond of Masonry; he looked upon it as a religion universal. He was sure they all endeavoured to act up to its principles of brotherly love, and that charity which blesses the giver and receiver alike, and that hospitality which the lodge had just dispensed in so liberal a manner.

The W.M. was at this point obliged to leave to fulfil his professional engagements, Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Organist, taking the chair in his stead.

Bro. Jekyll briefly proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was responded to by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

We cannot conclude our report without mentioning how very greatly the enjoyment of every one was enhanced by the delightful music, both vocal and instrumental, which was performed during the evening. The ladies and gentlemen who assisted in this department were Miss Agnes Larkcom, Miss Kate Baxter, and Bros. H. Bracy, T. Hanson, F. Clive, H. Parry, Lionel Brough, George Buckland, R. Hilton, J. Hamilton (flute), and J. Egerton (clarinet).

KAISER-I-HIND LODGE (No. 1724)—The November meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Thursday the 2nd inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. A. Bayford, S.W., W.M. elect.; Lieut.-Col. Burton, P.M.; Colonel Blake, P.M.; R. A. Pritchard, S.D.; F. W. Ramsay, Sec.; A. C. Dibden, Treas.; John Short; Rev. A. Hall, Chap. P.G.C.; R. Jones, P.G.S.; B. Dean, P.G.S.D., Oxford; R. Sands; P. Berney Brown; and C. Berney Brown. The ceremony of passing Bros. R. Flynnes, Barrett-Lennard, and A. R. Rudall to the Second Degree having been performed in his usual impressive manner by Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard, the outgoing Master, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., who had very kindly made a point of attending to give the lodge the benefit of his valuable services, next proceeded to the installation ceremony. Bro. R. A. Bayford, W.M. elect, having signified his adherence to the ancient charge was solemnly obligated and inducted into the chair, and was subsequently proclaimed and saluted in the several Degrees by the brethren. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were next invested, and each received an admirable lecture upon the teaching of the jewels of his office, and of the nature of the duties which he would be expected to perform. The three charges were next given, and could not have been more impressively rendered. Bros. R. A. Pritchard, John Short, and C. Berney Brown were respectively appointed S.W., J.W., and S.D. The newly installed W.M. especially called the attention of the lodge to the fact that in making his appointments he had not overlooked two or three of the brethren, who in right of their seniority should have taken office, but as they were absent abroad, they had requested him to appoint some of their junior brethren in their stead.

After the W.M. had received "Hearty good wishes," not only from the members of his own lodge, but from numerous visitors who were present, he next discharged, as he expressed it, a highly pleasurable duty in presenting, in the name of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard, who was evidently deeply touched at this indication of cordial feeling on the part of the brethren, to whom he expressed his sincere thanks in a few well-chosen words.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren proceeded from labour to refreshment. The visitors included, amongst others, Bros. the Hon. Mr. Justice Cave, G.J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. J. H. Rowley, P.G.C. Essex; R. Davidson, C. Haigh, Capt. Cooper King, W.M. 1599; and A. Clayton.

Following the removal of the cloth, the W.M., after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, proposed, in most felicitous terms, "The Health of Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard, P.M.," and complimented him most heartily upon the assiduous manner in which he had performed his arduous duties during his tenure of office.

Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard made a suitable response to the toast.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Cave, who, in the course of a very apt and humorous speech which he made in reply, remarked that of all places where he least expected to see his esteemed friend and brother, Bayford,

was in the chair of a W.M. of a Freemasons' lodge, his brother having for many years past, during a long and honourable career at the Bar, done all in his power to disunite people, whilst, as all his (the speaker's) hearers were well aware, the very essence of Freemasonry was "unity." He added, however, that whatever his "learned brother's" views and actions might be professionally, he felt sure that no one could be a more sincere Mason or more fitted to occupy his present position, namely, that of W.M. of the Kaiser-i-Hind Lodge.

Bro. S. C. Dibden, the more than indefatigable Treasurer of the lodge, and other of the brethren having given several capital and topical songs, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the usual Tyler's toast.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).

This is one of our representative lodges. Founded in connection with Trinity College, in Mandeville-place, Manchester-square, with which most of its members are associated, and meeting as it does within the walls of the college, it is of a thoroughly musical character. In the room in which the lodge is held is a very good organ, and as Bro. E. Burritt Lane is the Organist, the ceremonies gain very much in impressiveness by the suitable music that is played during their performance. On Thursday, the 2nd inst., this lodge held its installation meeting, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac. Oxon. We have at the present day a large number of good-working Freemasons; but it is no mere idle flattery to say that Bro. Stark is one of the best. There was a large amount of work to get through on Thursday week, the lodge being opened punctually at 4.30 and not being closed until after 8 o'clock. During that period Bro. G. F. Smith, W.M. 1839, Professor of Music, was admitted a joining member; Mr. Thos. John Beeman and Mr. George Loudon were balloted for and afterwards initiated; Bros. A. F. Austin and W. E. Stark were raised to the Third Degree; and Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt (Chaplain of Trinity College), W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. With the exception of the initiation, which was ably performed by Bro. J. A. Hammond, P.M. and Secretary, the whole of the work was done by Bro. Stark, in a calm, impressive manner, from beginning to end, without hesitation or mistake.

From the manner in which the newly-installed Master, Bro. Bonavia-Hunt, invested his officers, and explained their duties to them, it looks as if Bro. Stark would have a successor in the chair who will maintain the reputation for good work which the Trinity College Lodge has established. The officers invested were: Bros. Humphrey Stark, I.P.M.; Stedman, S.W.; E. Hoare, J.W.; T. E. Biddlecombe, Treasurer; J. A. Hammond, Secretary; B. Turner, S.D.; Geo. F. Hammond, J.D.; Charles Taylor, I.G.; Burritt Lane, Organist; Aubrey Howard, M.C.; Gabriel, W.S.; Plant Martin, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. There were also present Bros. C. T. Corke, Walter E. Stark, Alfred Oldknow, Arthur Carvall, Arthur Thwaites, J. F. Hopgood, Thos. P. L. Martin, J. B. Sarjeant, A. T. Austin, Jno. Mills, Charles E. Moser, Herbert Bradley, T. J. Beeman, G. W. Loudon, and Frank Shelley. Visitors: Bros. C. G. Butler, 414; Thos. Hartley, 72; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; F. West, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; Fredk. Cambridge, 1706; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563; J. Berrow, W.M. 190; W. S. Hoyt, 1706; S. Jarrett Cook, 95; H. W. Roberts, J.D. 1293; Andrew Wise, 1806; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (Freemason).

After the lodge had been closed upon the completion of the business on the agenda, some screens which had been placed behind the Master's chair were removed, and disclosed the fact that an excellent cold collation awaited the members and their guests in the upper half of the room or hall in which the lodge had been held; and all present were very soon engaged upon the excellent viands which had been provided by Messrs. Withers, of Bond-street. When ample justice had been done to this repast, and the waiters had retired, the characteristic feature of the lodge developed itself; a delightful variation upon the usual routine, the speeches or the well worn subjects upon which it is so hard to find something new to say, were cut down to the fewest possible words, and the intervals were filled with much music, and as every one who touched an instrument or opened his mouth to vocalise was a professed musician, the result was exceptionally fine. The vocalists were: Bros. J. Stedman, L. Mus., J. B. Sarjeant, Plant Martin, Biddlecombe, Burritt Lane, L. Mus., and J. A. Hammond, P.M. 1765; while the instrumentalists were: Bros. H. J. Stark, Mus. Bac., Oxon, P.M. 1765; Bradbury Turner, Mus. Bac., S.D.; Gordon Saunders, Mus. D.; Corke, A. Carnall, Mus. Bac.; and Bambridge.

Bro. Bonavia-Hunt, W.M., in rising to propose the first toast said, that as time was getting on and this toast needed no introduction he thought he should not be accused of want of loyalty if he confined himself simply to proposing "The Queen and the Craft."

The overture to Wagner's "Tannhauser" was then performed on two grand pianos, by Bros. Bambridge, Corke, Bradbury Turner, and Gordon Saunders, who secured a round of applause upon its conclusion.

The Chairman said that for the same reason as before, he would content himself with proposing the health of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Plant Martin then sang "Do you know," a song composed by Bro. Stark, which was also well received.

The Chairman had much pleasure in proposing the next toast which he was sure was equally acceptable to all. He asked them to drink, up standing, "The Grand Officers of the Craft."

Bro. Humphrey Stark then played a pianoforte solo "Danse Nègre" (Ascher) which elicited much applause. Several brethren were inclined to encore some of these performers, and had to be reminded that continuous applause is not Masonic.

Bro. H. Stark, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that he was sure he was expressing the feelings of the brethren present, as well as his own, when he told him they were unanimous in wishing him a successful year, and in resolving to do their best to support Bro. Bonavia-Hunt in the arduous duties which he had undertaken. He would like to go further than that; he should like to say what a pleasure it had been to instal him in the chair, because he was one of his oldest friends, and they had worked for years together in the institution to which they both belonged. He did not need to tell the W.M. with what feelings of pleasure they all saw him in that chair, and how they hoped that during his year of office the prosperity of the lodge would not only be equal to, but surpass what it had attained in the time of his predecessor. Bro. Stark concluded by

asking the brethren to drink with him the health of the W.M.

Bro. J. Stedman then sang another pretty song, "Love's Serenade," bearing the name of Bro. Stark as composer, which was also well received. This was followed by a pianoforte solo of August Dupont's "Gavotte en sol mineur" (op. 37), which was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Arthur Carnall, Mus., Bac.

The Chairman, on rising to respond to this toast, said that if he gave way to his own inclination the brethren would not get away till past midnight, but he meant to spare them that infliction, and thought that he could do no better than copy in this respect (as he could not hope to copy worthily in the lodge) the example set by the Immediate Past Master. He could not express his gratitude to them for electing him the Master for the current year, and for the cordiality with which they had received the toast of his health; it was only a sense of that real and true fraternity that inspired him in his present arduous undertaking. He felt that he could not enter upon it with any confidence if he were not assured that he had the support of their good will. If he might turn to their Past Master he felt persuaded that he could always rely upon his most valuable co-operation at any time when he should require his assistance, and he felt that without that assistance for some time to come he should be at a very great loss. And, while he was on his legs, he wished to express what he knew to be the cordial feeling of the brethren, to perform a duty which was one of the most pleasant—to ask the I.P.M. to accept at the hands of the brethren and the speaker's a token of their esteem and regard, in the shape of a Past Master's jewel. He was sure the brethren would agree with him when he said that never was a Past Master's jewel more richly earned and deserved than that one; he would not venture upon a high-flown panegyric; he would only say in simple Saxon: "Worshipful Master, deign to receive this token of our warmest regards—this tribute of our fraternal affection." And he would ask the brethren to drink upstanding "The Health of their Immediate Past Master."

Bro. Stark acknowledged the compliment. There was a very great deal he should like to say, but various considerations prevented his doing so; but he must acknowledge the cordiality of the brethren in drinking his health as they had done, and the cordiality of the W.M. in the manner in which it had been proposed. He hoped that every Master of Trinity College Lodge would have as happy a year of office as he had been privileged to enjoy. He was not complimenting the officers in saying that it was due to them. At the commencement it had been felt that if they all pulled together the lodge would be a success; they had pulled together, and the consequence was that it had been a success. Most of the brethren would be aware that when he came into office as Master, in spite of the strenuous efforts of Bro. Hammond to keep down the expenses, there was only a small cash balance, which was a great deal more than swallowed up with outstanding liabilities. He was happy to say that he went out of office under very different circumstances; for the debts had been paid, the property of the lodge had been increased, and there was a considerable amount of cash. There was another matter he had to refer to. He must thank personally the officers of the lodge for the kind assistance they had given him from first to last; there were some officers of the lodge whose services, though not so apparent as those of others, were of the most valuable kind—he referred to the Treasurer and Secretary, to whom the brethren were indebted for the favourable balance-sheet they had seen. Those two brethren had kept him (Bro. Stark) straight as to the affairs of the lodge, and he tendered them his warmest thanks; and, in conclusion, he thanked the brethren of the lodge generally for the splendid present he was privileged to wear, and which would be for the rest of his life a pleasant memento of a most happy experience; and last, but not least, as the handsome reward with which the brethren had concluded his year of office.

Various other toasts were proposed, drunk, and replied to, including "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Installing Master," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

There was also a good deal more music, both vocal and instrumental, and all of so good a quality that it kept the company together until a late hour, from which it may be concluded that they thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 2nd inst. The brethren present were Bros. R. B. Cater, W.M.; Rubie, P.M., as I.P.M.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Radway, P.M., as Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., D. of C.; Mercer, S.W.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., as J.W.; Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; Brown, as I.G.; J. G. Wilton and Gregory, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; Captain R. Peel Floyd, P.M.; Braham, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M.; and a good attendance of members. The following were present as visitors: Bros. Becket, P.M. 906; Hughes, 53; and Bull, 906.

The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the circular of summons and the previous minutes, which were confirmed. He also gave the substance of answers received from relatives to whom letters of condolence had been sent on the death of members of their families who had been connected with the lodge.

Bro. Fisher was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Dr. Hopkins in the latter portion of the ceremony. Bro. Dr. Hopkins also gave the traditional history and the charge. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Gregory. During the temporary absence of Bro. Dr. Hopkins from the room, a letter from him was read, accompanied by a donation of five guineas to the charity fund, arising from the sale of his photographed Masonic charts, for which a vote of thanks was passed.

Bro. Ashley reminded such of the brethren as are R.A. Masons of the intention to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Cumberland R.A. Chapter, No. 41, on the 14th inst., expressing a hope that all the members would be present, especially as the centenary jewel will be conferred on each, that being the first occasion of such an event, as No. 41 is the first chapter to which the privilege has been granted by warrant from Grand Chapter.

The S.W. proposed a candidate for initiation, and no other business offering the lodge was closed.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 706).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on the

3rd inst., an event of more than usual interest bringing together an excellent gathering of the brethren of the lodge and visitors. The event in question was the fact that the esteemed W.M., Bro. Major E. S. Gordon, R.A., was about to take leave of the lodge for some time at least, he, after five years service as Assistant Superintendent of the Royal Carriage Department, Woolwich Arsenal, being detailed on active service at Nongong, in Central India, as commanding officer of K Battery, 3rd Brigade, Royal Artillery. Bro. Major Gordon was present and opened the lodge at 6.30, prompt, being supported by the following officers and brethren, viz: J. Black, I.P.M.; J. Scott Mutch, P.M.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M.; G. Mathams, S.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., J.W.; Sidney Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.P., Kent; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap.; Dr. C. H. Y. Goodwin, M.D., S.D.; H. Bernays, Acting J.D.; A. Burnett, I.G.; G. Risch; D. Livesay; H. Ayling; K. Uglad; Captain Costobadie, R.A.; H. J. Butter, P.M., 913, Past Grand Officer, Kent; G. Corbell, P.M., 453, P.P.G.P., Essex; J. Childs, W.M., 453; C. Vinnicombe, P.M., 681 (I.C.); J. Corbell, J.W., 453; W. R. Cole, 1744; and C. Jolly, J.D., 1472 (Freemason).

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Bro. Dr. Alfred Sharpe as a joining member. The ballot was then taken for Dr. H. Bottrell and H. Caldecott, and proving unanimous, these gentlemen were duly initiated. Bro. W. H. Ayling was then raised, and we may safely say that throughout a long, large, and varied experience we have never seen such effective and eloquent working as that of Bro. Gordon's upon the occasion under notice, which added not a little to the universal feeling of regret that accompanied and almost overcame the pride of having such a Master, whose services the brethren were so soon to lose.

Shortly before the lodge was closed, the Worshipful Master said it was now his painful duty to address the brethren upon a personal matter. It was a matter of deep regret to him to have to tell them that that would be the last time that he should have the opportunity, and he would sincerely say the happiness, of presiding over them as their W.M. By the exigencies of the service to which he had the honour to belong, he should before their next meeting be on his way to India to take command of his battery; but before leaving them he felt that he must thank them all, Past Masters, officers, and brethren, for the many great kindnesses he had, upon so many occasions, received at their hands. From the moment of his coming into the lodge, up to the time that he first held office, he had received nothing but the most genial and brotherly support from every member of the lodge. In leaving them, however, he knew that he was not the only W.M. who had been compelled, during his year of office, to leave them and go on foreign service. He trusted some day to be back with them, if he was spared; but before leaving them he once again desired to tell them how much he thanked them, and regretted having to part with his friends and brethren of the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

Bro. Gordon, who felt deeply the approaching separation, was loudly cheered as he resumed his seat.

Bro. Black, as the I.P.M., felt it incumbent upon him to express to Bro. Gordon the sincere regret of every member of the lodge at losing, not only his services as W.M., but himself, as a Mason and friend; and not only that lodge, but every lodge in the district would deeply regret Bro. Gordon's departure. He hoped Bro. Gordon would not only have a safe and prosperous voyage to India, but would come back to them in health and strength, and take his place on the left of the chair he now so admirably occupied, and he fervently trusted T.G.A.O.T.U. would protect Bro. Gordon in the land he was about to proceed to.

Bro. Sweny, P.M., in a powerful speech, proposed that the feelings of the brethren should be expressed by an entry on the minutes of the lodge of the intense regret felt by them at the departure of their esteemed W.M., Bro. Gordon. He paid a high compliment to the amiable and genial manner in which Bro. Gordon had carried out his duties, both in the subordinate offices and also in the exalted position he now occupied. No one who knew their W.M. but heartily wished him every success, happiness, and content in his new sphere of life.

Bro. Mutch seconded the proposition in appropriate terms; and the motion, on being put, was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Gordon, who was evidently touched at the spontaneous warmth evinced towards him, briefly thanked the brethren, and assured them that nothing would ever remove from his mind the great kindness he had that night received from the brethren of the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of supper, after which the W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Initiates" and "The Visitors."

Bro. Caldecott replied for the first and Bro. G. Corbell for the latter.

Bro. Sweny proposed "The Health of the W.M." in glowing terms, and, in the course of his remarks, wished him promotion, for that means a speedy return to England, to them, and to the lodge.

Bro. Gordon briefly returned thanks, and after a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated, with "Heartly good wishes" for the health and happiness of their gallant and esteemed W.M.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge since the installation of Bro. H. Mason as W.M. in July last, took place on Thursday the 2nd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, and was a most successful and enjoyable affair. Beside the W.M. there were present: R. J. Cook, I.P.M.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. Edmunds, S.W.; H. Pryce, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.P., Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.P., Kent, Sec.; W. Rees, S.O.; E. Palmer, P.M.; A. H. Letton, I.G.; G. Beaver, W.M., 700; J. H. Roberts, S.W., 700; J. Warren, P.M., 700; G. Tedder, 1107; C. Jolly, 1472 (Freemason) and many others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. G. Lawrance, who left the lodge through pressure of business some two years ago, applied for re-admission and was unanimously balloted a joining member. Bros. W. T. Buckley and W. J. Larder were passed. The question of increasing the payments to the Fund of Benevolence was then discussed for the information of Grand Lodge, and with but two dissentients it was resolved that the lodge was in favour of the proposed increase.

Bro. Jolly, being in office in the Henley Lodge, at North Woolwich, respectfully and regretfully tendered his resignation as a member of the Pattison Lodge, being desirous of devoting his energies to the lodge in which he some day hoped to pass the chair, and feeling himself unable to support both lodges as he should have liked to.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. Coupland, P.M., supported by the W.M. and every Past Master present, that Bro. Jolly should become an honorary member of the Pattison Lodge, in recognition of his many services, and as a token of the respect in which he is held by every member of the lodge.

Bro. Jolly briefly, but feelingly, returned thanks, telling of the regret he should ever have felt at being altogether disassociated with his many kind friends in Masonry belonging to the Pattison Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation, and, on returning to the lodge-room, the W.M. duly proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which, as is the custom in this lodge, were drunk with a good fire.

Bro. Cook, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he had heard it said in the room by some one who was a better speaker than himself that "nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hold that gavel for the purpose of proposing the toast of the W.M." Well, for himself, all he could say was that it would give him a great deal more pleasure were he able to do justice to the toast. Their W.M. had given them a taste of what they had to expect of him during the next nine months; and to show their appreciation of his excellent working he asked them to drink to his health and happiness.

The W.M., in reply, asked how he could sufficiently thank them for the kind and hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. He, however, did indeed thank them, and also the I.P.M. for his good wishes. He felt, in the position he now occupied for the first time, like a little child who was placed up against the wall by its nurse, and told to walk towards her; and without the assistance of the Past Masters, especially his kind nurse the I.P.M., he should never have been able to leave that wall without falling. He had not that night satisfied himself, but as he went on he trusted to so improve in the working and ritual as to be worthy to rank with the many excellent Masters who had passed through the chair he now held so indifferently. The next toast was that of the "Past Masters," coupled with the name of Past Masters Cook and Coupland. Bro. Cook in response thought the Past Masters had a great deal to be thankful for to the brethren of the lodge, for without their approval no one could be Master, and then Past Master.

Bro. Coupland made an eloquent appeal to the brethren to make a good "charity box" for the two orphan children of the late Bro. Priestly, of the Capper Lodge. They were in the Masonic Girls' School, but had not a friend in the world, both father and mother being dead. He wanted to get a trifle to keep them when they came out for their holidays; to find them clothes, postage stamps, &c., and wanted, therefore, a good box. On the box being returned to the W.M., it was put up for auction, and Bro. Roberts bought in for £2. It was then opened, and found to contain £1 18s. 6d., and Bro. Roberts paid the eighteen pence amid applause.

Bro. Coupland briefly returned thanks, and the W.M. proposed "The Visitors." Bro. Beaver, Warren, and Roberts briefly replied, tendering hearty invitations to the "Pattisons" to visit the "Nelsons" on the following Wednesday week.

Bros. Edmunds and Pryce responded for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast and a verse of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at St. George's Hall. Present: Bros. Geo. Band, W.M.; R. S. Davey, S.W.; H. Chambers, J.W.; T. J. Usher, P.P. Reg., Sec.; John Shepherd, pro tem., S.D.; B. M. Beet, J.D.; J. W. Court, I.G.; J. Fawcett, Steward; S. Holgate, Tyler; A. C. Pearson, W. J. Mortimer, T. J. P. Evans, R. Duval, S. Willey, and Geo. Bent. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and unanimously confirmed. Mr. Geo. Bent, who was regularly proposed and the ballot found unanimously in his favour at the previous meeting, was then duly and regularly initiated into the mysteries of A.F.M. by the W.M., in a most impressive manner; after which Bro. Chambers, J.W., delivered the charge and lecture in the First Degree, in a very masterly style. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren subsequently partook of some light refreshments, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being briefly given and heartily honoured. Bros. Chambers, Band, Shepherd and Fawcett added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren by some excellent singing.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The usual monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. C. Fothergill, W.M.; G. Crute, J.W.; Peter B. Gee, Treas.; J. Tickle, Sec.; A. Ashworth, S.D.; W. Fish, J.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M., D.C.; H. Ravenscroft, I.G.; J. Shaw, W. Davies, S. L. Fraser, Stwds.; P. Ball, Tyler; T. H. Arden, P.M.; Hugh Williams, P.M.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; W. Jones, A. Rogers, C. Cavers, J. J. Harley, W. Crebbin, F. L. Smith, B. Ironside, W. Faulds, J. H. Linaker, W. Clampet. Visitors: J. Pendleton, W.M. 724; A. Banel, 724; J. Sharples, 724; H. Woods, 724; J. Whelan, 594; W. Connor, 594; J. Croft, P.M. 123; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; S. Tickle, P.M. 220.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the scheme for establishing the Benevolent Fund was then discussed. At a previous lodge meeting the W.M., Bro. C. Fothergill, having drawn attention to the fact of there being no such fund in connection with the lodge for the relief of its own members, stated that for a long time he had thought such a fund highly desirable, and if the brethren present were of the same opinion, he would have pleasure in presenting the sum of £20 to form a nucleus.

The lodge unanimously accepted Bro. Fothergill's handsome offer, and appointed a committee to make enquiries and frames rules.

Bro. Cotter, P.M. (who had taken the principal share of the work on the committee), now submitted the rules for

approval, and recommended the adoption of the voluntary system for obtaining funds.

After due consideration, the lodge accepted the proposals, and proceeded to elect a committee of ten, with three trustees, to govern the fund.

The remainder of the business having been disposed of, the lodge was then closed, and shortly afterwards the brethren partook of a plentiful repast, provided by Bro. Woodhouse, House Steward.

Although the voluntary system has not hitherto been tried in connection with Benevolent Funds in this province, yet such has been the success attending this effort of the Neptune Lodge in respect of the number of annual subscribers and amount of donations received, that it is fully expected to be quite as successful in its results as the old method of annual grants from the lodge.

RIPLEY.—Okeover Lodge (No. 1324).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge, which was very numerous and influentially attended, was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., in the lodge-room, Market-place, when there were present Bros. G. Day, W.M.; J. Cropley, I.P.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; W. C. Briggs, J.D.; J. Allan, P.M.; P. J. D., Treasurer; W. H. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; W. Abbott, S.D.; T. Goodwin, as J.D.; H. Barker, Org.; W. de B. Jessop, D. of C.; F. C. Corfield, Stwd.; R. H. N. Alleyne, I.G.; J. Storer, Tyler; F. Wright, P.M.; P.P.G.S.W.; W. Jessop, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; G. Staley, P.M. P.P.G.S.B.; J. Copestake, J. T. Morley, W. J. Cooper, J. H. Day, W. Morton, E. Sharcross, J. B. Slack, and M. B. Bembridge. Visitors; Bros. C. R. Williams, P.M. 1072, P.P.S.G.W.; T. M. Turner, P.M. 506; J. Farnsworth, P.M. 506; S. Taylor, 731; J. Pegg, P.M. 787, P.P.G.S.B.; W. S. Bawler, W.M. 787; F. Bennett, S.W. 787; C. W. Southern, 787; Jas. Gordon, 144 (I.C.); J. Simkis, 731; H. Crosssett, P.M. 1028; C. Shaw, 1028; T. Hardstaff, 1026; J. L. Potts, 1224; W. H. Burton, W.M. 1493; J. Archbold, P.M. 1493; H. Saxton, P.M. 1493; and H. B. Boag, I.G. 1495.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the election meeting was unanimously confirmed. The next business before the lodge was to instal Bro. Jno. Clark, W.M. elect, into the chair. He was duly presented by Bros. Cropley, P.M., and Geo. Staley, P.M., and installed by the retiring W.M. into the chair of King Solomon, in the presence of a board of sixteen Installed Masters. The ceremony was performed in a very able and impressive manner.

The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thos. Godwin, S.W.; W. Abbott, J.W.; J. Allen, P.M. Treas.; W. H. Fisher, P.M. Sec.; D. Upton, S.D.; W. de B. Jessop, J.D.; H. Backer, Org.; F. C. Corfield, D. of C.; T. H. Day, Steward; W. Morton, I.G.; and John Stores, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, when upwards of forty brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, at the Cock Hotel, after which the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, at the Railway Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Goodall, W.M. Bro. Tharle was raised by the W.M. to the Third Degree, after which Bro. John Mason, P.M., installed Bro. T. Duerdin Dutton, S.W., as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a manner which elicited loud applause from the brethren, and complimentary remarks afterwards from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp. This being a banner lodge, the W.M.'s banner was presented to the lodge.

The officers appointed were Bros. R. T. Fennell, S.W.; T. J. Bird, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, Treas.; J. Mason, Sec.; I. Dixon, S.D.; F. Wadeson, J.D.; R. H. Dillon, I.G.; R. A. Fraser, D.C.; and J. Sherlock, W.S. An eight guinea Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Goodall.

The brethren present during the day were Bros. W. H. Goodall, W.M.; T. Duerdin Dutton, S.W.; R. T. Fennell, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., Treas.; J. Mason, P.P.S. G.D., Sec.; T. I. Bird, S.D.; J. Dixon, J.D.; Frank Smithers, Org.; R. A. Fraser, Steward; J. Wadeson, I.G.; Robert Potter, Tyler; John Sherlock, W. A. Brown, R. Pearce, H. T. Cooper, G. Church, Fredk. W. Barratt, J. W. Tharle, E. W. Winter, George Baxter, R. H. Dillon, J. W. Aster, A. Bevis, A. Stephenson, J. Davie, S. J. Ball, S. T. Millin, G. R. Nichols, H. G. Buss, R. D. Dalton, G. T. Lawrence, S. Best, J. A. Childers, John P. Dutton, 311; J. Wilson, I.P.M. 209, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; Henry J. Harris, W. Marten, 209; J. Crock, 315; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1257; J. H. Roberts, S.W. 700; Raymond H. Thrupp, D. Prov. G.M., Middx.; Edwin Woodman, S.D. 1950; J. F. Rothschild, 1288; G. E. Saunders, 1257; George Todd, 860; Henry Von Joel, 957; R. G. Norman, 125 (I.C.); and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

In consequence of great domestic affliction at the hotel, the brethren did not hold their installation banquet there, but returned to town and dined at Freemasons' Tavern, where a banquet of the choicest description was supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, Limited, under the management of Bro. E. Dawkins.

At the conclusion of the repast the usual toasts were proposed, and Bros. Buss and Cottebrune responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Pearson, P.M., proposed "The Prov. G. Master." In proposing "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. said he must refer to what Bro. Raymond Thrupp had said, that afternoon, in lodge, that it was the duty of the I.P.M. to instal the W.M., and not of Bro. Mason. Had Bro. Thrupp been accustomed to come to the lodge—he had only been once before—and understood the lodge better, he would have known that the brethren looked upon Bro. Mason, P.M., as the father of the lodge, and that it was a compliment to be installed by him. Bro. Mason initiated him (the W.M.) in Masonry, and he installed him in the chair by special desire. He hoped the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would know him better.

Bro. Goodall, I.P.M., responded, and said that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had paid the Elliot Lodge his first visit in his official character. He had been with them a month since and again to-day, and he expressed approval of the working of the lodge. Bro. Dixon was also a very efficient member of the lodge, and his kindness of heart was well known. Bro. Fraser was also a Prov.

Grand Officer. The next was Bro. Pearson, also a Provincial Grand Officer, and no appointment made in the Elliot Lodge could have given greater pleasure to the members of the lodge than the appointment of Bro. Pearson, and no member lived more warmly in the hearts of the brethren of the lodge. Though he (Bro. Goodall), was the last of the Prov. Grand Officers, there was no one who would do more for the brethren in general or the Elliot Lodge in particular.

Bro. Goodall next proposed "The Health of the W.M." and said he wished he could do it in terms which he would like to use. When he (Bro. Goodall) rose to respond to the toast of his own health on the day he was installed, he did not feel more pleasure than he did now to propose "The W.M." He had had the great privilege of knowing the W.M. from the time of his admission to the lodge, and had been associated with him intimately. All his associations with him had been most pleasant and happy, and it afforded him the greatest gratification to see him in the chair. He also felt it a great gratification to be permitted to sit at his side. The brethren had seen him in the various offices in the lodge, and they knew how he had done his work. To all who knew him he had endeared himself, and if he was less than a good fellow such influence could not be exercised. As a professional man, Bro. Dutton could not attend the lodge as he would like, but he had made unusual efforts, and those efforts would be very successful and gratifying to all the brethren. He had discharged his duties in the lodge admirably, and had made an excellent president at the banquet table. The brethren would wish him a happy and successful year of office, and he was sure the wish would be fulfilled. He had reason to know that the officers would discharge their duties well and be loyal in their support of the W.M. who was an old initiate of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said when he was initiated in this lodge, some seven years ago, he was instructed in two things—one, the solemnity of Masonry, and, the other, the kindness of the brethren at that time. When he was installed that evening these questions came forward—one, had he done his duty as an officer of the lodge? and was he worthy of the honour the brethren had conferred upon him? the other, should he be able to perform his duties as Master in that Christian spirit which, as a Mason, he ought to do? As he had said, he noticed when he was initiated, the kindness shown to him, and he had found from that time to the present that kind spirit in every act of Freemasonry. He felt that the brethren's kind hearts made allowances for his past conduct as an officer of the lodge, and for anything he might say that night, or that he might not say. He had attended lodge as often as he possibly could during his year of office as S.W., when they had had five meetings. Out of those five he attended three. On the other two occasions he was absent, not on his own account, but because his profession compelled him to be absent. On one occasion he was standing by the side of a fellow-creature trying to save his life, and on the other he was standing by the side of another fellow-creature, saving her life. Consequently he was unable to do his work properly to the lodge by working out of the lodge. He had not the opportunity now, but he would make it. He thought when he was first placed in the chair of S.W. that he had but to do his duty and his work as he had done it when he was a Deacon; but he found as he got nearer the chair that he must sacrifice a portion of his time and give it to Masonry; but he did not find that till very lately, and when that was impressed upon his mind, he immediately went to the lodge of instruction of which Bro. Cottebrune was Preceptor, and under his tuition he had learned the ritual he knew now. He asked the brethren to forget from this moment his past conduct as S.W., and look to the future; and on this, his night of installation he promised them—and he was not a man to break his word—that he would do his duty perfectly and sincerely, and he had no doubt whatever that when he left the chair and retired to that of P.M., they would say that what he did not do as S.W. he had done as their Master. It was impossible for him to thank the brethren as he would like for the honour they had bestowed upon him; he could only say that when he was initiated into Freemasonry he was a young man just starting in life. Masonry had been the means of his attaining the position as a public man and as a professional man that he had now, and the brethren might rely upon it, that if he had followed the steps of Masonry as well as he could do hitherto, he would not fail to continue to follow the same steps as long as he remained a member of this lodge. As their W.M. he would do his duty in a Christian spirit, and he knew perfectly well that if he wavered in that duty he had those on his left who would stay him and compel him to do it as he ought to do it. He knew that there were many short comings in him, and he might not be able to do his work so well as he might be able to do it on the next occasion. The officers knew their work thoroughly and well, and they would all stand by him and help him by all the means in their power; and lastly, he knew that he had brethren round him who did not simply look upon him as their Master, but as a brother and a friend, and as such they would treat him as long as he sat in the chair.

Bro. Goodall, I.P.M., in proposing "The Masonic Institutions," said the brethren were asked to support the Institution which took the orphan—the fatherless and motherless—and educated and clothed them, and assisted to put them in positions where they might earn an honourable living, and be able to do their duty in that state of life to which it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call them. It must come to the heart of every one of them when they thought of those who had sat at their banquet tables and drunk their toasts, who had had a happy and comfortable home, and that which went to make up the great pleasures of this life—health—and yet, by no fault of their own, they fell into distress. Some of the brethren might have sat at the Board of Benevolence monthly, and seen those men tottering up, who had taken the hand of the greatest men in the kingdom. Also refined women, sometimes, required the relief of the small pittance doled out by the Benevolent Institution. He was happy to say that that Institution would receive direct support next year by the Stewardship of the W.M.

Bro. John Mason, P.M., and Collector of the Benevolent Institution replied, and said that the brethren had responded very nobly to the appeals made to them by the little bits of paper placed before them. The handsome sum of £34 had been subscribed to the W.M.'s list, and he hoped it would be longer. No doubt those who had not

filled the paper up was thinking whether they should give five or ten guineas. The Benevolent Institution were spending the money subscribed in the very best way they could. The Benevolent Institution was giving £12,000 a year to annuitants, and it was a heavy task to get that sum of money together. At the present time they had not a single vacancy; they had sixty widows waiting over from last election. Grand Lodge came out nobly and gave them another £800 a year. He hoped the day was far distant when they would say the Craft had not done all it could in reference to the Institutions.

The W.M. next proposed the "P.M.'s," to which Bro. Goodall replied.

Bro. Nichols, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. Cantle, Von Joel, Norman and Roberts replied.

The S.W. replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

NOTTINGHAM.—De Vere Lodge (No. 1704).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: W. Bro. W. J. Gardner, W.M.; Bros. J. Wigglesworth, S.W.; E. Gowthorpe, J.W.; H. Norris, I.P.M.; S. G. Gilbert, Sec.; Ellorne, S.D.; Truman, Organist; R. Ingram, D.C.; Cokayne, I.G.; Oakden and Loverseed, Stewards; Glover, Tyler; Isaac Davis, P.M. 47, P.S.G.D. Notts; J. Woollatt, W. Burrows, R. Underwood, F. Parker, J. Bush, C. Hickling, G. M. Howard, and E. T. Norris. Visitors: C. Rogers and E. P. Wilson, 47; Norman, 1334; and Gascoigne, 1435.

Lodge being opened, and the lodge minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Underwood and Baker were passed to the F.C.'s Degree by the W.M., who also explained the working tools. The lecture on the tracing board was duly rehearsed and explained by Bro. Davis, P.M., in his well-known manner, which was received with acclamation. The Secretary then read the circular from W. Bro. Wragg, P.G. Secretary, respecting the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held the 30th inst.; also the circular from W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., respecting the proposed revised Constitutions; and, on the motion of Bro. Gilbert, seconded by Bro. Ellorne, S.D., the W.M., the P.M.'s in and of the lodge, and the Wardens were constituted a Committee to consider and report upon the same to the lodge. A letter of apology, regretting inability to attend the meeting, was read from Bro. the Rev. Silas Edge, M.A., Chapter 1611.

The usual offertory having been collected, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and to spend a convivial evening, enlivened with songs by Bros. Oakden, Norman, Hickling, and Norris.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held its regular meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. R. M. Jones, W.M.; Gribbell, S.W.; Galer, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; Fenner, Sec.; Parkes, S.D.; A. M. Marks, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; Brasted, Gush, Houghton, Rhodes, Nicholls, R. W. Percy, and others.

All preliminaries were duly observed in opening the lodge. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gush being the candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. R. Percy, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, after which the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—There was a good meeting of this lodge of instruction on Friday the 3rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. M. E. Stokes, W.M. was supported by Bros. G. W. Knight, S.W.; W. S. Payne, J.W.; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; H. M. Williams, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; and a number of other brethren. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor, was, owing to temporary indisposition, absent.

The lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. M. E. Stokes ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and subsequently a portion of the Sections in the First Degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. G. W. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at its new quarters, the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington, on Monday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. Chalfont, W.M.; Cuthbertson, S.W.; J. H. Smith, J.W.; Mote, S.D.; Douglas-Smith, J.D.; Hardy, I.G.; J. H. Taylor, W.S.; also Bros. H. Dehane, Thomas, Wickens, Cursons, Simpson, Craig, Hart, Mitchell, Holland, and Wood.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Cursons being the candidates. The bye-laws having been read, the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing twelve months, and was declared in favour of Bros. G. Read, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, Hon. Sec.; C. S. Mote being appointed Assistant Sec.; Bros. Craig, Holland and Wickens, were elected the Audit Committee. The lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Chalfont, S.W. 1425, will be W.M.

Royal Arch.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—This chapter held a convocation at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Comps. H. Higgins, M.E.Z.; Speedy, H.; Webb, J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; I.P.Z.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Kohler, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Appleton, P.S.; Cooper and Ayling, A.P.S.; Austin, acting Janitor. Comp. Peacock, 21, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of two candidates for exaltation, and it proved to be unanimous, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented

from attending. The Three Lectures were then given by the Principals. Upon the motion of Comps. G. Everett and H. J. Lardner, the sum of two guineas was unanimously voted towards the fund for presenting an oil painting of Comp. James Terry to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, to perpetuate his services in connection with that excellent Charity.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." having been proposed, Comp. Higgins, in reply, very much regretted that the candidates had not been able to attend that evening, more especially as the officers had taken great pains to perfect themselves in the work. He, however, hoped that at the next meeting the candidates would be present. In conclusion, he thanked the I.P.Z., for the many kind and flattering things he had said about him while proposing his health.

"The Visitors" followed.

Comp. Peacock, in response, passed a high compliment to the Principals upon the manner in which they had rehearsed a portion of the ceremony that evening.

The toast of "The Treasurer" gave Comp. Everett an opportunity of saying a good deal upon the prosperity of the chapter, and of indulging in a few humorous but pertinent remarks.

The remaining toasts followed, and a most agreeable re-union was brought to a close at an early hour.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., Comp. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z., in the chair, Comp. E. W. Hudson in the H. chair; and Comp. Henry Stiles in the J. chair. There were present the following brethren and officers: Comps. J. Ferguson; T. C. Edmonds; J. G. Humphreys; A. Holl; W. Side; F. W. Ellis; G. H. Dellar; T. Minstrell; F. H. Clemow; G. C. Duke; H. Duke; R. W. Fraser; G. Dickenson; Edwin Storr; J. Mason; D. Stroud; George Read; W. Smith; J. Irvine; and many others.

Previous minutes were confirmed, and the accounts as audited by Comps. J. G. Humphreys and T. Minstrell, were presented and passed. The installation of principals and appointment of officers was then proceeded with, the installing officer being Comp. Terry. Comp. C. W. Hudson was installed as First Principal, and Comp. Henry Stiles as Second Principal. Comp. T. J. Hyland, who had been elected to fill the J. chair was absent, and his place was temporarily taken by Comp. Ferguson. The officers appointed were Comps. W. M. Stiles, (I.P.Z.) as Scribe E.; W. Cork, as N.; W. Side, as P. Soj.; T. C. Edmonds, as 1st Asst. Soj.; A. Holl, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. G. Humphreys, as D.C.; F. W. Ellis, as W.S.; and G. H. Dellar, A.W.S. Bros. John Bevan, 1744, and Alfred Jason Pritchard, 901, were balloted for and approved.

A very handsome jewel was presented to Comp. W. M. Stiles for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of First Principal during the year. The large number of exaltees during his term of office must be a source of great gratification to Comp. W. M. Stiles, as showing the high estimation in which he is held both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The companions subsequently dined together, when a banquet of a very recherché description was provided by Comp. Clemow, who was warmly thanked for his attention to the comforts of the companions. The toasts were given and disposed of with enthusiasm.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 27th ult. The M.E.Z., Comp. Thos. Atkinson, P.G. 1st Asst. S., presided, the other companions present being Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, H., P.G.S.B., Z. elect; Ed. Clark, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. S., S.N.; Wm. Bewlay, Treas.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; Geo. Sparrow, 1st Asst. S.; J. S. Braithwaite, 2nd Asst. S.; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor, P.G.J.; W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.G.H.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; Ed. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; Ches. Mossop, J. Casson, J. Rothery, J. J. Robinson, W. Cowman, Jas. Harper, B. Gray, M. Golightly, Jas. Batt, R. Thomas, J. Cooper, E. Sutherst, T. Roxby, J. Dodd, 371, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, when three candidates were balloted for exaltation, and Comp. D. Bell, from Nicholson Chapter, as a joining member. All were accepted. Bros. the Rev. Stuart Hall and W. C. Johns were in attendance, and exalted to the Sublime Degree. M.E. Comps. Barr and Tyson then installed the following companions as Principals: Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, M.E.Z.; Ed. Clark, H.; F. Hodgson, J.; and the officers invested were Comps. J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. S. Braithwaite, S.N.; Wm. Bewlay, Treas. and P.S.; Ches. Mossop, 1st Asst. S.; J. Casson, 2nd Asst. S.; M. Golightly and B. Grey, Stewards; and J. M. Salisbury, Janitor.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comps. Barr and Tyson for the able way they discharged the duties of the ceremony of installation. This is the first time the work was ever performed in this chapter by what the companions may be justly proud of, and be pleased to term them, "the local celebrities" in Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to luncheon, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

BURNLEY.—Nativity Chapter (No 126).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Bull Hotel. This was the first regular meeting at the Bull, having previously held its meetings at the Cross Keys. As we have not visited the latter hostelry, we cannot say if the change is for the better; but, certain it is, that no better accommodation could be afforded by any proprietor to a lodge or chapter than that now given by the courteous host, Comp. J. Sutcliffe. This first meeting of the chapter in its new quarters will, we apprehend, be more greatly impressed on the minds of the members, through having exhibited a new set of banners, candlesticks, veil, collars, floor-cloth, &c, purchased from Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and which gave the room a very elegant appearance.

The following companions were present: Comps. Richd. Nelson, M.E.Z.; R. Waterson, H.; J. Bollard, J.; W. Mossop, Treas.; J. Harrison, S.N.; B. Whittaker, P.S.; T. Ratcliffe, 1st A.S.; C. Sutcliffe, P.Z.; A. Stanley Dean, G. Bell, J. S. Veevers, P.Z.; G. Aldman, G. Robinson, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 1387, 645; H. Brooker Carey, 116; T. Varley, 116; E. Bird, 116; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in due form, Comp. Sillitoe, acting as Z., and the minutes of the emergency meetings read and confirmed. Bro. John Knowles, 1064, was, after the usual preliminaries, exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree (Comp. F. Bollard, acting as P.S.), by Comp. Sillitoe, in a very able manner, and a word of praise is certainly due to Comp. Bollard for the precise and unhesitating manner in which he went through the onerous duty of P.S.

On the conclusion of the exaltation ceremony, that of installing the Three Principals was next proceeded with, and also carried out by that zealous student of Masonic ritual, Comp. Sillitoe, who with all due rite and ceremony, installed in their respected positions, Comp. R. Watson, as Z.; J. Bollard, as H.; and B. Whittaker, as J. The three newly-installed Principals were proclaimed and saluted by the companions, after which the following officers were invested by the Installing Master, Comps. W. Mossop, Treas. (re-appointed); J. Harrison, S.E. (re-appointed); Thos. Ratcliffe, S.N.; Thos. Harrison, P.S.; G. Oldman, 1st A.S.; W. G. Gregory, 2nd A.S.; and Geo. Robinson, Janitor.

The addresses were afterwards given and the ceremony concluded. On the motion of Comp. Mossop, seconded by Comp. Richd. Nelson, P.Z., and supported by the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was proposed to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, for his able and highly appreciated services in performing the dual ceremonies of exaltation and installation. The vote of thanks was carried and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Comp. Sillitoe returned thanks for the compliment, and when "Hearty Good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed.

Most of the companions remained and partook of a banquet, which was well served under the superintendence of the host, Comp. Sutcliffe.

The usual toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the Installing Master, Comp. Sillitoe," proposed and responded to.

"The Masonic Press," was coupled with the name of Comp. R. R. Lisenden, who suitably acknowledged the compliment.

Other toasts were proposed and acknowledged, but in consequence of having to return to Manchester by the nine o'clock train, we are unable to chronicle further particulars.

TRURO—Royal Cornubian Chapter (No. 331)

The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Public Rooms on the 23rd ult., when the Principals-Elect, viz., Ex Comps. J. J. Hawken, Z.; W. D. Rogers, H.; R. Carter, J., were installed. The ceremony was ably performed by Ex. Comp. E. D. Anderton, P.Z., P.P.G.J., and Prov. G.S.E. with the following Board of Installed Principals, viz., Ex. Comps. W. Harry Jenkins, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. J. Johns, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; William Tweedy, P.Z., Prov. G.I., and J. H. Ferris, Z. The other officers appointed were Comps. Bryant, Scribe, E.; Norman Gray, Scribe N.; W. Simmons, P.S.; J. H. Ferris, P.Z., Treas., and W. Rooks (Prov. G. Janitor), Janitor. The Comps. dined together at the Red Lion Hotel, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

MANCHESTER.—Chorlton Chapter—(No. 1387)

The annual installation meeting of this flourishing little chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Wednesday, October 25th. The following members were present: Comps. James Batty, Z.; H. Marshall, H.; John Dewhurst, J.; J. Crompton, E.; C. Heywood, P.S.; T. Mottershead, 1st Asst. S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z.; John West, P.Z.; Joseph Potts, P.Z.; David Williams, P.P.S.; William Hall; W. Botham; E. Brundritt; J. N. Squirrel; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor. Visitors: John Chadwick, 177, Prov. G.S.E.; Herbert Finch, H. (Charity) P.G.D.C., Cheshire; E. L. Littler, 317; A. Bickley, 815; John Sheldrick, 815; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in due form at 6.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The three newly elected principals, Comps. Robert Davies, Z.; H. Marshall, H.; and John Dewhurst, J., were presented to the installing master (Comp. J. H. Sillitoe), and with that worthy companion's well known ability, duly installed into their respective offices and saluted. The newly installed M.E.Z. afterwards appointed his officers for the year, and they were invested by Comp. Sillitoe as follows: David Williams, S.E.; W. Hall, S.W.; C. Heywood, P.S.; T. John Mottershead, 1st Asst. S.; W. Botham, 2nd Asst. S.; J. J. Lambert, Treas.; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor.

Comp. Sillitoe, after addressing the three Principals and companions, concluded the ceremony of installation with prayer. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

A very enjoyable "petit souper" was done justice to by the companions. The tables were profusely ornamented with some choice flowers and plants, and both thanks and praise are undoubtedly due to Mrs. Davies, the wife of the M.E.Z., for her kindness in preparing the supper, and superintending the laying of the tables. When the meal was finished Comp. Jas. Batty proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to.

Comp. Jas. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," whom he said, was in every respect fitted for the position he so worthily occupied, having performed the various duties of each office in the chapter with great ability and satisfaction to the companions. Comp. Sillitoe further remarked that the greatest interest had been all along shown by Comp. Davies in the chapter since its consecration, and he never seemed tired of doing all and everything he could for its prosperity. One of the latest proofs of this being the fact that the total cost of the supper they had partaken of that evening was defrayed by him. Comp. Sillitoe concluded by wishing the M.E.Z. a prosperous and happy year of office, and called upon the companions to drink his health. The invitation was heartily responded to, and when "Here's to his Health in a Song," had been sung by Comp. Crompton, Comp. Davies returned thanks.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Comp. J. H.

Sillitoe," was proposed in eulogistic terms, and responded to.

"The Provincial Grand Superintendent and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Comp. John Chadwick, Prov. G.S.E.

"The Visitors" and other toasts concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this new and thriving lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., when the W.M., Bro. John Wood, P.G.S.D., was supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. E. Franklin, P.M., as I.P.M.; R. G. Salmon, as S.W.; M. Frampton, as J.W.; J. G. Smith, M.O.; W. Brandt, as S.O.; A. Wilson, J.O.; N. F. Carmon, Sec.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. T. Harrison, J.D.; Robt. Whitfield, as I.G.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

The candidate expected for advancement was, unfortunately, unable to attend. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. W. E. Franklin, P.M., it was agreed that the night of meeting should be altered to the first Tuesday in the month. Two brethren were proposed for election at next meeting, and after incidental business, the lodge was closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

STUDHOLME CHAPTER (No. 67).—A meeting of this chapter of Sov. P. of Rose Croix took place at the Hall, 33, Golden-square on Wednesday evening last, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., M.W.S. After the termination of some normal business, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., 30, delivered a lecture on the "Past and Present History of Hermetic Masonry."

Subsequently the members of this distinguished chapter re-assembled at Willis's Rooms, where a most agreeable evening was spent. Among the members present were the founder of the chapter, Bro. General Studholme-Brownrigg, the Earl of Limerick, Bro. Travers Smith, Bro. Brodie, General Randolph, and many more.

A résumé of the lecture will appear in our next.

MASONIC FUNERAL.

Tuesday last, the 7th inst., was a mournful day in the annals of the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, at Louth, the brethren being called together at 11 o'clock a.m., on a summons of emergency, to attend the funeral of their dearly loved and highly-respected W.M., Bro. Salah Cartwright, who was seized with an apoplectic fit on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., and never recovered consciousness. Among those present in lodge were the R.W. Bro. Major Smyth, Prov. G.M.; W. Bros. Major Locock, D.P.G.M.; Jas. Fowler, P.P.G.S.W.; C. M. Nesbitt, P.G. Treas.; G. H. Porter, P.P.G. Org.; F. D. Marsden, P.P.G. Sec.; G. G. Birkett, P.P.G.P.; Jno. Mawer, P.P.G.P., Sec. 712; J. G. Tupholme, I.P.M.; Bros. C. A. Kirby, S.W.; Rev. G. H. F. Vane, J.W.; J. W. Richardson, Treas.; Jos. Curtis, J. J. Colbridge, Wm. Shorrocks, Jno. Davies, C. H. Brady, Frank Adlard, W. G. Smyth, W. J. Shepherd, Chas. Parker, Mark Smith, C. T. Ennals, F. J. Ingoldby, C. Robson, Rev. W. H. Mills, Rev. W. L. Lee-man, Parker Hodgson, Tyler; and Maslin, Sec. 792.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read by the Secretary from several brethren of the Hamilton Lodge, 1600, Bro. Prickett, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the well known Luther's hymn was sung by the brethren, Bro. Colbridge officiating at the harmonium. A procession was then formed to the south door of the parish church, a building of which the inhabitants of Louth are justly proud, the steeple being one of the finest in the kingdom, and the services therein second to none. The interior of this sacred edifice has received much attention and many valuable gifts at the hands of the late Bro. Cartwright, who was appointed churchwarden in 1868, and held the office at the time of his death. In arrival at the church the brethren took up a position within the entrance, lining the middle aisle. In this they were assisted by the Mayor and Corporation, the Magistrates, and representatives of various Friendly Societies, and the Fire Brigade in uniform, all of which were largely indebted to our late W.M. for support.

The burial service was read by the Rev. A. S. Wilde, rector, assisted by the Rev. G. H. F. Vane.

The mournful procession from the church to the cemetery was one of the largest ever known in Louth, testifying to the esteem in which our beloved Master was held by all his townsmen; and, as each brother took his last look and dropped his sprig of acacia into the grave he must have felt he had lost a dear and trusty friend.

On the return to the lodge an able address was given by Rev. Bro. G. A. F. Vane, who compared the preparation of the stones for the building of the first Temple at Jerusalem with the preparation we all receive here on earth to fit us for the Holy Temple above. Psalm xv. (being chosen as appropriate to the life of our departed Master) having been chanted, a vote of condolence, proposed by Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M., and seconded by W. Bro. J. Fowler, the senior P.M. of the lodge, was ordered to be conveyed to Bro. Cartwright's widow and family. A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. Vane for his stirring oration.

The trade of the town was at a standstill during the day, and in the evening a dumb peal was rung on the bells of the parish church.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELEY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late International Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly; unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all sour, rusty, chafing, or irritating unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skillful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a speciality. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery. Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[Advr.]



Bro. James Willing's new drama, "The Ruling Passion," was produced at the "Standard (Bro. Douglas's house) on Monday evening.

Bro. Edward Terry will shortly re-appear at the "Gaiety; the new burlesque "Valentine and Orson" being in preparation.

Miss Lila Clay deserves support if only on account of her going out of the beaten track, and proving (if such a thing were necessary in these days of women's rights) that ladies are able to compete with the sterner sex. This talented young lady has shown that there are openings for those of her sex who have to gain their own livelihood. At the "Opera Comique," now managed by a lady, and whose players and orchestra are all ladies, we are promised a change of programme in the shape of an original opera di camera in one act, by Mr. Saville Clarke. It is called "An Adamless Eder;" the music by Mr. Slaughter. It is a lively satire on women's rights, and certainly most appropriate to this house under its present management.

M. Planquette has done much good suit and service in selecting the story of "Rip Van Winkle" for the plot of the new opera he has brought out at the Royal Comedy. With the help of Mr. H. B. Farnie, it has been successfully employed in providing solos, and specially choruses, which are the backbone of the opera. For the first time, an English opera has been set to music by a French composer. "Rip Van Winkle," in its dramatic features, surpasses M. Planquette's "Les Cloches de Corneville," and the composer more than maintains his already well-earned distinction. Most persons are acquainted, more or less, with the story of "Rip Van Winkle," that it will be unnecessary, even if our space permitted, to give an elaborate detail. In the new version *Rip* is represented as the light-hearted vagabond; *Gretchen* is young and amiable, and not the tyrant as usually depicted. *Rip's* motive, therefore, for wandering is not domestic, but is made political. *Derrick*, *Rip's* creditor, holds a mortgage on the spendthrift's estate, which *Rip*, who has found a store of gold in the mountains, pays off. This is not legal tender. *Derrick*, therefore, denounces *Rip*, who makes his escape to the mountains; there he falls in with *Hudson* and his crew. He joins in the revels. When he wakes he looks for his dog, which he had tied to a tree, but instead of the animal he finds only the skeleton of a dog. He returns to the village to find everything changed. A touching scene is represented when *Rip* to establish his identity recalls some melodies he had sung to *Alice* and her lover *Hans* when they were children. His wife, *Gretchen*, is dead when he returns, but lives again in his daughter *Alice*, represented by Miss Violet Cameron, who also is in Act I. his wife. By this music *Rip* is recognised by *Alice* as her father. The whole opera strikes one at once with its melody and brightness. The overture is ably arranged for the orchestra to display their abilities. Miss Violet Cameron has developed the promise she has given in "Boccaccio," "The Mascotte," and *Germaine* in Planquette's Opera "Les Cloches de Corneville;" her singing is warmly applauded, and both as *Rip's* wife *Gretchen* and his daughter *Alice*, she plays with delicacy and finish. If she made the success of the other operas great she is likely to make this greater. Bro. Lionel Brough, *Nick Vedder* in Act I. and *Jan Vedder* in Act II., evokes frequent peals of laughter, and as is his wont contributes not a little to the "go" of the piece. As the *Innkeeper* he has not so much to do as in the last two comic operas; his rich vein of humour is supplied with sadly inadequate material. Mr. Rising, who sings the "Pipe" song, does so to the very best of his ability, and bears himself with good effect. Bro. Brough sustains the burden of the opera in the first act, and Mr. Fred. Leslie in the last act. Mr. Leslie's impersonation of *Rip* reveals his histrionic powers of the highest class. We are glad to see him here. He has tended to beguile away many a pleasant hour in conjunction with Mr. Kelleher, at the Alhambra. He may be said to have gained the public esteem. The house laughs at his broken English. Without a trace of exaggeration he portrays the wonders of a man twenty years older than he ought to be; the astonishment and despair when he comes back to his village and finds his associates know him not, and the consciousness that these are the children of his companions. In the last act he is the best, probably because he has more opportunities. Mr. Kelleher, the *Burgomaster*, Mr. Penley, *Derrick*, Messrs. Darrell, Wilmore and Perry, all strive their utmost to give a good effect to the opera. Miss Martinot, who makes her first appearance in England, uses her voice in her character, *Katrina*, with good result, and acts with much vivacity. Misses Effie Mason and Alice Vicut, act in the first part very well. Miss Clara Graham, of course, acquits herself to perfection as usual, we often regret she has not up to the present occupied more prominent parts. In a farce she is delicious. Mr. Planquette, who by the way is only thirty-two years of age, this is for our fair readers' benefit, has by his latest work given promise of something even still higher. The melodies fall with freshness on the ear, and everything in the opera is refined. The "Letter" song, sung by Miss Cameron; Mr. Rising's love song; the trio between *Rip*, *Gretchen* and *Derrick*; the lieutenant's (*Hudson*) bold sea song are amongst the many pretty songs. Miss Ada Wilson in her dancing is charming and graceful, and deserves her nightly encore. Mr. Beverley's scenery is worthy of this skilled artist. The dresses do great credit to the designers and to M. Alias, the maker. The orchestra is most efficient, and have many opportunities for making their mark, under the able conductorship of Mr. van Biene. It requires only to be added that Bro. Henderson's house, skillfully as it is managed by Bro. D'Albertson, has as yet not been able to hold within its walls all those desirous of witnessing the performance, and from the nightly announcement "house full," we may unhesitatingly say M. Planquette's new opera is a decided success.



It is gratifying to note that the efforts of the Prince of Wales to establish a Royal College of Music are being so ably and so generally seconded throughout the country. Hardly a week passes but we hear of some representative meeting being held for the purpose of raising contributions, while concerts innumerable are taking place everywhere in furtherance of this much needed national institution. Among those who have chosen the latter method of helping forward the good work are the well-known firm of pianoforte manufacturers, the Messrs. Brinsmead, of Wigmore-street, Cavendish-square, who have organised a series of some sixty concerts, to be held in London and the chief provincial centres in aid of the College funds. Some of these, as at Huddersfield and Preston, have already taken place, and with considerable success. The first to be held in London is fixed for Thursday next, the 16th inst., at St. James's Hall. The principal artistes announced for the occasion are Miss Anna Williams and Madame Patey, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Herbert Reeves, Signor Runcio, Mr. Barrington Foote, and Signor Foli; while the Chevalier Antonie de Kontski, and Herr Poznanski will be solo pianist and solo violinist respectively. Mr. Sidney Naylor will wield the baton as conductor. So considerable an effort as that now being made by the Brinsmead Concert Company deserves and will no doubt receive a large measure of public support and patronage.

The performance of Gounod's "Redemption" at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday last, to which we only alluded in passing last week, went off most successfully, thanks in part to the very able direction of Mr. Barnby, but principally to the great care which had been taken to have the concerted parts frequently and thoroughly rehearsed. In these circumstances the audience, some ten thousand in number, had an excellent opportunity of hearing, as well as it is possible in this hall, and appreciating a performance of M. Gounod's great work, which fell little short of that at the Birmingham Festival under the direction of the composer himself. Among the principal vocalists were Madame Albani, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley, who repeated their Birmingham triumphs, while the places of Mesdames Marie Roze and Patey, and Mr. King at the first performance were taken on this occasion by Miss Santley, Madame Fassett, and Mr. Pyatt.

Madame Christine Nilsson met with a most enthusiastic reception at Boston on the evening of the 1st instant, on the occasion of her first concert during her visit to the United States.

A vocal concert formed part of the entertainment given by the mayor and corporation of Brighton on Friday last, in the Royal Pavilion, to the 4th Dragoon Guards on their return from Egypt. The artistes engaged included Madame Suter, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Bertha Moore, Mr. Coates, Mr. Winn, and Mr. William Hogarth.

The Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden have not, after all, come to an end, as announced, and for the future we shall give up prophesying the occurrence of such an event until it has actually taken place. Indeed, Mr. Crowe appears to have had some very brave nights lately, notably, on Saturday last, which was "Inkerman Night." The chief attraction of the entertainment was the British Army Quadrilles, the performance of which, always inspiring, was made still more so by the fact that Corporal Golding, Sir Baker Russell's trumpeter in the recent Egyptian campaign, sounded the Reveille and the Charge. The principal vocalists were Madame Lemmens Sherrington, Madame Enriquez, and Mr. Burgon. Miss Ascher, aged twelve, was solo pianist, and Mr. Carrodus, as usual, principal violin. This week the services of Mr. Levy, the great cornet player, had been secured, but, unfortunately, the engagement seems to have broken down.

The Dome, Brighton, was crowded in every part on Saturday last, on the occasion of Mr. George Watts's third Philharmonic Concert, the great feature of which was the performance of the Garden Scene from Gounod's "Faust." Madame Cave Ashton, in the unavoidable absence through indisposition of Madame Rose Hersee, sang the music of *Margherita*; Madame Trebelli was *Siebel*; Mlle de Varney, *Marta*; Mr. Vernon Rigby, *Faust*; and Mr. Barrington Foote, *Mefistofele*. Among the other artistes who took part in the concert were Miss Clements and Mr. Sims Reeves, the latter of whom, in response to a double call for Hatton's "Goodbye, Sweetheart," sang, to the great delight of the audience, Dibdin's "Tom Bowling."

Notwithstanding the inauspicious state of the weather, there was a large audience in the Dome, Brighton, on Tuesday, the opening day of Bro. Kuhe's twelfth Brighton Musical Festival. As we announced last week, the programme consisted of two works by well-known English composers—Mr. Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch" and Mr. Cowen's "Scandinavian" Symphony—both of which are firmly established in public estimation. Band and chorus at Brighton are not so strong numerically as at other festivals that have recently occurred—the available space forbids; but the former included some of our best London instrumentalists, Mr. Carrodus being of the number; while the latter, thanks to the care of their trainer, Mr. King, did their work with precision and taste. Mr. Sullivan's work experienced a quiet, but cordial, reception, the chief feature being the manner in which the solo numbers were rendered by Mesdames Albani and Trebelli, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. King. Mr. Cowen's Symphony gave the orchestra an opportunity they readily availed themselves of to prove their excellence, each movement developing some points of exceptional merit, so that the whole work, so far as the strength of the orchestra went, was worthily set before the audience. Both composers conducted in person. The National Anthem, as arranged by Bro. Sir Michael Costa, and the "Hallelujah" from Beethoven's "Mount of

Olives," opened and closed the performance respectively. Bro. Kuhe, it is needless to say, on presenting himself to conduct the former, was very heartily acclaimed by the audience.

We gave the principal items in the programmes of last Saturday's and Monday's "Pops" in our last number, and it only needs that we should add on the present occasion that the audiences expressed the utmost satisfaction with the manner in which they were carried out. On Saturday, Bro. Santley, who was the vocalist, sang a new song by Signor Piatti, "Hymn to God, the Father," and Gounod's "Medje."

The programme for to-day's "Pop" includes Beethoven's Quartet in F major, Schumann's Pianoforte Quintet in E flat, Beethoven's Sonata Patetica, for pianoforte alone, and Piatti's "Elegia" and "Siciliana," for violoncello. Madame Fassett will be the vocalist. On Monday next will be given Mozart's Quartet in D major, Hadyn's Quartet in C major, Schubert's "Glicke im Volkston," for pianoforte and violoncello, and Chopin's Sonata in B minor, for pianoforte alone.

At the second concert this season by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., will be given Mendelssohn's "Elijah." The principal artistes will include Madame Albani, Miss Fenna, Madame Fassett, Mr. Joseph Maas, and Bro. Santley.



Lord Braye presided at the first meeting, held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Marlborough-rooms, Regent-street, of the Longfellow Memorial Committee, the object of which is to raise funds in order to place a bust in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, in memory of the great American poet. The principal speaker was Bro. the Earl Granville, who eloquently seconded the resolution for the appointment of a committee. Subscriptions to the extent of £500 were announced before the meeting separated, after paying the usual compliment to the chairman for his services.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has since written to express his readiness to accept the position of president of the said committee.

Some interesting experiments in electricity were made at the soirée, given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., in the Royal Pavilion. The most important was an attempt to convey, by means of the telephone, to those in the Pavilion, the performance of the Compton Comedy Company in the theatre. This was done with a fair amount of success, though in some cases the utterances were indistinct, owing, it may be, to the recorders being placed at the side of the stage. The distance was about 250 yards.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., Mr. Froude, as President of the Birmingham and Midland Institute, delivered his inaugural address in the Birmingham Town Hall. The address, which was a very eloquent one, was frequently interrupted by the applause of the audience, and at the close a vote of thanks to the learned gentleman was passed with acclamation.

At a further meeting held at the South Kensington Museum, on Friday, the 3rd inst., of the Royal Commission on Technical Instruction, the evidence of Mr. T. Armstrong, director for art, and Mr. H. A. Bowler, assistant director, was taken in connection with the art teaching of the department and its influence on industry, and that of Mr. J. Sparkes, principal of the National Art Training School, as to the working of that institution. On Saturday, sundry of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools were examined.

It is still an open question who first discovered the great comet which has recently appeared and is still visible. Mr. Ellery of the Melbourne Observatory, writes that a very bright comet was seen on the 7th September, but no observations were made until 5.20 a.m. on the 10th September. Mr. Finlay, of the Cape Observatory, did not see it till 5 a.m. on the 8th of that month, but within twenty-four hours of discerning it he succeeded in obtaining an observation. It is the opinion of Mr. Hind, who is one of the highest authorities in cometary astronomy, that in all probability this comet will return in October, 1883.

On Saturday last the town of Derby was the scene of three interesting ceremonies; an art gallery, built at the joint expense of Bro. Bass, M.P., and the Mayor, was opened with considerable ceremony; a commencement was made in preparing for public use a recreation ground, provided by the Corporation; and the Arboretum grounds, given by Mr. Joseph Strutt for the town use, subject to certain restrictions, were declared free to all. In honour of the triple event there was a grand banquet given by the Mayor, in the Drill Hall, there being nearly 1000 guests present, among whom were the Home Secretary, Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, Lord Belper, Lord Scarsdale, Sir H. Wilmot, M.P., and others.

The death is recorded of Ninagawa Noritane, a well-known Japanese antiquary, who is said to have been the greatest authority of his day on all subjects connected with the Ceramic arts in Japan. The gentleman in question fell a victim to the cholera.

In addition to the Fine Art Exhibitions now open to the public, which we referred to last week, should be mentioned the Doré Gallery, 35, New Bond-street, and the Exhibition at 53, Pall Mall, where are to be seen some of Mr. John Martin's celebrated works. It should also be noted that the first division of the Bartolozzi Exhibition will be shortly on view.



Bro. T. W. Gilling was installed W.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, on the 7th inst. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Bro. J. Terry, P.M., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in his usual able style. Bro. Terry had the privilege of consecrating this lodge some thirteen years since, and his eminent services to the lodge since its formation are warmly appreciated.

There was a capital gathering of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, under the able presidency of Bro. C. H. Bardouleau, who was ably supported by Bros. B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; and numerous brethren. The evening was devoted to working the first ceremony, which was ably rendered, especially when we remember that our Bro. Bardouleau is but a young Mason. Some Sections were also worked from the chair, and a capital evening's instruction was gathered, after which the lodge was closed.

Bro. Richard Dorsett was installed on the 8th inst., W.M. of the Grey Friars' Lodge, No. 1101, at the Masonic Hall, Reading.

It is announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxford at Banbury on the 17th inst. He will also lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall to be erected by the Cherwell Lodge, and afterwards attend a public luncheon in the Exchange Hall.

A new Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, to be called the "Four King's Council, is to be consecrated this day (Saturday), at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge, 8a, Red Lion-sq., at three o'clock. Bro. J. L. Mather is to be the first Master.

Bro. Alderman Knight, Lord Mayor elect, with Bro. Alderman Sheriff de Keyser, and Mr. Sheriff Savory, have been photographed by the London Stereoscopic Company, the artists of most of the civic dignitaries. All the likenesses are of equal excellence. The new Lord Mayor is taken in his rich black satin gown, trimmed heavily with bullion, and which he wears at court and on a few state occasions, such as receiving the judges at St. Paul's. Bro. de Keyser is represented in his scarlet aldermanic gown, trimmed with sable, and over it is the Masonic gold chain of most artistic design, presented by his constituents in appreciation of his services in fighting in the contest for the seat. Mr. Sheriff Savory is dressed in full court costume, of black velvet, steel buttons and knee breeches, whilst around his neck is the chain of the shrievalty.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Amateur Swimming Club will be held on Monday next at the Holborn Restaurant, under the genial presidency of Bro. A. Clarke, P.M., 1227, who will be supported by several brethren and friends interested in the art of natation. Chair to be taken at 7.30 precisely.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at a well attended meeting of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, held at Bro. Grey's, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M., 1227, who is well known for his services as Secretary and Preceptor of several lodges of instruction, presided with great ability, and was supported by some capital workers. Several new members joined this flourishing lodge, and the meeting was an entire success.

On Tuesday, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.J. Warden, presided at the thirty-second anniversary dinner of the National Orphan Home. In the course of the evening subscriptions to the extent of upwards of £1780 were announced.

By an unfortunate slip of the pen in our remarks on "The City of London School" last week, we transformed our worthy Bro. Sir John Monckton, Town Clerk of London, and President of the Board of General Purposes, into a Cambridge undergraduate, when it was his son, a former pupil of the City of London School, who should have been so described. However, as, in many respects, Sir John is as young and vigorous as any of the youthful aspirants for academic fame now resident in Grant's halls, he will, we trust, be pleased to condone our error.

PEOPLE'S PROPERTY COMPANY.—On Thursday, at the Three Hammers Inn, Mill-hill, Hendon, Mr. Collier submitted to auction, by direction of the People's Property Company, thirty-three plots of building land, close to the Mill-hill Station, having frontages of twenty-five feet to Flower-lane, and depths of over 220 feet. Seven of the lots had paddocks in the rear, and these were specially sought after, the whole selling at from £130 to £240 each. The total of the sale was £2120 10s. This was the first sale of the People's Property Company; and, considering the weather, the attendance was very satisfactory.

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.]

MONEY LENT. Advances on Property. Loans Negotiated.—£5 to £1000, with and without securities, at moderate Interest upon Promissory Notes, repayable at a fixed period, or by instalments; also upon Deeds, Life Policies, Furniture, Jewellery, Shares, Warrants, Stocks, &c. Prompt attention, with secrecy. Trade bills discounted. Deposits received. THE LONDON BANK, 71, Fleet-street, E.C.; 88, High-street, Islington, N.; and 113, Church-street, Edgware-road, W. Open daily Forms gratis. Established 1838. E. J. READ, Secretary.—[ADVT.]

Bro. R. J. H. Saunders, 27, Walbrook, is the architect for drainage works at Broadstairs.

Bro. The Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt (Chaplain Trinity College), was on the 2nd inst. installed W.M. of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, at 13, Mandeville-place.

Bro. John Clark was on the 2nd inst. installed W.M. of the Okeover Lodge, No. 1324, held at the Lodge Room, Market-place, Ripley.

Comp. R. Watson was on the 1st instant installed M.E.Z. of the Nativity Chapter, No. 126, at the Bull Hotel, Burnley.

At the last Convocation of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, Comp. W.M. Stiles was presented with a valuable gold jewel, for the efficient manner in which he had filled the Principal's chair during his year of office.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson will preside on Friday, December 29th, at the annual dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution, to be held at the Albion.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has consented to give his patronage to the International Chess Tournament, which it is proposed to hold in London next year.

Bro. Lobb, F.R.G.S., presided on Wednesday last at a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Seddon, at the Memorial Hall, Bethnal Green, on "President Garfield." Messrs. Piggott Brothers, of Bishopgate-street, lent the English flag, and the American Exchange in Europe, lent the American flag, for exhibition on the occasion.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by a numerous suite, honoured the performance of "Robin Hood," at the Gaiety, on Thursday week with their presence.

Bro. the Marquis of Headford, who has been visiting Lord Winmarleigh (better remembered as Colonel Wilson Pattens) at Garstang, has arrived in Belgrave-square.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., sent an apology for his enforced absence at the distribution of prizes of the Second Middlesex Artillery Volunteers at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, for which corps Bro. Lord Arthur Hill is the commanding officer.

A fund for the aid of the widow and children of the late Bro. Macrae Moir is being raised under influential patronage. Sir Charles McGrigor, Bart, 25, Charles-street, St. James', is treasurer, and Mr. J. Chisholm Gordon, 33, Tavistock-square, secretary to the committee. Some fifteen or twenty distinguished members of the aristocracy, among them the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, as well as other gentlemen on the committee, have issued a circular to the friends of the deceased gentlemen, but especially to the governors of the Scottish Hospital. It is pointed out that Bro. Macrae Moir "took a zealous and keen interest in several Scotch institutions." Only £597 has at present been subscribed.

At the opening meeting of the winter session of the Royal Institute of British Architects, on Monday evening last, which took place at the rooms, 9, Conduit-street, Regent-street, the president, Bro. Horace Jones (City Architect), Grand Superintendent, delivered the annual address. He commenced by referring to the lamented decease of Mr. Street, R.A., their late president, whose loss was a national one. They were more forcibly reminded of the sad event by the circumstances that at this very time arrangements were being made for the State opening of his greatest work, the most important national building completed since the Houses of Parliament. In the new Palace of Justice its architect would have its statue, whilst its portrait would adorn the walls of the Institute. Turning to the work of the past year, the President said that it would long be memorable for the inauguration by the institute of its compulsory system of examination. At present their curriculum might be described as a preliminary one. Bro. Jones also referred to actual or possible relations of the Institute with the schools of practical engineering, and with the City and Gilds of London Institute, whose technical colleges would doubtless welcome such an alliance.

Bro. George Oliver, of Leicester, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, held at Loughborough, Leicestershire, and of which Bro. General Burnaby, M.P., is the I.P.M. As Bro. Oliver is exceedingly popular, his installation, which will take place at the end of the present month, is expected to be the occasion of a very large gathering, for, in addition to the very many brethren who will no doubt attend from Leicester, the lodge has resolved to invite every W.M. in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland. Bro. Oliver, we may add, has also just won another honour, for, after a very keenly-contested election, he and his colleague have just been returned at the head of the poll as municipal representatives of one of the wards in the borough of Leicester, defeating, by large majorities, the gentlemen who had held the seats for the previous three years. Bro. George Oliver's name will be well-known to many readers of the *Freemason*, for he is probably the largest bootfactor in England, and has one or more retail establishments in about fifty towns of England and Wales.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; ½lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to become chairman of the Longfellow Memorial Committee

Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, I.P.M. and Treasurer of the Montague Guest Lodge, was invested with the Collar of Prov. Senior Grand Deacon of the Province of Dorset, by the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P. at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Sherborne on the 2nd inst.

Bro. the out-going Lord Mayor addressed some kind remarks to Bro. Gresham, the clerk of the Mansion House Police Court, on his retirement from the Chief Magistracy, which were replied to in an equally happy strain.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, M.P., Q.C., was present at the banquet given to the 4th Dragoon Guards, on Friday, the 3rd inst., on their return from Egypt to Brighton. The entertainment was given at the Dome.

Bro. Montague Williams, Q.C., is counsel for the plaintiff in the case of *Belt v. Lawes*, resumed at the opening of the Law Courts. The case was adjourned from July. It is an action for libel by Bro. Belt, sculptor, against "Vanity Fair."

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn has written a sonnet "To an infant whose mother died at its birth." The lines are published in the *Illustrated London News*.

Bro. the R.W. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Cornwall, and Bro. the Rt. Hon. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., contribute articles to the current number of the "Nineteenth Century." "The Irish Land Commissioners," and "Public Works in London" are the respective titles. Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts also writes on the present state of the army.

The 12th prox. is the probable date of the opening of the new City of London School. It was in error that we stated it to be on a date this month.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, and Lady de Tabley are amongst the latest arrivals of the fashionable world at Brighton.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chaplain, who held the office for thirteen years, preached at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate-street, on Sunday. Our reverend brother dined at the officers' mess of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade last week, being the guest of Colonel Wigram. Bro. Colonel Mapleson was unavoidably absent. Amongst the Masonic officers were Bros. Major B. Fletcher, Major Rodney Wilde, Capt. Wm. Tully, and Lieutenant Henry Wright.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, who is known to take a warm interest in the care of dumb animals amongst his many philanthropic and public works, has written an article in "Little Folks' Annual" urging children to be kind to animals.

"Dick Whittington," the ever interesting story, is to form the subject of a children's pantomime at Christmas at the Avenue Theatre at morning performances, when cheap prices will be introduced throughout the house. The Children's Fancy Dress Ball at the Mansion House will be represented as a distinguishing feature.

The Fifteen Sections at the Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction are to be worked by a very strong contingent from the King's Cross Lodge, on the 22nd inst.

Bros. Holland, M.P., and Marriott, Q.C., M.P., were among those present at the banquet given in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday week, to the 4th Dragoon Guards on their return from Egypt.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, and accompanied by the members of their suite, reached Sandringham on Friday week for the winter season. The ball in honour of the Princess' forty-first birthday was arranged to take place yesterday (Friday).

Mrs. Nathaniel Montefiore has presented to the University College Hospital the sum of £2600 to permanently endow a "Francis Henry Goldsmith Bed," and a "Leonard Montefiore Cot," in memory respectively of her late brother and son.

Her Majesty has been pleased to signify her intention of conferring Peerages on the Admiral and General recently conducting the naval and military operations in Egypt. It is said Sir F. Beauchamp P. Seymour will take the title of Baron Alcester of Alcester, and Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley that of Baron Wolseley of Cairo and Wolseley Stafford.

Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, of Poyle Manor, Colnbrook, and George-street, Hanover-square, has, on the recommendation of the Lord-Lieutenant, been appointed by the Lord Chancellor one of the magistrates for the county of Middlesex and the city and liberty of Westminster.

At a regular meeting of the Lechmere Lodge No. 1874, held at the Masonic Hall Kidderminster, Worcestershire, on Thursday, the 2nd inst, a splendid P.M.'s jewel, of special design and manufacture, was presented to the first W.M. of that Lodge, Bro. George Taylor, who is well known as the Charity Representative of the Province. The presentation was made by the present W.M. Bro. G. W. Grosvenor, Prov. J.G.W., and the jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., P.M. 377 and 1874, and W.M. 560, on the termination of his year of office as W.M. of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, in recognition of his labours in promoting its foundation. March 1882."

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has intimated to the board of management of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption on the Separate Principle, Ventnor, that he will preside at a public dinner, next spring, in aid of the funds of that institution.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by an alterative like these Pills. They go directly to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in the possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibres of the frame, effects a universal good.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, November 18, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, 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.
 " 1416, Mount Edgcombe, 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.

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 Courts, 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 13.
 Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
 " 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 " 1789, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 K.T. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, F.M.H.
 " 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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 14.
 Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 1769, Progress, F.M.H.
 " 1909, Waldeck, F.M.H.

Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., Lon. Bridge.
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, Stepany, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The 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 15.
 Lodge Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 880, Dobic, Griffin Hot., Kingston-on-Thames.
 " 969, Moby, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Mark 181, Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.
 " 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

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 S.
 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 S.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at S.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 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 16.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gibon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Pub. Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett-Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripplelegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
 " 1723, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

Rose Croix 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 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-cr., Ludgate-hill, 7.30.
 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 17.
 House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 K.T. Precept. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, 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 18.
 Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1556, Addiscombe, M.H., 105, High-st., Croydon.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1767, Kensington, S. Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate-terrace, S.W.
 Chap. 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, November 18, 1882.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13.
 Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14.
 Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.
 Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
 Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16.
 Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.
 Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 165, Egerton, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Jacques de Molay Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.

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