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THE agenda paper is before us, and there is a good deal to do and talk over. We have the nomination of a GRAND MASTER, about which there is no doubt. We are very fortunate in having the Prince of WALES as our head, and having two of his Royal brothers rulers amongst us. Long may it so continue. In all probability Bro. JOSHUA NUNN will be re-appointed President of the Board of Benevolence, whose routine of business he understands so well, and over which he presides so efficiently. Our old friend, Bro. JAMES BRETT, it is certain must be Senior Vice-President, and there are nominated for Junior Vice-President four well-known brethren, Bros. CHAS. ATKINS, HENRY GARROD, GEORGE P. BRITTEN, and COTTEBRUNE. Without at all affecting to anticipate the decision of Grand Lodge, we think that Bro. CHAS. ATKINS, for various reasons, seems to claim a large amount of support. Bro. BRITTEN will, we think, be much more useful in his position as an independent member of the Board. Bros. GARROD and COTTEBRUNE are most regular attendants, and have many friends. There are fourteen Past Masters nominated, of whom twelve will have to be elected. We recommend our readers to scan the names. Some recent grants of the Lodge of Benevolence will have to be confirmed. *The Board of General Purposes very properly calls attention to the proceedings of a nameless Provincial Grand Lodge, which has been guilty of most irregular and unconstitutional conduct on the strength of a private bye-law. We almost wonder that the Board was not more severe in its expressions. The financial report is very satisfactory. On the report of the Colonial Board, four Egyptian lodges are to be struck off the roll of Grand Lodge, unless mitigating circumstances can be produced. There are three appeals from the colonies, which will be duly adjudicated upon. Bro. CLABON renews his motion; but we venture to express a hope that our distinguished brother will withdraw his resolution, inasmuch as we apprehend the feeling of the Craft is diametrically opposed to it. It seems to us an unseasonable motion in Grand Lodge, moreover now, inasmuch as the matter can be fully gone into at the revision of the Book of Constitutions in February. Bro. BUDDEN's motion will no doubt receive full consideration by Grand Lodge, and will we feel certain be ably recommended by him. There are however, we do not conceal from him, several considerations, especially Masonical ones, which require close attention, and concerning which we apprehend there exists great difference of opinion in the Craft. But the fact that the proposal comes before us in support of a movement which has the special sanction of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, will secure for it respectful attention and friendly sympathy. Bro. J. STEVENS's new motion concludes the agenda paper. We allude to it in a special leaderette.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, wise by experience, has avoided the patent constitutional "Scylla and Charybdis" of his previous motions. His new proposal, though much, no doubt, may be said for it, still is open to serious constitutional objections, when we consider it calmly and thoughtfully. 1. It is quite clear that the "motive" power of all Provincial Grand Lodge Districts is the GRAND MASTER himself. He it is who has inherent power alone to form, reform, enlarge, diminish, the various Masonic districts, and we are aware of no precedent for any such question ever coming before Grand Lodge. 2. In the next place, has Bro. J. STEVENS the authority or approval of the Provincial Grand Masters for Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey for his proposal? Because, if not so, he is again impinging on the undoubted prerogatives of the five Provincial Grand Masters named. They, too, have prerogatives, just as their Provincial Bodies have a right to expect to be taken into council, because these enlargements, by vote of Grand Lodge, may seriously affect the districts allotted by the GRAND MASTER "pleno jure," and some of long-standing, and continuous with Parliamentary boundaries, more or less. We do not wish to seem to be captious or hypercritical; but, simply writing for the Craft at

large, we deem it well to say what we really think about all such matters, in all good feelings to others, and not the least to Bro. JAMES STEVENS. As we have often said, our opinions only are put forward "quantum valent."

By one of those singular little mishaps and mistakes, for which no one is to blame, we are made in our first "leaderette" last week to ignore the presence of our esteemed M.E. Comp. W. J. HUGHAN at the Bath Royal Arch Centenary Festival. We are very sorry for the omission, which was only realized too late to remedy in our last issue. As we are all aware, no one has rendered higher services to Royal Arch Masonry than Comp. HUGHAN, no one is more a Master of its recondite lore; while his knowledge of the history of its chapters is only equalled by his remarkable acquaintance with the past existence and fortunes of our lodges. So we feel quite sure he will put down the unintentional omission of his respected name to a purely accidental oversight.

It will be noticed with fraternal pleasure that H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY attended the last meeting of that distinguished body the Jerusalem Lodge, presided over most ably, as is his wont, by W. Bro. E. LETCHWORTH. His Royal Highness was warmly received by the brethren present. Bro. IRVING, the well-known reviver and personifier of SHAKESPEARE's great characters, was passed in the presence of our Royal brother to the Second Degree.

WE congratulate the W.M. and brethren of St. Mary Abbots Lodge on their happy emergence from many difficulties and trials. It is now, humanly speaking, on the high road to prosperity. That lodge has an energetic W.M., well up in his work; zealous and attentive officers, young members of much zeal and promise; its roll is continuously increased by good material; and we venture to believe that it has in it all the elements of vitality, harmony, and success.

SOME very remarkable statistics were recently announced by Bro. DUCHERY, to which Bro. DICK RADCLYFFE justly takes exception in our last, and for which we are not aware that there is the slightest available authority. With all due deference to Bro. DUCHERY, we do not profess to guess, much less to understand, whence he has drawn his figures, or on what "tables" he bases them. If any such exist, they are altogether unknown to us. We have paid much attention to the subject, and closely scan all possible sources of information, but have not ourselves the slightest notion that any such results are true or proveable. We think it a great pity, in even an after-dinner speech, (for which allowances may be fairly made), to announce exaggerated estimates of Masonic income and influence, inasmuch as such statements only increase the animosity of our opponents, and are no encouragement to our friends. Any assertion which has not truth for its foundation, positive abstract truth, sooner or later "comes to grief," and does more harm than good by the "process of reaction." We apprehend that Bro. DUCHERY is entirely wrong both as to the number of lodges and their financial returns. And for this reason, he assumes as his "factor" apparently, that all lodges, under all jurisdictions, are organized according to our English system. But he forgets one main point. A great part of the lodges in existence have no distinct annual subscription, as with us. They pay entrance and joining fees, registration fees, and, in some instances, capitation fees, but nothing more; and if there is one fact more patent than another, it is the want of charitable efforts, distinctly year by year, in a large proportion of extern jurisdictions. We shall be curious to see how Bro. DUCHERY supports his position, very ably assailed by Bro. DICK RADCLYFFE in our last.

WE deem it well to call attention, as we do elsewhere, to the seasonable appearance of the "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" and the "Cosmopolitan Calendar and Pocket Book." To all who need information as to Craft and Chilvalric Masonry, these two handbooks are alike valuable and indispensable.

THE little controversy about "Lewis" in our Notes and Queries columns shows how much of the curious and archaic has to be dealt with in Masonic investigation. Such matters are, happily, removed from the arena of controversy and the struggles of personality, and demand, as they will, we hope, receive always in the *Freemason*, careful, cautious, searching, exhaustive treatment.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday next, December 6th.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September, 1882, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland	50 0 0
A brother of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, Bristol	100 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	50 0 0
A brother of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	100 0 0
A brother of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, Halliford, Shepperton	50 0 0
A brother of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding	100 0 0
A brother of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey	100 0 0
A brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50 0 0
A brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, Kent	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon	50 0 0
A brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	50 0 0
A brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight	50 0 0

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report the irregular conduct of a Provincial Lodge who, acting on a paragraph in their bye-laws, recently raised a Fellow Craft to the Degree of a Master Mason, within a period of thirteen days from his having taken the former Degree.

As the bye-law in question was passed contrary to paragraph 7, page 86, of the Book of Constitutions, which requires an interval of twenty-eight days between the conferring of any two Degrees in England, the Board has ordered that the Degree so conferred on the brother in question be cancelled, and that he be re-obligated in that Degree previous to his being registered as a Master Mason; and further, that the irregular bye-law be forthwith altered so as to be in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

(Signed) JOHN B MONCKTON,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
21st November, 1882.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4012 16s. 4d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £100.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to state that in the year 1877, just previous to the dissolution of the District Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Deputy District Grand Master in charge reported on certain lodges in his district as follows:

- Lodge No. 1068—Cairo—In abeyance for four years, not possible to revive it.
- „ No. 1154—Alexandria—Never met. Warrant believed to be lost.
- „ No. 1156—Cairo—In abeyance for many years. Warrant believed to be lost.
- „ No. 1419—Ramlah—Dissolved by its own members. Warrant frequently applied for, but cannot be obtained.

Since the above-named period no returns or other documents have ever been received from the said lodges, and there is no doubt that they have ceased to exist.

The Board, therefore, recommend to Grand Lodge that the Lodges No. 1068, Cairo; No. 1154, Alexandria; No. 1156, Cairo; and No. 1419, Ramlah, be erased from the list of lodges on the registry of the United Grand Lodge of England.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER, P.G.D.,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
7th October, 1882.

APPEALS.

1st. From the Victoria Lodge, No. 1186, Brisbane, Victoria, against the ruling of the District Grand Master.—That a Lodge of Instruction can only be held under the warrant of the lodge under which it is sanctioned, and consequently not in any other building.

2nd. From Bro. Lionel Mordecai, of the Friendly Lodge, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, confirming a decision of Bro. John Ashenheim, P.M., whilst acting as master of the lodge.—That an alteration made by the lodge in their bye-laws,

changing their day of Installation from December to January, was valid, notwithstanding that it had not been submitted for the approval of the Deputy District Grand Master, on the ground that it was not a "material alteration" as contemplated by Article 5, page 63 of the Book of Constitutions.

3rd. From Bro. JOHN JAMES, P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a decision of the Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, refusing to call on Bro. Capt. Elphinstone-Stone, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, to furnish the information on which he had opposed the election of Bro. James as Prov. Grand Treasurer at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 1st August last.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Bro. JOHN LABON, P.G.D. (postponed from the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, that an opportunity might be given to the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether an increase should be made in the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge):

That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London district (except military lodges) shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1814. And that all members of lodges not within the London district (except military, colonial, and foreign lodges) shall pay quarterly, ninepence each to the fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge.

(2). That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge.

(3). By Bro. EDWIN T. BUDDEN, P.M., No. 622:—

Whereas one of the great and professed objects of Freemasonry is to promote the liberal arts and sciences;

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is endeavouring to establish a great National Institution called The Royal College of Music, to consist partly of a charitable foundation of 100 or more Scholarships, for which His Royal Highness solicits the co-operation and assistance of all public Corporations and great associations throughout the land.

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master has rendered great and valuable services to the Craft during his Grand Mastership, this Grand Lodge in recognition of such services agrees to endow Two Scholarships in the aforesaid Royal College of Music; and that the Board of General Purposes be instructed to carry this resolution into effect at the proper time by two or more instalments, as the Board may decide.

(4) By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., No. 1216:

(I). That having regard to the great increase during the past twenty-five years of lodges within the London District, the present radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be now reduced to a radius of four miles from Freemasons' Hall.

(II). That the lodges between the four mile radius from Freemasons' Hall and the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be included in the respective Provincial Grand Lodges of Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., has been nominated for election to the office of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27 and 1260; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; George Pole Britten, P.M. 183; and Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., have been nominated for election to the office of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The following Past Masters have been nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence: Bros. Charles Atkins, 27; George Pole Britten, 183; Joseph D. Collier, 1366; Thomas Cull, 1446; Charles Dairy, 141; Henry Garrod, 749; Charles F. Hogard, 205; John M. Klenck, 1339; William Mann, 186; James H. Matthews, 143; William H. Perryman, 3; William Stephens, 1489; Edward Francis Storr, 22; and Edward White, 177.

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1976. The Umlazi Lodge, Pine Town, Natal.
1977. The Blackwater Lodge, Maldon, Essex
1978. The St. George Lodge, Herberton, Queensland.
1979. The Lodge of Fidelity, Sydney, New South Wales.
1980. The Prince of Wales' Lodge, Muswell Brook, New South Wales.
1981. The Arnold Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
1982. The Greenwood Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.
1983. The Martyn Lodge, Southwold, Suffolk.
1984. The Earl of Clarendon Lodge, Watford, Herts.
1985. The Light in Assam Lodge, Sibsagar, Assam, Bengal.

HARLEIAN MSS.—There are two MSS. in the British Museum—both very important in the archaeology of Freemasonry—Nos. 2054 and 1942. The earliest is 2054, which is said to be transcribed by Randle Holmes, Chester Herald, who flourished about 1650. It, or the book in which it is contained, seems to have belonged to the Chester Municipality, and refers to Constitutions and Charters of Chester Guilds and Companies. It is not at all unreasonable to suppose that we have the old Constitution of the Chester Guild of Masons. There are two attached folios, 33, 34, though clearly part and parcel of the Constitutions, in which the names of initiates are given; and allusion is made to the secrets of Freemasonry, "severall words and signes," &c. Some of the amounts paid range from 5s. to £1, clearly showing that in or about the middle of the seventeenth century the Guild of Chester MS. admitted non-operatives, or speculative members.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Col. Peters, Robt. Grey, John Rucker, Frederick Walters, Hy. Gloster, Frank Richardson, P.G.D., J. H. Mathews, Edward Spooner, Frederick Adlard, H. A. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, Robt. P. Tebb, Peter de Lande Long and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last monthly meeting (26th October) were read and verified, and the report of the House Committee of 23rd November was read for information.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in accordance with his notice of motion, proposed that, as the teachers of the Institution had been advanced to higher duties, in consequence of the appointment of Miss Triggs to the position of Head Governess of the Masonic Girls' School at Dublin, the salaries of the teachers so advanced be increased £5 each, except in one instance, in which £10 was recommended. This proposal was based upon the report of Miss Davies, the Head Mistress, who had expressed herself much pleased with the satisfactory manner in which the promoted teachers were performing their new duties.

This proposal was seconded by Bro. DICKETTS, and carried unanimously. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques.

Bro. ROBERT GREY moved that the tender of Messrs. Rosser and Russell, for the repair of the boilers at the Institution for a sum of £36 2s. be accepted, as recommended by the House Committee.

Three petitions were considered: two of which were received, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates for next election. The third was deferred for three months, in order that the child might be improved in her reading.

On the recommendation of the CHAIRMAN, it was resolved that if money were required before next meeting, it should be withdrawn from the sum of £2000 now lying on deposit account at the Bank.

The CHAIRMAN reported that since last meeting a cheque for £200 had been drawn as a payment on account of the swimming bath.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON gave notice of the following motion: "That the best thanks of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School buildings at Battersea. And that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is hereby elected, an honorary Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

An especial meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Friday, the 17th ult., for the purpose of urging the adoption and acceptance of such amendments and conditions to the new Book of Constitutions, and to take such steps, in conjunction with the neighbouring provinces, as might be thought necessary for the purpose. A great deal of time and labour had been expended on the matter by Bro. James Heelis, the present Prov. Grand Registrar, who had been ably assisted by Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec., and four Past Prov. Grand Registrars, viz.: Bros. Chas. Heywood, Thos. Chorlton, J. E. Anderton, and Tom Nash.

The meeting was held under the banner of the oldest lodge in Manchester (the Friendship Lodge, No. 44), whose officers opened a Craft Lodge, after which the R.W.P.G.M. Col. le Gendre N. Starkie entered, attended by his officers as follows:

Bros. George Mellon, V.W. Dep. P.G.M.; Rev. Thos. F. Collins, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. H. Thomas, Asst. P.G. Chap.; J. E. Lees, Prov. G. Treas.; Jas. Heelis, Prov. G. Reg.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Timperley, Prov. S.G.D.; H. L. Rocca, Prov. J.G.D.; J. Wildgoose, Dep. Prov. J.G.D.; Jas. Kershaw, P.G.D. of C.; S. Porritt, Asst. P.G.D. of C.; John Roberts, Asst. P.G.D. of C.; L. W. Whalley, P.G. Org.; John Holt, P.G. Purs.; Walter Newton, P.G. Swd. B.; J. F. Lord, P.G. Stwd.; J. Hall, P.G. Stwd.; Thos. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; J. Sly, Asst. P.G. Tyler; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Gibb Smith, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Newton, P.P.S.G.D.; John Barker, P.P.G.T.; Denis Towers, P.P.G.D. of C.; Rev. J. E. Roberts, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Holmes, P.P.J.G.D.; S. L. Buckley, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.P.A.G.P.; Julius Arensbergh, P.P.A.G.P.; Rev. E. H. Aldridge, P.P.G.C.; R. Whittaker, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Sombutts, P.P.A.G.P.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.P.; H. Thomas, P.P.J.G.D.; J. C. Whittington, P.P.G. Org.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D. of C.; Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.P.S.G.W., and G.D. of England; E. Ashworth, P.P.S.G.W.; Dr. Peter Royle, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Smith, P.G. Sec. West Yorks; J. Hadfield, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Blacka, P.P.G.P.; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P.S.G.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; E. Haddon, P.P.S.G.D.; and Chas. Heywood, P.P.G. Reg.

Among the other brethren present at the meeting were:

Bros. J. R. Beard, W.M.; J. MacMahon, S.W.; W. J. Wilkinson, J.W. C. Woodhall, Treas.; J. Dandy, Sec.; M. Naylor, J.D.; J. H. Alcock, I.G.; S. Barratt, I.P.M.; H. J. Cutter, P.M.; H. Poole, P.M.; M. Lomax, P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; John Duffield, P.M.; and Stephen Smith (all of No. 44); J. Wilson, J.W. 317; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317; H. Walmsley, W.M. 317; S. Horrocks, W.M. 1634; J. Johnson, J.W. 1133; C. Crabtree, S.W. 219; T. Schofield, P.M. 288; J. Dawson, P.M. 317; L. Gossling, P.M. 1145; H. Heap, 300; J. H. Chapman, W.M. 678; E. Hilton, W.M. 992; J. Witham, J.W. 1064; R. Harrison, W.M. 1064; W. Housley, W.M. 1144; G. Hunt, S.W. 1009; H. Walley, P.M. 163; J. J. Gibson, W.M. 816; J. Corney, W.M. 852; J. Clayton, P.M. 277; J. N. Newton, P.M. 1459; H. Paulden, J.W. 204; W. R. Sowter, I.P.M. 815; E. Harris, W.M. 815; R. Wright, W.M. 993; T. P. Nelson, S.W. 993; S. Goldstone, I.P.M. 345; E. Wil-

liams, P.M. 1773; A. B. Outram, J.W. 1052; T. Fallows, I.P.M. 1052; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633, 1219; A. E. Powell, 581; W. Duncan, W.M. 1052; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; H. Heywood, 78; W. S. Clark, W.M. 78; E. Pickstone, P.M. 350; G. Dalgleish, W.M. 300; C. Furness, W.M. 1145; R. Kay, W.M. 934; M. Fairweather, J.W. 1147; Frank Griffin, W.M. 1147; J. Sillaven, J.W. 1253; E. Sleigh, P.M. 210; R. F. Brewer, W.M. 152; J. Wrigley, S.W. 210; H. Murgatroyd, W.M. 1253; J. Lowe, I.P.M. 325; W. H. Kershaw, W.M. 266; R. Gorton, P.M. 266; R. Pilkington, P.M. 1392; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; H. Lambton, S.W. 1983; W. H. Dewhurst, P.M. 462; J. Pollard, P.M. 1504; E. Roberts, J.W. 1459; R. Barker, P.M. 1052; W. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; E. Farrar, W.M. 350; E. Barlow, W.M. 215; J. Chapman, W.M. 678; Jas. Andrew, P.M. 1219; J. Johnson, J.W. 1134; J. Boothroyd, W.M. 221; T. Hindle, P.M. 1145; F. Wood, W.M. 128; A. Blenkhorn, P.M. 269; John Bolland, P.M. 126; J. G. Gibson, 816; S. Corbett, 854; W. Lamb, W.M. 346; E. Melrose, J.W. 1144; H. Rutter, S.W. 992; H. Metcalf, S.W. 1219; Thos. E. Rigby, 1055; A. B. Wimpory, W.M. 1055; R. Wright, W.M. 993; Walter Potts, I.P.M. 467; A. H. Pifferio, J.W. 1161; Wm. Cox, P.M. 1458; J. T. Newbold, P.M. 1012; J. N. Squirrel, 1633; R. Barlow, S.W. 1147; T. H. Hall, W.M. 1458; Thos. Barker, W.M. 298; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

After the usual salutes, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The circular convening the meeting having been read, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and lodges in the province called over by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. J. HEELIS went through the various suggested amendments and alterations in the Book of Constitutions "ad seriatim," and these were severally discussed by different W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens, and eventually determined upon to be submitted to Grand Lodge; and a committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Jas. Heelis, P.G. Reg.; C. Heywood, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Chorlton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Anderton, P.P.G. Reg.; and Tom Nash, P.P.G. Reg. (with power to add to the number), for the furtherance of this object.

The proceedings, which occupied three hours, were of an exhaustive nature, and were admirably handled by Bro. James Heelis, to whom a vote of thanks was most appropriately awarded by the R.W.P.G.M. Great praise is, undoubtedly, due to Bro. John Chadwick, the indefatigable P.G. Secretary, for the time, care, and labour he has bestowed upon the suggested amendments, in order to frame them for the Committee.

The motion of Bro. Clabon's in Grand Lodge respecting the payment of an increased quarterage by Provincial Grand Lodges was considered and rejected, and a resolution passed that such increase does not meet with the approval of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was formally closed, as was the Friendship Lodge by its officers, shortly before six o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Agriculturall Hall, Oakham, in the county of Rutland, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. In consequence of the inclement state of the weather, and the distance of the place of meeting from most of the Craft Lodges in the province, there was only a moderate attendance. The Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, was opened at half-past one o'clock, shortly after which the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by the Prov. Grand Officers, entered the lodge-room, the D.P.G.M. being received with the customary honours.

Amongst those present were:

W. Bros. G. Toller, junr. P.G.S.B. England, D.P.G.M.; the Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S. G.W. (acting D.P.G.M.); T. Harrold, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. J. Bird, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Waite, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Wright, Prov. G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; W. S. Allen, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Young, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Crow, Prov. G.A.D.C.; R. L. Gibson, Prov. G.P.; Miles J. Walker, Prov. G.A.P.; S. A. Marris and E. H. Butler, Prov. G. Stewards; J. O. Law, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Tanser and Dunn, Prov. G. Tylers; W. Carrick Crofts and J. C. Duncombe, P.P.J.G.W.'s; Capt. J. G. F. Richardson and W. Kelp, P.P.G.S.B.'s; J. D. Bennett, P.P.G.J.D.; C. E. Stretton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Halford and J. Barber, P.P.G.A.D.C.'s; C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P.; and many others.

Before proceeding with the business of the day the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was sure that the brethren would hear with regret that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, who had intended to be present on that occasion, and had arranged to instal the W.M. elect of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, was prevented from attending in consequence of having met with an accident in the hunting field.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then took the chair of the Craft Lodge, and in a very impressive and able manner installed Bro. Miles J. Walker, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards opened in form, and the rolls of lodges and of Prov. Grand Officers were called, the former roll being answered by all the lodges in the province except St. Peters, 1330, and the latter showing an unusually large number of absentees. The minutes of the previous annual meeting and of a special meeting held in May last, on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Leicester, were duly confirmed.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes was read, and, upon motion duly made, was received and adopted. The report, amongst other matters, referred to the Royal visit to Leicester in May last, the presentation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of a Masonic address of welcome on that occasion, and to the satisfactory arrangements made for the ceremony and the successful way in which they were carried out. The next subject was the draft of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, of which, after explaining at some length the more prominent

changes made in the existing laws, and with the exception of revised Article No. 172, the Committee expressed their approval, the work appearing to them to have been carried out with much thought and attention, and to be a great improvement on the existing edition. As to Article No. 172, the views of the Committee and of the authors of the proposed revision were at variance. The Provincial Grand Lodge at its last annual meeting favoured the enforcement of the payment of quarterage in respect of members whose subscriptions were in arrear, at which meeting the question was fully discussed. The Committee had since been unable to discover any fresh reason for changing their views, and they suggested that Provincial Grand Lodge should oppose the adoption of the new rule. The motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., proposing an increase in the quarterage payable to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence was also referred to in the report, the Committee stating that the views of the several lodges in the Province had been asked, and there appeared to be a general concurrence of opinion that the proposed increase was undesirable. A few appropriate remarks on the loss the province had sustained by the deaths of some of its Past Provincial Grand Officers brought the report to a close. The P.P.G. Officers referred to were the late Bros. J. M. McAllister, P.P.G.S.D.; Capt. E. B. Hartopp, P.P.G. Reg.; Major C. T. Freer, P.P.G.S.B., and the Rev. J. O. Picton, P.P.G. Chap.

The following report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read and duly adopted:

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

In presenting their annual report, the Committee are glad to be able to state that their candidate for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was unsuccessful at the October election of 1881, was elected in April last, though at a heavy cost of voting power.

After the October election of 1881, the Province owed 625 Boys votes; this indebtedness was raised in April to the large sum of £179. This at first sight may seem to have been a rash and unwise act, but it must be remembered that as a large number of votes had been already expended on the case, the sooner the boy was elected the better, to save waste at future elections, and secure his entrance upon the advantages of the school before he became too old. No votes were, in fact, wasted, as he was amongst the lowest of those elected. To the Secretaries of the Provincial Charity Committees of Wilts, Monmouthshire, Derbyshire and North Wales, for their kind help in lending votes the Committee feel that their thanks are due. At the election in October the outstanding debt was reduced to 975. The Committee hope that brethren will do their best to support this excellent charity at the next Festival; and they would remind them that money given to the Building Fund in the next year will secure a double quantity of votes.

The Committee now hold 471 Girls' votes, which will be called up at the April election and polled for the daughter of a deceased brother of St. John's Lodge, 279, who has been adopted as their candidate.

In the old people's Charities the Committee are still 100 votes in debt from the election in 1880, but these will be cleared off in May next.

An application for relief has been made by the widow of a member of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, and a sum of £5 5s. was voted by the Committee for her present needs.

The Committee have pleasure in proposing the name of W. Bro. J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560, as Provincial Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and they have voted a sum of £21 to be placed on his list when appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The accounts have been duly audited, showing a sum of £39 11s. 8d. to the credit of the Committee.

(Signed)S. S. PARTRIDGE, P.P.G.S.W.,
Freemasons' Hall, Leicester,Chairman.
Nov. 13th, 1882.

The report of the Committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, which appeared "in extenso" in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult., was next presented and received.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual statement of accounts, which was duly passed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's report showed an increase in the number of subscribing members in the province, but though small it was believed that the accessions to the rolls of the several lodges during the past year comprised those only who would help to sustain and add credit to our Order. In other respects the report stated that the several lodges in the province were in a very satisfactory condition.

The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was next in order on the agenda paper, when W. Bro. Robert Waite, P.P.G. J.W., who has now held the office for several years, was unanimously re-elected, a vote of thanks for his past services being at the same time accorded to him.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having declared all offices vacant, proceeded to invest the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 279	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Miles J. Walker, W.M. 1265	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Bird, P.M. 442 and 1560	...	...	Prov. G.S. Chap.
" Rev. Ambrose P. Dawson, 1560	...	...	Prov. G.J. Chap.
" Robert Waite, P.M. 279	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Joseph Barber, P.M. 50	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Samuel S. Partridge, P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Haiford, P.M. and W.M. 1391	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John Orlando Law, W.M. 279	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Rutland TWO			
" R. Bradshaw Smith, W.M. 50	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Joseph Young, P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Edgar Taylor, I.P.M. 523	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" William S. Black, W.M. 1130	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Alfred Lewin, I.P.M. 779	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" George Oliver, W.M. elect 1007	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Hassall, W.M. 779	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Edward H. Butler, 1391	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.

Bro. Robert Michie, 279	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Robert R. Cole, 50	...	...	...
" Benjamin A. Smith, 523	...	...	...
" James F. Hodson, 1007	...	...	...
" Edmund Jeeves, 1130	...	...	...
" Charles Oliver, 1391	} Prov. G. Tylers.
" Thomas Dunn, 523	...	...	...
" James Tanser, 279	...	...	...

W. Bro. Captain Richardson, P.M. 1560, P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously appointed to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge as Charity Steward at the next festival of the Boys' School.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read a letter from the Grand Secretary of England on the subject of Bro. Clabon's motion, when, after some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That this Provincial Grand Lodge considers the proposed increase on the quarterage payable by Craft Lodges to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, as suggested by Bro. J. M. Clabon's motion, both undesirable and unnecessary.

After some further business, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the admirable catering of the worthy host, Bro. J. Read, giving every satisfaction.

The beautiful peal of bells in the parish church was rung in honour of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held under the banner of the Walker Lodge, 1344, in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, the 20th ult., when there was a numerous gathering of Provincial and other officers and brethren. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, and the Provincial Officers were received in due form by the brethren present.

The lodge was opened in due and solemn form, and the reports of the various Committees—the Provincial, read by the Secretary, Bro. B. J. THOMPSON, and that for arranging the votes for the Masonic Institutions by Bro. H. LAWS—were of a very favourable character.

The reports read by the W.M.'s of the several lodges showed that Masonry in the province was being maintained, both numerically and efficiently.

The following motions, made by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, with a slight addition suggested by Bro. GIBSON the Mayor of Newcastle, and Bro. YOULL, were adopted:

That in consequence of the increase of lodges in this province and the largely increased number of members in the lodges, the time has arrived when a permanent paid official shall be appointed by Provincial Grand Lodge as an assistant to the Executive Provincial Grand Officers.

That his chief duty shall be to keep the register and index of the province regularly and completely written up, together with the record book of all Masonic occurrences in the province.

That the Provincial Grand Registrar and Provincial Grand Secretary be charged with the immediate supervision of that portion of his work; and that the remuneration for his services shall be determined by the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Thos. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Youll was unanimously elected a Trustee to the Provincial Fund, in place of the late Bro. Edward Mather.

The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. B. J. THOMPSON) moved that the following resolutions be transmitted to Grand Lodge:

That this Provincial Grand Lodge unanimously condemns the attempt to increase the quarterage dues to Grand Lodge.

That, having a Provincial Fund of its own, to which all the lodges pay 6d. quarterage, they are already burthened with as heavy dues as the London lodges.

That, from this Provincial Fund, local Masonic distress is relieved, by which means Grand Lodge is released from many applications which would otherwise be made to it from this province, and the merits of which can be more fully and conveniently determined on the spot.

That the financial arrangements of our lodges would be disturbed and their means of contributing to the Masonic Institutions greatly curtailed.

That this Provincial Grand Lodge considers the means at the disposal of the Lodge of Benevolence very ample for all claims made upon it, if judiciously dispensed, and that payments from its fund should never exceed the receipts.

An amendment, moved by Bro. T. G. GIBSON (Mayor of Newcastle), that the last section be omitted, was lost, and the resolutions were carried.

The Prov. G. Master then invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. John Straker Wilson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" John Spearman	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. A. O. Medd	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Anderson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. L. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. J. Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. A. Bushell	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. J. Nelson	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. D. Davis	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Blencowe	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. G. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" William Robertson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. R. Richardson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. G. Place	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.
" G. Sims	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Several Stewards were then nominated. The Prov. Grand Master also addressed the Grand Lodge and stated that the next lodge would be held at Berwick-upon-Tweed. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The annual banquet was afterwards held, under the presidency of Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE
EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held in the Grand Hall of Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 24th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Past Grand Chaplain. Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., occupied the Master's chair, and having opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, the First Lecture was worked by the following brethren:

First Section by Bro. J. Gordon Langton, I.G. 96.
Second " " " H. Bué, S.D. 1820.
Third " " " A. Fyson, 1768.
Fourth " " " T. Trueman Tanqueray, S.D. 1965.
Fifth " " " W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293.
Sixth " " " R. A. Zeederberg, Good Hope.
Seventh " " " R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1965.

The whole of the work was admirably done, and on its conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to the working officers.

A large number of brethren gave in their names as joining members to Bro. W. Smallpeice, the Secretary.

The lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where Bro. Ambrose Hall took the chair. When the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—said that it was a pleasure to know that Her Majesty had now left her Highland home, and was with us again at Windsor and in London. Her Majesty had on two occasions since last festival shown her gracious feeling towards the Order. On the first, she had graciously received what was offered to her, and entered into and appreciated those feelings which had actuated the Masons of England in selecting certain members of Grand Lodge to present that address to her. And the sound of martial music that lately greeted the ears of all of us has scarcely ceased before Her Majesty received their brave and gallant brethren (many of them Masons) on their return from Egypt. He would ask them to drink to "The Queen and the Craft."

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the CHAIRMAN said, amidst all his various and onerous duties, H.R.H. still found time for Masonry, which he believed he loved from his heart, and would at all times do all that he could to help and uphold it. Since their last festival His Royal Highness had been twice to Grand Lodge—once when he came to place the collar on the neck of the brother sitting next the speaker (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke), and again when he came to propose the address just spoken of to his Royal mother, when he spoke so well, not only as a Mason, but as a son.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the CHAIRMAN said that he had now to bring to the notice of the brethren the names of Masons honoured among them, the M.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, and with the toast he would couple the name of their worshipful friend the Grand Secretary of England. From ancient times the chairs of Grand Lodge had been filled by very distinguished men, and royalty had always held among them a prominent position, as was proved by those historical pictures by which the room in which they met was embellished. Many eminent men had filled those chairs, but if they looked to their present Grand Officers they were not one whit behind those who had gone before them. They had in the chair a prince dear to all of them; they had as Pro Grand Master a nobleman, kind and courteous, and willing to do duty in Grand Lodge; they had a deputy in Lord Lathom, who had secured their goodwill by his kind and manly bearing. Time would not allow him to enumerate them all; there was Bro. McIntyre ever ready with his forensic eloquence to expound their laws; there was Bro. Sir John Monckton ever ready to adjudicate on any little things that might come before Grand Lodge; and not the least, their brother, Grand Secretary, who was always to the fore, always to be found, always ready to give advice, good advice, conciliatory advice where brethren differed, as they sometimes would. He was sure that the brotherhood owed Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke a great debt of gratitude for the good advice he had given them.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that it was a very great honour and a very great distinction for any brother to be called upon to return thanks for the Grand officers of England, because, as their brother Chairman had so eloquently told them, that toast comprised a long and brilliant list of brethren whose names were household words in the Order, who had in their day and generation done good suit and service to the Craft. It was a very great gratification to the present Grand Officers to know that wherever brethren congregate their good qualities were always recognised. The Grand Officers were always too ready and pleased to be present and assist at any Masonic meeting; and there could be no meeting at which they could have greater pleasure to assist than the present. They were naturally anxious to preserve the landmarks of the Order, and the services of the Lodge of Emulation were well-known and acknowledged for preserving pure and inviolate the ritual of the Order. The Grand Officers joined with him in saying that they wished every success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He would now, if the brethren would allow him, go to another topic, and propose "The Health of the Chairman of the Day." It was the luck of the Emulation Lodge yearly to be presided over by illustrious Masons; but he would venture to say that that evening they had a specimen of the Brotherhood equal to any that had ever presided over them. When he told them that their reverend brother had been for nearly fifty years a member of their Order, and during that time had always been working in various parts of England for the good of the Order, they would believe that it was only a fair compliment that should arise in his old age, that he should be presiding over them. Their Bro. Ambrose Hall had worked so well that when H.R.H. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint him Grand Chaplain, the appointment met with the most universal approval among the brethren. As a specimen of the zeal which their brother showed, he might tell them that though he had unfortunately been an invalid in his house for the last ten days he had to-night, against the advice of his medical attendant, come to preside over them. The brethren knew him so well that it was unnecessary to expatiate on his excellencies; and, therefore, without further words, he would

propose "The Health of Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall, Past Grand Chaplain, Chairman of the Evening."

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, said that it was usual when a health was drunk on an occasion like this to accept one half only of the eulogistic part of it. He did accept with pleasure the complimentary way in which the Grand Secretary had proposed and in which the brethren had received it. His zeal for the cause had not been overrated. It was, as the Grand Secretary had told them, nearly half a century ago that he was admitted into the Order. In 1834 or 1835 he was initiated by an eminent Mason of the day—Lord Munson—and it wanted now only about a year and a half to his golden wedding, as far as Masonry was concerned. When asked to preside he had partly excused himself thinking that one in a higher position might be obtained, but as it was he appreciated the honour, and during his remaining days, be they few or many, the occasion would always be remembered in his Masonic heart. So much for himself. He now came to the most important toast—the toast of the evening—"Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." It deserved success: for many years it had been the guiding star of Masonry; and there were many men now in the vanguard of years who could look back with gratitude to the instruction they had received in the Lodge of Emulation. From that lodge they knew had sprung many other lodges of instruction; they were scattered broadcast over the Masonic land, yet the Emulation Lodge held its own, and would do so as long as in it were rendered the ceremonies as they had heard and seen there rendered that evening. He would not dwell upon what the working brethren had done, because their health would come later on, but he could not help saying that they seldom saw now what in his Masonic recollection used often to be seen—a brother going into the chair and sitting down, and asking some stock brother to do his work for him. That was not seen now; there were few lodges which now selected a Master who would not do his ceremonies and instal his successor. With that toast he would couple a name which, he was sure, would be received with acclamation—it was that of their eminent Bro. Fenn. (Applause.) In mentioning that name, he must be allowed to trespass a little further on their time. They had spoken of how the Sections were worked, but they had not referred, as he did now, to the prime mover of that work, and of the beautiful way—the clear way—in which all the questions were put from the chair by Bro. Fenn, to whom they all owed a deep debt of gratitude. He was also their Treasurer, and guarded their money, and applied it to the purposes for which it was collected. On the present occasion he represented the Committee of the Emulation Lodge; he (Bro. Hall) did not know what the Committee's duties were, but he was sure Bro. Fenn would fulfil all his duties diligently and well. He gave them "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, coupled with the name of the W.M., worthy and most beloved Bro. Fenn." (Applause.)

Bro. FENN thanked the chairman and brethren in the name of the Committee of the lodge for the very gratifying way in which they had received the toast. The chairman had said he did not know what the duties of the Committee were, they were simply to maintain the traditions of the lodge, pure and unadulterated as they had been handed down to them by Stephen Barton Wilson. There were three members of that Committee who had been connected with the lodge for a quarter of a century, Bros. Murton, Richards and the speaker. The survivor of the three members of the Committee would complete the third generation who were anxious to keep up the working. As they advanced in years, however, they felt inclined to relax their active superintendence of the lodge. He had himself been absent, for family affliction and other reasons, and he felt less inclined as he got old to come of a Friday evening away from his fireside to superintend the lodge, and he thought that they would be glad to see some other members take an active interest in it. The Committee saw some in the lodge who were as able and willing to maintain its traditions in their purity as the Committee had been in the past, and it was satisfaction to them to think that when the time came for them to resign their trust into other hands it will be preserved as pure and performed perhaps more satisfactorily (no, no.) In the name of the committee he thanked them for the courtesy with which they had always been treated. The work was never done so well within his recollection as it was done now. In Barton Wilson's time the duties were very arduous, and there was scarcely an occasion upon which a brother took the chair, but Bro. Wilson was actively engaged in taking the work, whereas he (Bro. Fenn) had had on many occasions sat on the left hand side of the master, when the work had been done so perfectly that there had been no necessity for interruption. He congratulated the lodge on the way in which the work was done on the present occasion.

Bro. MURTON said, that by permission of their worthy Chairman, he had to propose a toast that ought to be acceptable—and he was sure would be acceptable to the lodge—it was the "Lodge of Union," under which they met. He was thankful to them, but at the same time they equally appreciated the fact that they did no discredit to their warrant. He had been very much struck with the remarks of the Chairman as to the improvement in the working of the ceremonies in private lodges, and he believed, that notwithstanding the enormous increase in the number of lodges, the ceremonies were never better performed than at the present time.

Bro. NOTLEY returned thanks for the Lodge of Union.

Bro. R. GREY, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of the Working Officers," to which Bro. DURET, S.W., responded.

Bro. DUMAS proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. BINKES, Secretary to the Boys' School, returned thanks.

"The Health of the Stewards" was proposed by Bro. Captain N. C. PHILLIPS, P.G.D., and Bro. ESCOTT having replied, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings of a very successful meeting.

The following is the list of Stewards of the festival, of whom only two or three were absent: Bros. J. E. Anderson, S.D. 18 and 255; W. Beattie, P.M. 142; W. A. Blackmore, 1485; H. Bué, S.D. 1820, J.W. 1965; G. Brown, W.M. 140; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768; G. Drysdale, W.M. 222; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; A. W. Duret, P.M. 1768 and 1223; A. Escott, P.M. 1593; T. Fenn, P.G.D., Treas.; A. Fyson, 1768; G. Gardiner,

P.M. 749; R. Grey, P.G.D.; W. H. Johnston, I.G. 1965; J. W. Jones, S.D. 5; C. Lowther Kemp, 63, and J.W. 1924; 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.; A. Marvin, W.M. 1768; J. H. Matthews, P. Dist. G.D. Bengal; E. M. Money, S.D. 28; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Muzio, P.M. 1150; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512; G. C. Pulsford, Sec. 1593; A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G. J.W. Middlesex; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart., P.G.S.; S. W. Shaw, S.D. 709; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, S.W. 969, Sec.; A. C. Spaul, P.P.G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1768, W.M. 1124; R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1965; T. Truman Tanqueray, S.D. 1965; T. Thomas, I.G. 1420; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59; and R. A. Zeederberg, Good Hope.

Among the members of the lodge present were Bros. G. Brown, G. Stacey, A. Higgerty, J. S. Tamburini, J. J. Blick, R. Waldern, J. Hill, H. W. Green, E. B. Holloway, W. J. Kennaby, R. L. Loveland, G. Kennaby, T. Fletcher, W. H. Kempter, M.D., W. Cooke, W. G. Saury, S. G. Glander, A. W. Duret, W. A. Blackmore, C. W. Tayleur, A. Pocock, W. H. Cobb, H. E. Diamond, J. W. Cander, C. Veal, H. M. Gordon, A. S. Paul, W. Saint, H. Unding, J. M. Ease, J. Reignal, A. Green, J. T. Huggins, T. Knipier, J. Phillips, H. Grey, S. S. Hasluck, G. J. Farney, H. Smith, A. Marion, J. W. Gaze, J. Chappell, J. S. Tongue, W. H. Mulley, F. Abrahams, W. Bohn, C. T. Brooklinge, J. Newcomb, H. S. Lee, E. F. Green, H. Pritchard, J. H. Watts, A. E. Woodward, J. Evans, H. W. Roberts, C. J. Smith, P.M. F. W. Smith, J. H. Matthews, E. S. Smith, C. Hawksley, J. Messon, A. Gibbins, J. B. Kernach, G. C. Pulsford, G. Gravely, T. B. Lodge, C. J. Craig, C. J. Dodd, H. Glum, G. B. Hemming, E. Culver, J. R. Roberts, R. P. Notley, A. Reynolds, G. S. Bigby, G. F. Jones, G. S. Criswick, W. Beattie, J. O. Carter, and T. Green.

The following were among the visitors present: Bros. H. S. Lindell, 1702; A. J. How-Goldney, 1702; A. A. Coster, 143; C. C. Braithwaite, 1702; J. Culverhouse, 534; W. E. Smith, 1563; R. Seton, 1905; G. Gould, 1673; E. Anderson, 49; W. Cotton, P.M. 8552; T. W. C. Jones, M. 259; R. Poore, 1949; H. Hooper, 1949; W. Palmer, 749; E. Isaacson, 188; A. S. Bower, 1293; T. Higgs, 106; T. F. Lloyd, 416; J. Gamar, 172; J. W. Brooke, 1839; W. Maxted, 180; W. Burgess, 54; F. W. Pulsford, 898; E. Storr, 167; R. F. Hosken, 1820; G. W. Knight, 1507; W. R. Shutt, 1702; J. Andrews, 209; F. W. J. Ferry, 214; Usher Back, W.M. 211; J. Whittall, 1593; P. Dunbar, 142; W. H. Bruce, 1891; F. E. Pocock, 1891; D. F. Wilson, 1615; J. Tuke, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M. 1196; W. Simpson, 1924; G. H. Bishop, 1965; F. A. Duffield, 619; A. W. Cooper, 619; R. Goodchild, 554; C. Winstanley, 1702; A. J. Oliver, 1782; W. C. Way, 76; J. W. Ramsey, M.D. 259; J. Daddle, 715; W. Ebbetts, 14; C. Rawle, 1685; J. I. Susten, 1457; W. Scanes, 781; J. N. Bate, 72; E. L. Pembroke, 211; L. Etling, 1259; J. Bell, 1178; J. West, 933; J. D. Wellis, 18; E. C. Kilsby, 1702; J. Best, 25; G. G. Becker, 1139; W. Boaz, 895; T. B. Biddle, 193; H. W. Axford, 463; J. J. Thomas, 753; H. Day, 1457; W. Blackwell, 1101; C. Corston, 865; H. C. Jepps, 19; A. Doulton, 96; J. S. Cousins, J. H. Smith, 1642; A. C. Wood, 1586; C. M. Matthew, 263; C. A. Legg, 902; J. Mills, T. J. Tyler, 1702; A. C. Naybury, 1293; R. Gifford, 1891; C. W. Bennett, 1; A. Buck, P.G.S.W. Essex. 453; W. E. Pearsey, 1670; W. S. Buck, 1702; J. W. Hooker, 869; G. Gabriel, 1702; W. Cropley, 1559; D. W. Pearse, 1293; S. Abraham, 639; H. Gehlcken, 72; J. M. Rodney, 72; A. Andrews, 201; H. Moore, 33; and E. Hornton, 236.

OPENING OF A NEW ORGAN IN
THE MASONIC HALL, NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday, the 16th ult., a musical soiree, to celebrate the opening of the new organ, which has just been erected by Messrs. Bishop and Son, of London, was held in the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street. There was a large attendance, the brethren appearing in full Masonic costume, while there was also a good number of ladies present. The room presented a most brilliant appearance, the effect of which was greatly owing to the decoration bestowed on it by the Organ Committee. The new organ is placed in an effective and well-chosen position, and has a handsome appearance. There are about eighteen stops, the solo stops in particular possessing remarkable sweetness. The instrument is in every respect a most complete one, and after due time has been allowed for it to "settle," and to have its newness of tone somewhat toned down, the organ will rank among the best in the town. The proceedings commenced by the P.G.D. of C., Bro. H. J. Norris, marching the Provincial Grand Officers in procession down the room, when the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Watson declared the organ open. The Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. Wright, then played "God Save the Queen." Among the principal brethren present were Bros. Comyn, P.P.S.G.W.; Vowles, P.P.S.G.W.; Robinson, P.P.S.G.W.; Hack, P.G.T.; Hatherley, P.B. of G.P.; Wrags, P.G.S.; Truman, P.P.G.S.D.; Davis, P.G.S.D.; H. J. Norris, P.G.D. of C.; Stiebel, P.G.A.D. of C.; Gilbert, P.G. S.B.; Ingram, P.G. Std. B.; Butler, P.G.A.P.; and others. The instrumental items of the programme, which was now entered upon, were under the circumstances its principal attraction. These were admirably calculated to exhibit the powers and quality of the organ to the best advantage, and under the able hands of Bro. Edwin Bending, of the Royal Albert Hall, London, they were done full justice to. The effect was greatly added to by the assistance of the strings and pianoforte, presided over by Bro. Laurence. Bro. W. F. Bromley sang Barri's "Old Brigade" and Pinsuti's "Bedouin Love Song" with great acceptance. The concert, which was a very enjoyable one, was brought to a close with a Grand March of Bro. Bending's own composition.

The whole of the arrangements were carried out in admirable style by the Organ Fund Committee, but especial praise must be given to Bros. W. J. Morris, P.G.D.C., and W. Wright, P.G.O., for their indefatigable zeal shown in bringing the undertaking to a successful issue. The cost of the organ (£400) has been defrayed by subscriptions among the brethren and lodges of the province, and the directors of the Masonic Hall Company have agreed to pay a rent of £16 per annum for the use of the instrument, which is to be devoted entirely to the Charities of the province.

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K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master.

PRESENTATION OF WEDDING GIFT TO HIS
ROYAL HIGHNESS.

THE WINTER HALF YEARLY COMMUNICATION

Of this Grand Lodge will be held in the

LARGE HALL, FREEMASON'S TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN
STREET, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS,

On TUESDAY, the 5th of DECEMBER, 1882,

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

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.
Office—S.A., Red Lion-square, Holborn, London, W.C.
22nd November, 1882.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock. The
Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of Wine; and it is re-
quested that every Brother intending to dine will forward
his name to the Grand Secretary not later than Saturday,
2nd of December, after which no Tickets can be issued.

THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1673.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Will be held on

Wednesday, the 13th December, 1882,

at

THE BRIDGE HOUSE HOTEL, LONDON BRIDGE.

BRO. C. A. MURTON, P.G.D.,
Has kindly consented to preside.

The First Lecture will be worked as follows:—

1st Section, Bro. J. GORDON LANGTON, I.G. Burlington, 96	
2nd " " J. G. WILLIS, Old Dundee, 18	
3rd " " T. FLETCHER, Britannie, 33	
4th " " G. F. MARSHALL, I.G. Unity, 69	
5th " " J. T. TANQUERAY, S.D. Eastes, 1965	
6th " " E. M. MORRIS, Grand Masters, 1	
7th " " G. H. BISHOP, Eastes, 1965	

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GIVE NOTICE to the holders, registered or otherwise,
of City Bonds, which mature with the ensuing year, 1883,
as follows:—

(1.) That the Bonds referred to in the FIRST Schedule
hereto will be paid off (out of funds specially applicable to
such purposes) absolutely and without option of renewal,
at the dates at which they respectively mature.

(2.) That the Bonds referred to in the SECOND
Schedule, hereto will also be paid off at the dates of their
maturity respectively, but that an OPTION is given to
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thereto, and bring their Bonds for marking to this Office,
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negotiable through any banker.

SCHEDULE I.

Bonds to be paid off absolutely.

Bonds issued under the Holborn Valley
Improvement Act, 1864, and maturing on
the 1st January, 1883, viz.:

29 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 43, 69	
to 93, 230, 236, and 241	29,000
6 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 228 and	
229, 234 and 235, and 239 and 240	3000
16 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 111 to	
116, 223 to 227, 231 to 233, and 237	1600
and 238	

Bonds issued under the same Act, and
maturing on the 1st July, 1883, viz.:

19 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 1105	
to 1123	19,000
7 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 1124 to	
1130	3500
5 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 1131 to	
1135	500

A Bond issued under the same Act,
and expiring on the 31st Decem-
ber, 1883, for

61,500

118,100

Bonds issued under the Contagious
Diseases (Animals) Act, 1869, for con-
structing the Foreign Cattle Market for
the Metropolis, maturing on the 25th
January, 1883, viz.:

2 Bonds for £10,000 each, Nos. 3	
and 4	20,000
Part of a Bond for £10,000, No. 5	5000

25,000

Bonds issued under the City of London
Commissioners of Sewers; Artisans' Dwell-
ings Act, 1881, numbers already adver-
tised, 27th May, 1882

13,500

Bond issued in respect of rebuilding the
Royal Exchange (Loan of £76,800),
secured upon the City's moiety of the
Gresham Estates, viz.:

Bond for £1000, No. 4, maturing on	
the 11th May, 1883	1000

1000

Part of Bond issued under the Act for
rebuilding Blackfriars Bridge, viz.:

No. 151, for £50,000, maturing on the	
28th July, 1883	25,000

25,000

Total..... £182,600

SCHEDULE II.

Bonds maturing in 1883 with an option of renewal as
above.

Bonds issued under the Holborn Valley
Improvement Act, 1864, and maturing on
the 1st January, 1883, viz.:

19 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 1018	
to 1036	19,000
32 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 1037	
to 1068	16,000
36 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 1069	
to 1104	3600

38,600

Bonds issued under the Act for provid-
ing the Metropolitan Cattle Market, Islington,
and maturing on the 30th January, 1883,
viz.:

15 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 546	
to 560	15,000
25 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 561	
to 585	12,500
25 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 586	
to 610	2500

Bonds issued for the purposes of the said
Market, maturing the 25th July, 1883, viz.:

10 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 66	
to 75	10,000

10,000

Bonds issued for the same purposes,
and maturing on the 1st October 1883 viz.:

5 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 76	
to 80	5000
2 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 81 to 82	
10 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 83 to 92	1000

1000

Bonds issued under the London Central
Markets Act, 1875, Loan of £250,000,
maturing on the 1st April, 1883, renewable
under Act of 1882, viz.:

36 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 2 to	
17, 44 to 48, and 116 to 130	36,000
32 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 18 to	
33 and 131 to 146	16,000
30 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 34 to	
43 and 147 to 166	3000

3000

Bonds issued under the same Act, and
maturing on the 1st July, 1883,
viz.:

57 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 49	
to 105	57,000
5 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 106	
to 110	2500
5 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 111	
to 115	500

115,000

Bonds issued for the enlargement of
Billingsgate Market, being Loan of
£35,000 dated 13th July, 1876, and
maturing on the 1st July, 1883, viz.:

33 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 1 to	
33	33,000
3 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 34 to	
36	1500
5 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 37 to	
41	500

35,000

Bonds issued under the Metage on
Grain (Port of London) Act, 1870, and
maturing on the 1st July, 1883, viz.:

43 Bonds for £1000 each, Nos. 21 to	
47 and 58 to 73	43,000
11 Bonds for £500 each, Nos. 48 to	
52 and 74 to 79	5500
15 Bonds for £100 each, Nos. 53 to	
57 and 80 to 89	1500

50,000

Total..... £285,600

SCHEDULE III.

Bonds maturing in 1883, with option of
renewal, to be exercised on or before Sa-
turday the 30th December next, at £3. 10s.
per cent. per annum; but for short periods
as understated:

Bonds issued under the Metage on
Grain (Port of London) Act 1870,
and maturing on the 1st July, 1883,
viz. : Nos. 1 to 10, to be renewed
for one year

10,000

Bonds issued under the same act,
and maturing on same day, to be
renewed for three years, Nos. 11
to 20

10,000

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BENJAMIN SCOTT,
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Court Circular," "The Royal
Cornwall Gazette," "The Parting Toast," "The Licensed
Victuallers' Guardian," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The
Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle,"
"The Banbury Guardian," "The Masonic Herald," "Die
Baühütte," "Masonia," "Proceedings of the 6th, 7th,
and 8th Councils of Deliberation" (Vermont), "Life
Christmas Annual," "Wherefore Sweet Maiden" (Music),
"Newcastle Daily Journal," "Abstract of Proceedings
of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester," "Masonic
Advocate," "The Keystone," "The Yorkshire Gazette,"
"The Philadelphia Times."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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.]

OLD ROYAL ARCH CHARTERS.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the able address delivered by Comp. Hughan at Bath, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, he is reported to have said that "Nine Chapter warrants were granted in 1769, and of those two were for Lancashire and one for Bristol." On referring to a list of chapters attached to a circular calling a meeting of Grand Chapter in 1793, I find the Chapter of Charity of Bristol placed No. 9 therein, but there are four instead of two Lancashire chapters preceding it, as will be seen from the extract I give below. The chapters appear to be placed according to the date of consecration, and not the numbers of the lodges to which they were attached, as at present.

Of the four Lancashire chapters three are still existing in the same towns in which they were consecrated. I have in my possession the original minute book, dated 12th May, 1769, and other old papers belonging to one of them; and I hope, in the course of a few days to collate sufficient data to prove the continuous working of all three up to the present time.

I should like also to point out to Comp. Radway the discrepancy between the 1793 list and his statement, that "the title of Royal Cumberland, No. 28, is used for the first time in February, 1802," when it actually appears to be registered as such in 1793.

I am, yours fraternally,

MANCUNIAM.

Extract from a circular calling a meeting of Grand Chapter, dated 28th March, 1793.

List of regular chapters held under Constitutions from the Grand and Royal Chapter, with their places and time of meeting:

No.	Title.	Where Held.	At What House.
1.	Rock & Fountain, (Private and occasional).		
	Shiloh.		
2.	Caledonian.	London.	Fremasons' Tav.
3.	Friendship.	Portsmouth Com.	George.
4.	Nativity.	Burnley, Lanc.	Thorn Inn.
5.	Can.	Colne, Lanc.	No house given.
6.	Garden of Eden.	Manchester.	No house given.
7.	Unanimity.	Near Bury, Lanc.	Swan with Two Necks.
8.	(No name).	Swansea.	No house given.
9.	Charity.	Bristol.	Assembly C. Ho.
10.	(No name).	Bengal.	No house given.
11.	Caledonian (No place or house given).		
12.			
13.	Concord.	Southampton.	Guildhall.
14.	Zebulon.	Liverpool.	Greenhalgh's C.H.
15.	Social Brethren.	Calcutta.	
16.	Emulation.	King-st. St. James'	White Horse.
17.	Unity.	York.	No house given.
18.	Royal Cumberland	Tothill-st. Westmr	Westmr. Arms.
19.	Unity.	Quebec.	
20.	Harmony.	Salisbury.	White Hart.
21.	Amity.	Poole, Dorset.	Antelope.
22.	Durnovarian.	Dorchester.	Royal Oak.
23.			
24.	St. Michael.	Chester.	
25.			
26.		Genoa.	
27.	Fortitude.	1st. Reg. Dragoon Guards.	

28. Royal Cumberland Bath. Bear Inn.

N.B.—This list goes on to No. 90, Stockport, which was consecrated in February, 1793, and I have in my possession a copy of the minute book commencing at that date.

M.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264, BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry to again trouble you in this matter, as it is not one that may be called "of public interest," but I merely wish a word or two in explanation.

Bro. Fraser has now qualified the expression made use of in the report that drew my attention to this subject, by adding "purely"; had that word appeared in the report I should not have troubled you with my remarks, as I must certainly give the "Neptune" the credit of being the first to establish a Benevolent Fund on a "purely" voluntary system, but must still take exception to the unqualified title.

Now, I take it, if a fund is established which is half compulsory and half voluntary, it can hardly be called by one or the other of these words; but when only a very small portion is compulsory, and a very large portion voluntary, then I should think the title justly falls upon the latter, it being more in character than the former.

I pointed out in my previous letter how our accumulated funds were gathered, and do not deny the bye-laws of the "Israel" as quoted by Bro. Fraser; but had he made

sufficient enquiry into the matter he would have found that such had been altered three years ago, to the extent that one shilling only has since been taken from each member's subscription, instead of five shillings as formerly, thus making this fund still more voluntary. Last year I paid into the Benevolent Fund treasury, on account of the rules quoted by Bro. Fraser, just over £5; while the total amount paid into the fund was over £53 for the twelve months. This, I think, speaks for itself, as we could not benefit our indigent members to any extent with the amount taken from the lodge.

I sincerely hope that the "Neptune" will find their fund work well on the "purely" voluntary system. That the "Israel" had a reason for not making theirs such, goes without saying, taking into consideration the figures above quoted; and our reasons are such that I do not think an alteration in the constitution of the "Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund" will ever take place. These reasons I shall be glad to place before Bro. Fraser should he favour me with a call.

Thanking you in anticipation for your indulgence, yours fraternally,

MAURICE HART,

P.M. and Treasurer 1502.

207, London-road, Liverpool,
November 27th.

PROVINCIAL PREFERENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of "Spectemur Agendo" in last week's *Freemason*, calling attention to the system, or, rather, want of system, in giving provincial honours, is well worthy the attention of the rulers of the Craft.

It is acknowledged Masonic axiom, that it is the hope of reward which at all times sweetens labour, and no reward is more eagerly coveted by zealous Masons than the honour of wearing the purple.

In the province from which I write, our beloved Provincial Grand Master once alluded to the difficulty he experienced yearly in having so many deserving claimants for honours and so few offices at his disposal; adding, if he gave a collar once a year to each lodge under his rule, it would take ten years before such lodge would come round in turn again.

This has been slightly improved of late by the creation of duplicate officers, but not to such an extent as to dispense with the necessity of inquiry before honouring a lodge by giving the purple to one of its members.

This fact has been forcibly exemplified in the lodge to which I have the honour to belong. A brother was initiated, &c., and in three years was installed as W.M. The promise which he gave in the minor offices was not fulfilled when in the chair; in fact, he only attempted to give two Degrees, leaving all the rest of his work to the I.P.M., only attending his lodge (a monthly one) about four times during his year of office; yet he was appointed Provincial Grand Steward, and at the following Provincial Grand Lodge received the purple, passing over Past Masters who had worked well, and attended their lodge duties without intermission for ten or twelve years.

Had the system proposed by "Spectemur Agendo" been in force this could not have happened, but, on the contrary, the brethren having had their choice of recommending a P.M. for honours, would undoubtedly have selected some brother who, by his work for and in the lodge, and his zeal for the welfare of the Craft in general, would have honestly earned the distinction.

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

A WEST LANCASHIRE P.M.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you please make known through your widely circulated journal the existence of an impostor who claims the help of Masons, by stating that she is "the widow of Bro. Thomas Lempiere, P.M. and Treas. of the St. John's Lodge, Melbourne." She tells a pitiful tale of her husband's murder in Alexandria, on the 11th of June last, and of dreadful suffering and privation on her own part.

I wrote to the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Melbourne, on the 9th of August last, and have just received a reply from the D. Grand Secretary for Victoria, saying:—"We have in this city but one Lodge of that name, the Meridian Lodge of St. John, 729. I am afraid you have been grossly imposed upon by the so-called widow of Thomas Lempiere, because the only Brother of that name in Lodge 729 is myself. I am the secretary, and have been a member since 1858, and need hardly say I am pleased to observe that I am alive and in excellent health." I can only regret not having been able to give this conclusive evidence of an imposture before, and fear that other lodges like my own have been victimised.

Yours fraternally,

R. C. MOUNT,

W.M. 414, P.G.S. Warden,
Berks and Bucks.Masonic Hall, Reading,
November 25th.

HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH. — MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]



THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK.

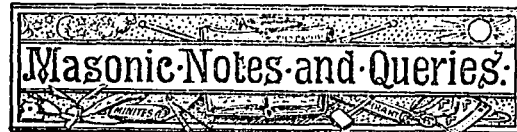
R. Spencer, 23A, Great Queen-street.

This, the official handbook of English Craft Masonry, comes before us again with increased size, and with its always valuable information. An addition has been made to its usual Masonic data, in that it contains a list of the Grand Officers since 1813, which we think a great improvement, and a very valuable accumulation of facts peculiar to, and important for the Craft. As the Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book is published under official supervision, it is for all Anglo-Saxon Masons, as well as for all foreign jurisdictions, a needful work of reference and authority, for all who wish to realize what is the exact position of the Grand Lodge of England, and its own direct and detailed recognition of Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters. We are glad to be able to announce to our Universal Craft its seasonable and effective appearance, and also to congratulate those under whose direction it is put forth, as well as its actual publisher, on the evident readiness and anxiety which this year's edition manifests to render the annual Calendar a really useful little manual of reference for all who value the work and recognize the importance of the Grand Lodge of England. For it must be remembered, that in the English Grand Lodge we have the fountain head, the source, more or less, of all working speculative Masonry, north, south, east, and west. And when some heated controversialists talk disparagingly of the Grand Lodge of England, they are either so reckless in their statements as hardly to merit a hearing at all, or are utterly oblivious and ignorant of the claim which the Grand Lodge of England has on its members, and its children, on extern bodies, on distant jurisdictions. Its Calendar this year records 1985 lodges on its roll, and though that number may be actually reduced somewhat; probably November, 1883, will not have been reached before we shall virtually and fully have reached, nay, perhaps, overpassed the remarkable number of 2000 lodges. We congratulate Bro. Spencer on the thoroughly satisfactory appearance of the Masonic Calendar.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR.

George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street.

It has been said that it is somewhat abnormal to mention in the *Freemason* the appearance of the "Cosmopolitan Calendar;" but as the *Freemason* is alike for universal reading and information, and actually now "goes all the world over," we think it always well to announce to our Cosmopolitan Craft the yearly issue of a very handy little book, which professes, and seeks to be, a Cosmopolitan "Vade Mecum" for all Craft Masons and Chivalric Grades at one and at the same time. Indeed, when we open its well-filled pages, we see at once its value and its use. It gives not only the names of Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, and the actual months of their meetings all through the year, but it supplies us with an account of the French, German, Spanish, and Hungarian Jurisdictions, and the titles of their lodges, as well as sets before us the Masonic Bodies in Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Peru, Venezuela, New Grenada, Liberia, Cuba, Roumania, Bulgaria, and Italy. It also mentions the officers of the Grand Lodges of Mexico, Brazil, Greece, Portugal, Switzerland, and Egypt. In addition to this, we find an account of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, the Grand Mark Lodge, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Ark Mariners, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Rosicrucian Society. We then come to that most important Body,—the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,—of which we find a full account in Great Britain, and in France, and other parts of the Globe; but we are struck with the non-appearance of the officers of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern and Southern States of America. We think this is an accidental omission, which will be rectified in a second edition. Great praise must be accorded to those who have presided over the manipulation of the returns and the supervision of the figures, almost countless; and we feel we are expressing the opinion of many when we say that such a résumé-like of the Craft Lodges and Chapters, and of the Chivalric Grades is a very great help to those who wish to master the various developments of these remarkable Orders, which, taking Freemasonry as a basis, are now spreading everywhere as mundane civilization advances, as human population increases. We trust that, as before, a second edition will be speedily required.



BRO. POOLE'S LETTER.

Bro. Poole need hardly, I think, have written his letter had he realized that the idea of my note was to call attention to Felibien's statement, first translated, as far as I believe, for the *Freemason*; the French Masonic use of Lowton or Loufton in 1780, rather than the more limited question of "Louve" and "Lewis." I may have expressed myself ambiguously; and this last week by a careless passage I have perpetrated an Irish bull, and termed myself a "non-existent" writer. Bro. Poole seems to believe that "Lewis" came from "Louve." I hope in a subsequent note to show that there is an early use of "Lewis," much anterior to "Louve."

MASONIC STUDENT.

RABBI SOLOMON FRANK.

Can any one give me any information about the Rabbi Solomon Frank, who in 1652 was teaching Ashmole Hebrew.

ROSA CRUCIS.

LEWIS.

Curiously enough, there is great difficulty in finding anything about "Lewis" in the later technical or general dictionaries. Perhaps a search in seventeenth century

vocabularies might be more successful. There have been frequent references to the work in the *Builder*, as Mr. G. Godwin, its accomplished editor, tells me, and I recommend some student with more time than I have to look such references up. He may find some valuable information. Mr. Godwin also most kindly refers me to the "Dictionary of Architecture," &c., Vol. v.; and from that and other sources, as Tuenner's "History of Domestic Architecture," it would seem that the word as used in the thirteenth century in England was "Lowes," and in 1371, in the York Fabric Rolls (Surtees Society) it is said the word occurs as "Lewors," 1371, and "Lovers," 1530. But it is doubtful whether these words represent a "Lewis," as Canon Raines holds these words mean a small lantern in the roof. Roquefort states that "Lewis" is "Romane" for "Louis," but we may dismiss the Louis XI. theory. He also tells us that there is a word "Levier" from "Levare." There is in Latin a word "Leuson," which means the pith or heart of a pine or fir tree, and if it be correct that the iron instrument was termed "Lewis" and "Lewisons," like the "Louve" and the "Louvetaux," we may find some analogy. Mr. Skeat, in his valuable dictionary, says that there was an old word "livour," and a Norman French word "leveur," as well as the word "levator." It is generally held that Lewis comes from "Levis," but it is more likely, I think, to come from "Levare," and the Greek "Leioo." It is said that in two works of the 15th century evidence is given of the use of the Lewis by the Romans, and in Vitruvius with a special name, especially in Daniel Barbaro's edition of Vitruvius. The text of Vitruvius, however, does not bear out this allegation. In a fine copy of Vitruvius by Laet, of 1649, there is a commentator who says, that the use of a Lewis was known at Rome, and gives an illustration of the Lewis, and that the name of the wedges was "Cuneoli," and of the Ring "Ansa." Vitruvius, however, does not seem to know such words, or to allude to the use of the Lewis. Gulielmus Philander, who is the commentator, makes the same statement, and gives the same illustration in a little work published at Rome, 1543. There is no apparent connection so far between "Louve" and "Loup." If our Bro. Gould thinks there was a trace of the mysteries in the Compagnonage, we may, however, have in this word a remnant of the "Lupercala." But I am inclined to think that Louve was a technical Mason's word. Clavel says that a Mason's son is called a Louveteau, but that the etymology of the word is lost, and that it is also termed, Loufton, Loveton and Lovton. He leans to the ancient mysteries, and says the usage is preserved among the "Compagnons de Devoir." I believe and hope my friend Bro. Rylands will give us a "note," on the use of "Lewis" in English architectural terminology.

MASONIC STUDENT.

85] THE FRERES PONTIFES, &c.

I originally pointed out in "Kenning's Cyclopædia," under this very heading, "Bridge Builders," that the supposed reference to Ramsay's address, given by German writers and Bro. Mackenzie, is not verifiable in the address itself; Ramsay is not alluding to the Bridge Builders, or Freres Pontifes, if they ever had such a name. The incorporation with the Knights Hospitaller is also doubtful, for it would almost seem as if there was a "Societas" or Gild, termed "Les Freres Hospitaliers," like as with our "Gilds," who took upon themselves the reparation of bridges and the sustentation of pilgrims. The German writers, like Wilke, who mention the subject, assume, it appears, a later incorporation with the Knights Hospitaller. The quotation from Ramsay, given by the Handbuch, refers to the "Freemasons" generally, not to the Bridge Builders specifically. I have been told there is a French work which goes largely into this question of Bridge Builders but I have not seen it.

THE EDITOR OF "KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA."

86] MASONIC WORKS.

As I am always gratified to read the various articles by Bro. G. W. Speth, it affords me all the more pleasure to answer the two queries from him. (No. 30) the New York edition of the 1723 (premier) Constitutions is "verbatim et literatim;" but I am not prepared to say it is an exact facsimile. It answers the purposes, however, for consultation as well as an original copy. Spencer and Co., London, also issue a capital reproduction of this valuable work, and so does Bro. Kenning, the latter having also the "Wilson" MS. "Jachin and Boaz" was first published in the year 1762. I had an interesting discussion with our learned Bro. Woodford on this point in the *Freemason* for July, 17th, 1880, and later numbers, for the Rev. Dr. Oliver stated it was issued as early as 1750. I think now, however, Masonic Bibliographers agree that 1762 is the correct year. My friend, Carson, of Cincinnati (Ohio), favours the latter view; and in the "Freemasons' Repository" for 1880, furnishes an exhaustive report on the subject. There are several important questions involved in, and affected by, the decision as to the year, for which reason Bro. Woodford and myself have been anxious to sift the evidence advanced on either side.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OPENING OF THE ZETLAND MASONIC CLUB, SALFORD.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. PACKWOOD.

On Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., the Zetland Masonic Club, recently formed at the Masonic Hall, the Crescent, Salford, was formally opened. A number of the Fraternity sat down to a good spread. Bro. Corney, W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, presided, and there were also present Bros. Packwood, Nicholls, Holland, Watts, Hardy, Hayworth, Wheeler, Donohoe (of the Derby Lodge), Cooke, Lee, Briggs, Ballentyne, Dearnley, G. W. Birmingham, V.P.; W. Naylor, J.W.; J. Young, J.D., and others.

The PRESIDENT said it was well known to all present that they had met that night to inaugurate the opening of the club. A few months ago an earnest desire was expressed on the part of many brethren that a social club should be formed in connection with the Zetland Lodge; and a committee was formed to take into consideration the advisability of promoting it. It was eventually decided that one should be established, and this was their first meeting. He was sure they would agree with him when he said the attendance augured well for its future success.

The PRESIDENT gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily drunk.

The PRESIDENT proposed success to the "Zetland Masonic Club." He hoped the club would be carried out in the same manly spirit in which it had been formed.

Bro. G. A. PACKWOOD, P.M., responded. The club now numbered between forty and fifty members, and he expected eventually to see the whole of the members of the lodge members of the club. They would be glad to admit persons connected with other lodges who cared to join them. The members should behave in the club and at the convivial board one to another as in the lodge, striving to enjoy themselves in a rational way, as became men and Masons, for by doing so they would hereafter have pleasure in referring to their connection with the club.

The PRESIDENT, in proposing "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," commented on the efficiency and valour of the British troops.

Bro. NELSON, who had been connected with the marines for twenty-one years, responded.

Bro. W. LEE proposed "The Press" in a brief speech, which was acknowledged by the representative of the Reporter.

Bro. HOLLAND, P.M. gave "The President," whose task, he said, on behalf of the club had simply been Herculean. He had spent a great amount of labour along with the Committee, in order to bring the premises to their present attractive state. He hoped the club would prosper, that it would be used for social and friendly intercourse, and not in a manner that would militate against the interests of their families. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT responded. What he had done had been done with pleasure. He entered into the work of promoting the club earnestly and with vigour, and he hoped it might prove for the welfare of its members. (Applause.)

Bro. U. NICHOLLS, P.M., G.P., gave "The Secretary, pro tem." Bro. Packwood had done a great deal for the lodge and club. Everything that he had taken in hand in connection with Masonry he had carried out in a most efficient manner. It had always been his study to give the brethren every information in his power. In the Masonic Charitable Institutions Bro. Packwood had also taken great interest. His connection with that building in all respects had been everything any brother could desire. The time he had spent and the arduous duties he had performed merited their appreciation.

The PRESIDENT here made a valuable presentation to Bro. Packwood, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service of chaste design, enclosed in a beautiful case made by the President. On one of the pieces was the appended inscription:—"Presented to Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G., A.D.C., by the brethren of the Zetland Lodge, No. 852, as a token of esteem, and in recognition of the many valuable services rendered by him to the lodge, November 15, 1882." In a few well selected observations he made the presentation.

Bro. WHEELER, as the promoter of the testimonial, said he thought the formal opening of the club the most appropriate time for making the presentation, and he took the present opportunity of thanking the brethren generally for the prompt response to his appeal; and the generous way in which they had responded to it was consequently not only a great pleasure to himself, but he felt sure this fact would enhance the value of the present in the eyes of Bro. Packwood, that not one farthing had been given ungrudgingly, but that every individual donor had accompanied his subscription with hearty good wishes for the recipient's prosperity and happiness.

Bro. PACKWOOD said he laboured under very great difficulties in responding to the sympathetic feeling that had been expressed with regard to himself, and they must excuse him if he failed to say all he felt or desired to say for the handsome present recognising his humble services in connection with the lodge. When he started out in Masonry it was not with the thought of being repaid for anything he might do. Whatever office he had undertaken in connection with Masonry, taking his cue from Bro. Nicholls, he had endeavoured to perform the duties with care and satisfaction. It had been his earnest desire to do all he could for the Zetland Lodge. Having visited the Derby Lodge, of which their respected Bro. Donohoe was a member, after its removal from the Knowsley Hotel to the present premises, he thought they had taken a step in the right direction, and had set an example to other lodges that were held in public-houses. Now that the Zetland Lodge had removed to the same building, an improvement had taken place in the number of members and financial condition of the lodge. He proceeded to review the progress of the lodge, asserted that his conduct had been guided by Masonic principles, and thanked them for the honour they had done him—(applause).

Songs were rendered by Bros. Heyworth, Lee, Barnes, Hackin, Westall and others.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode have again produced a great number of novelties, which for beauty of design and excellence of execution cannot, we think, be excelled. This eminent firm appears not to be content with the productions of such well-known artists as Mr. E. Maurice, Mr. Harry Arnold, Miss Steel, and others, who have in past years enriched their collections, and still stand unrivalled in this department of art, but following the spirit of the times they have largely availed themselves of the work of newer artists, brought into the field by the recent exhibitions. Those specimens submitted to us are so chaste and excellent that it would be difficult to single out any for special commendation, but we may say that the flower subjects are simply perfection. We have no opportunity of judging the merits of the more costly kinds which appear in their extensive catalogue, but have no doubt that their intrinsic value is in proportion to the cheaper sorts that have come under our notice.

Bro. Dr. Walford will appeal to the electors of the Ward of Aldersgate at the approaching election of the Common Council, to reconsider their decision of last year, when they gave preference to an untried man before one who had served them well and faithfully for eight years, and has been associated with the Ward for thirty-four years. Possibly the five votes which were wanting then to secure his return will be forthcoming now.

South Africa.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE URANIA, No. 1972, AT WILLOWMORE.

Several brethren residing in the district having some time ago determined to start a lodge under the English Constitution, sent a petition for a warrant through the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. C. J. Egan, to Grand Lodge, requesting the Most Worthy Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to grant them license to constitute a lodge at Willowmore, under the name and title of the "Urania." Having received the warrant of Constitution authorising the brethren to hold their Lodge Urania, No. 1972, the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. C. J. Egan, immediately transmitted it to the brethren at Willowmore. Having their lodge-room in readiness, they acquainted the D.G.M. of the fact, and asked him to consecrate the new lodge and instal the W.M. elect, Bro. S. J. Meintjes, P.M. 1590. The R.W.D.G.M. being unable to do so, deputed Bro. C. T. W. Mouat, P.D.G.S.W., to perform the duties. The 12th September, having been fixed upon as the most convenient time, Bro. Mouat, P.D.G.S.W., accompanied by Bros. Wheelwright, D.G.S.W., and Mackay, P.D.G.D. of C., came from Port Elizabeth to perform the ceremonies. They arrived at Willowmore on the 11th, and shortly before them Bros. Coope, W.M. 1590; Cunningham, S.W. 1590; and Middleton, Sec. 1590. All these brethren received a right hearty and fraternal welcome.

Punctually at the hour named in the summons, the brethren being properly clothed and in their places, the Consecrating Officers were conducted into the lodge. The usual formalities having been gone through, Bros. Mouat, Wheelwright, and Mackay, assisted by Bros. Coope, Cunningham, Middleton, the W.M. and officers of the Lodge Excelsior, D. Const., consecrated the new lodge Urania, No. 1972 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, according to the ancient usages and customs as observed by the Craft. This done, Bro. Mouat, as Installing Officer, duly placed Bro. S. J. Meintjes, P.M. 1590, the first W.M. elect, in the chair; whereupon the W.M. immediately proceeded to appoint his officers and invest them as follows: Bros. J. H. Puth, S.W.; Jno. St. Leger, J.W.; J. B. Evans, Treas.; G. Walker, Sec.; Thos. Rinton, S.D.; J. D. Rix, J.D.; J. H. Cawood, I.G.; and H. Taylor, Tyler.

This important ceremony over, five candidates were initiated, the first being a "Lewis." An emergency meeting was held on the day following, when five more candidates were initiated. This having concluded the business on hand, lodge was finally closed.

The brethren afterwards met at the Albany Hotel, where the host (now Bro. Wand) had prepared a sumptuous banquet for the brethren, to which thirty sat down. The room was tastefully decorated, and everything got up in first-class style.

Full justice having been done to the inner man, the W.M. gave out the following toasts in succession, which were drunk with enthusiasm and full Masonic honours: "Queen and Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worthy Grand Master of England;" "The Most Worthy Grand Master National of the Netherlands;" "Bro. C. J. Egan, R.W.D.G. Master;" "The Eastern District Grand Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. Wheelwright.

Bro. WHEELWRIGHT, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had alluded to the D.G.M., assuring the brethren that he was worthy of all the praise that had been bestowed upon him. For himself and the other D.G. Officers present, he could only say they felt gratified at the kindness they had experienced on their visit.

Bro. MOUAT proposed the toast of "The W.M. of the Urania Lodge," alluding to the length of time he had known Bro. Meintjes; first, as Secretary of the Star in the East Lodge, Queen's Town; then as W.M. of Lodge 1346; next as W.M. of Lodge 1590; and now of Lodge 1972; and to the remarkable fact that in those lodges where he worked as W.M. he was also the first Master; in fact, he had founded three lodges.

Bro. MEINTJES, in replying to Bro. Mouat, remarked that he was an enthusiast in Masonry, because he found in it a philosophy which united all mankind in one grand brotherhood, whose aim is to do good to their fellow-creatures. As W.M. of the Urania Lodge, he promised he would do his best to further the interests of Masonry, and extend the chain of true brotherly love.

"The Consecrating Officers and Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who pointed out the advantage of order and regularity as exemplified in the ceremonies of the previous day. He conveyed the thanks of the members of the lodge to the D.G. Officers, assuring them of their continued respect, esteem, and good wishes.

In replying to the foregoing toast, Bro. MOUAT gave the brethren some wholesome advice, and paid a graceful and well-deserved compliment to Bros. Wheelwright and Mackay.

"Urania Lodge and Newly-Installed Officers," was neatly and feelingly put by Bro. WHEELWRIGHT.

Bro. PUTH, S.W., replied to the toast.

"The Newly-Initiated Candidates," was given by Bro. WHEELWRIGHT.

Bro. T. P. PUTH, the Lewis, briefly responded.

"Sister Lodges (E.C.)," proposed by the W.M., responded to by Bros. MACKAY and COOPE.

"The Lodge Excelsior, Willowmore," coupling with it the name of Bro. Dobson, was proposed by Bro. J. C. MACKAY.

Bro. DOBSON, in responding, congratulated the Urania Lodge on the success which had attended its opening, and trusted it would enjoy a continuous career of prosperity.

"Absent Brethren," by Bro. J. H. PUTH; "Sweethearts and Wives," by Bro. ST. LEGER; and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren," by Bro. MOUAT, closed the list of toasts, and the brethren then separated after singing "God save the Queen."

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JERUSALEM LODGE (No. 197).—This lodge met on Friday week, at Freemasons' Hall, and was graced by the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past G.S.W. of England and Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire. Dr. Arnold Royle was in attendance on His Royal Highness. The lodge was presided over by Bro. E. Letchworth, W.M., supported by his officers—Bros. W. H. Stanger, S.W.; E. G. Burnell, J.W.; Horace Jones, Treas.; T. J. Bullen, Sec.; B. H. Paul, S.D.; H. L. Hansard, I.G.; Sir J. B. Monckton, M.C.; Octavius Hansard, Steward; and W. G. Cusins, P.M., Organist.

The principal business of the evening was the ceremony of passing Bro. John Henry Brodribb Irving, the celebrated actor, to the Second, or F.C. Degree. Bro. Irving, although having, it is stated, been a Freemason for some years, has not hitherto prosecuted the science, but has remained in the initiative stage of an Entered Apprentice. On Friday last, however, Bro. Irving took his second regular step, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton acting as one of the Deacons on the occasion.

The following were among the distinguished brethren present: Bros. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, G. Chap.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; J. Messent, G. Swd. Br.; Dr. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.D.; R. T. Pigott, A.G.D.C.; T. C. Skipp, Antiquity Lodge; S. A. G. Eyles, Friends in Council Lodge; C. Taggart, Antiquity Lodge; and R. P. Spice, P.M. 21.

The brethren subsequently dined together, but His Royal Highness left previously, as also did Bro. Irving, in consequence of his professional engagements.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Lodge was duly opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Heck was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, Bros. Greenslade and Stoddard were raised, and Mr. John Goode initiated. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Drake, was then installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. W. F. Smart, the addresses being delivered by Bro. W. J. Miller, P.M.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. W. J. Collins, S.W.; Alfred Le Grand, J.W.; W. J. Miller, P.M. Treas.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec. (for the ninth time); J. H. Brookes, S.D.; A. C. Rees, P.M., J.D.; Turle Lee, I.G.; C. Pay, D.C.; E. Kidman, P.M., and W. Johnston, Stwds. A jewel was presented to the retiring Master.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which about sixty sat down. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, and some excellent music was rendered by Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Davey, Bro. Thos. Nettleship, and Bro. Turle Lee.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1503).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. John Waugh, W.M., presiding. The first business before the lodge was to ballot for as a joining member Bro. Vincent Benoist, of the Lodge des Desmophiles, Tours, France, proposed by Bro. Cox and seconded by Bro. Swallow, P.M., and the result of the ballot was in favour of his admission. The lodge then proceeded to ballot for the admission of two new members, as initiates, viz., Mr. Paul Antonie, proposed by Bro. Swallow, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Scott, P.M., Secretary; and Mr. David Wilson, proposed by Bro. Cox and seconded by Bro. Holmes. The result was in favour of their admission, and, therefore, they were admitted in due form and initiated by the W.M. into the First Degree of Freemasonry. The next business on the paper was to raise Bros. Bolt and Ashly to the Third Degree, which was impressively done by the W.M. By the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Pike, who had been initiated in Lodge No. 1900, was, on the request of Bro. Festa, the W.M. of the lodge in question, passed to the Second Degree. The final item of business before the lodge was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. A. Hammond, S.W. of this lodge, and P.M. and Secretary of Trinity College Lodge. The W.M., Bro. Waugh, therefore proceeded to address the lodge, as usual on such occasions; after which Bro. Hammond was presented to the W.M. for installation, by whom he was obligated; after which all brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired from the lodge room. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, in presence of which Bro. Hammond was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was then resumed, and the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. Eastgate, S.W.; Jones, J.W.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Treasurer; Edwin J. Scott, Secretary; Lea, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; F. Hill, I.G.; James, M.C.; Swallow, P.M., W.S.; Cox, Assistant W.S.; and Potter, Tyler.

Among the visitors present were: Bros. G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900; E. W. Pike, 1900; Bianchy; J. McLean, W.M. 177; J. Mason, P.M. 1567 (representing the Masonic Benevolent Institution); W. J. Ferguson, 177; R. L. Gore, 1260; J. E. Biddlecombe, 1765; H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, W.M. 1765; W. Carrington, W.M. Acacia; Walter E. Stark, 1765; J. G. Hopgood, 1765; Henry Tinney, I.G. 1319; Geo. F. Hammond, 1765; H. Crossley, 1524; Geo. Smithers, 1524; R. E. M. Goffin, 1572; H. M. Levy,

P.M. 188; E. C. Massey, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

By resolution of the lodge, Bro. Shand, P.M. and Treasurer, was appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the next anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and voted a sum of ten guineas out of the lodge funds to be placed on his account.

Bro. Festa thanked the I.P.M. and the lodge generally for having, at his request, facilitated the Masonic progress of Bro. Pike, a member of No. 1900, by passing him at this present meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge to the Degree of F.C.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the members of the lodge and their numerous guests thereafter dined together. At the conclusion of the banquet, the customary toasts, loyal and Masonic, were proceeded with. The accession of Bro. Hammond to the chair of this lodge brought together a large number of musical brethren, and, therefore, as in the case of the Trinity College Lodge, reported a short time back, the speech-making was minimised, so as to allow for more time being devoted to the excellent music which had been provided for the entertainment of the company. The after-dinner proceedings might almost be said to be a concert interspersed with short speeches, because the music was certainly the prominent feature.

The first toast was, of course, "The Queen and the Craft." It was proposed by Bro. Hammond, the W.M., in a very few words, and was, as a matter of course, responded to by the brethren in the heartiest manner.

Then followed a delightful pianoforte solo (Overture "Se j'étais Roi"), which was admirably rendered by Bro. H. Tinney, I.G. of the Asaph Lodge, and secured a hearty round of applause.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Chairman said that a great many brethren who had heard the toast had been able to say that they had seen the Prince of Wales, but for his own part he was sorry to say that he had not met His Royal Highness in Grand Lodge. He had reason to believe, however, that the Prince was a kind-hearted gentleman, who performed his high functions in an admirable manner, and he had therefore much pleasure in asking the brethren present to drink to the health of the M.W. the Grand Master of England.

The Chairman then called on Bro. Stedman, who sang Piusini's "Heaven and Earth," which was listened to with profound attention, and warmly applauded.

The toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past" was then proposed from the chair without any remarks, and there not being any Grand Officers present was not coupled with any name.

The I.P.M., Bro. Waugh, then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Hammond," and said that he did it with the greater pleasure because he was sure that Bro. Hammond possessed the best qualifications for the office. From the abilities which their newly-installed W.M. possessed he thought they might expect that he would have a prosperous year of office. He would not expatiate on Bro. Hammond's good qualities, being quite sure that they needed no words from him to induce them to drink to the health of their Worshipful Master.

In answer to the call of the Chairman, Bro. Plant Martin sang "My sweetheart when a Boy" (Morgan), a beautiful song, the execution of which evidently satisfied even the critical audience for which it was performed.

In replying to the toast, Bro. Hammond said that he rose with peculiar feelings of gratification to respond to the toast which had been proposed. He had already passed through the chair in a very distinguished lodge of which he had the honour to be a joining member, but he was the first initiate in the City of Westminster Lodge who had risen to the proud position which he had now held in it. He was particularly proud of having been elected their W.M. and of possessing a staff of officers who were all initiates in the City of Westminster Lodge.

In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said that it referred to the most important persons present on that occasion. He did not know what the lodge would do without them—he need not say that it referred to "The Initiates." In the lodge he hoped they would find all that they could desire to enable them to progress satisfactorily in Freemasonry, and at the social board he believed that the newly-made brothers would find that they had joined a very genial, good-natured set of fellows; if they did not find that out, he did not think it would be altogether the fault of the members of the City of Westminster Lodge.

The well-known Entered Apprentices' Song was then sang, and appeared to afford considerable amusement to the new initiates, who afterwards briefly returned thanks for the compliment paid them by the proposition of this toast.

The Chairman, in proposing the next toast, said that whatever their worst enemies might find to say against them, he did not think they could lay to the charge of the City of Westminster Lodge want of hospitality. They generally had a good many visitors, and they were always glad to see them. He would like to thank those who had come to-night to be present at his installation; there were many among them with whom he was associated elsewhere, who were worthy members of the Trinity College Lodge. Bro. Bonavia-Hunt the W.M. of that lodge, Bros. Biddlecombe, Stark, Hopgood, &c., and he would also take the opportunity to thank Bro. Tinney for filling a vacuum in the list of performers, caused by the unavoidable absence of Bro. Bradbury Turner. With this toast he would couple the names of Bro. Festa (Montague Guest Lodge), Bro. McLean (Domestic Lodge) and Bro. Bonavia-Hunt (Trinity College Lodge). He thought those were all the W.M.'s. He would also like to mention the name of Bro. Mason here, as he did not think he should have an opportunity of specially referring to the Masonic charities, with one of which excellent institutions Bro. Mason was connected officially. He begged the brethren to be upstanding to drink the toast of "The Visitors."

In response to the call of the W.M., Bro. Walter E. Stark performed a pianoforte solo, "Marche de la Reine," in a very brilliant manner.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Festa again thanked the W.M. for the part he had taken in passing Bro. Pike to the Second Degree.

Bro. Bonavia-Hunt, in replying to the same toast referred to the close connection that existed between the Trinity College and City of Westminster Lodges.

Bro. McLean eulogised the manner in which the work of the lodge had been performed, and the no less admirable way in which the lodge had satisfied the claims of hospitality.

Bro. Mason also replied, thanking the lodge on behalf of the Charities, in particular thanking Bro. Shand for the very ready manner in which he had come forward as a Steward for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the lodge for having voted a sum from its funds to be placed on Bro. Shand's list.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of Bro. Waugh and of the Past Masters," and invested Bro. Waugh with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge for his services during his year of office.

Bros. Waugh and Swallow replied.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge," followed in due course.

The remaining musical performances were a song by Bro. Stedman, "Good Company;" one by Bro. Plant Martin, "Down by the Brookside;" and a cornet solo, "Du Du," by Bro. Levy, the famous cornet player, who came from Covent Garden specially to do honour to the installation of Bro. Hammond. Bro. Levy also gave one or two other specimens of his skill upon the instrument with which he has identified himself.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—This very considerable lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on which occasion there was a very large attendance of members and their friends. In consequence of the death of the Master of the lodge, Bro. Jones, which took place about a month ago, the chair was occupied by Bro. James Willing, jun., one of the founders of the lodge, who kindly came forward to perform the ceremonies connected with the very large amount of business which appeared on the agenda paper. According to the agenda there were to have been three raisings, one passing, and five initiations, in addition to the installation of the new Master, a possible discussion upon a notice of motion, and, in addition, the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. W. M. Stiles, the Secretary. In the event, only two brethren came up for raising, viz., Bros. F. Jackson and J. Ross; and in place of five initiations, there were only three ready, viz., Mr. Sydney Clifford, Mr. William Reuben Dixon, and Mr. Henry Longman; but still the work of the presiding Master was nearly the same as if the whole number had come up, as the whole ceremonies had to be performed in the Three Degrees. The whole of this portion of the work was performed by Bro. Willing in a most fluent manner, and when that had been disposed of, preparations for the installation of Bro. T. J. Hyland, W.M. elect, were immediately made. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hyland was presented by Bro. Stiles, the acting M.C., to the presiding Master for the benefit of installation. Bro. Hyland was thereupon obligated, and then all present below the degree of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Hyland was duly installed by Bro. Willing into the chair of K.S. On the return of the brethren the newly-installed Master was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony was concluded by Bro. Willing delivering the usual orations to the Master, Wardens, and brethren.

The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. William Cook, S.W.; Deller, J.W.; James Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Mabey, Asst. Sec.; Holt, S.D. J. W. Smith, J.D.; Jacques, I.G.; J. C. Smith, M.C.; Sallis, Asst. M.C.; Callahan, W.S.; H. Dickie, Asst. W.S.; Greenfield, Org.; and Koester, P.M., Tyler.

The following notice of motion, which had been placed on the paper by Bro. Willing, jun., was then discussed, and on being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously: "That the meeting falling December 26th, 1882 (Boxing Day), be adjourned to the next regular meeting, Tuesday, 23rd January, 1883."

During the sitting of the lodge a very handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Stiles, principally by the brethren of the lodge, but including some other brethren who had requested to be allowed to take a part in an act testifying to the zeal and ability of Bro. Stiles. The testimonial was in the shape of a gold watch, of the value of about 100 guineas, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. and M.I.Z. 1507, P.M. 1732, and Secretary, 1744, by the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge, 1744, and a few other brethren, in appreciation of his unvarying courtesy and valuable services as Secretary since the formation of the lodge."

The presentation was made by Bro. Willing in a genial speech, in which he dwelt on the good qualities of Bro. Stiles, and wished him many years of health and prosperity in which to wear this token of the esteem of his many friends.

At the same time Bro. Edwin Storr presented to Bro. Stiles, on behalf of the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, a handsome gold chain, to which to attach the watch.

Bro. Stiles acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms, and said that every time he looked at it, this valuable gift of theirs would not only inform him of the progress of time, but would also serve to remind him that there were a large number of Freemasons who appreciated the fact that he was an earnest Mason who tried to do his duty, and that he had been so fortunate as to gain a host of friends by that truly Masonic policy of striving to be happy, and to communicate happiness to others.

Before the lodge was closed a little additional business was transacted. Bro. Stiles proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. James Willing, jun., a P.M., a founder, and treasurer of their lodge, who had come forward to fill on this occasion the chair rendered vacant by the death of the W.M. Bro. Jones. Bro. Willing had not only performed the whole of the three ceremonies, but had also undertaken the work of Installing Master, and, as the brethren had seen, had installed their present W.M. in a manner worthy of his well-known skill as a Mason.

The vote was carried unanimously, and Bro. Willing in thanking the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, said that the lodge was always welcome to his services whenever they were required.

Bro. Stiles then informed the brethren that the widow of their late W.M. Bro. Jones, was a petitioner to the Lodge of Benevolence and also to the Boys' School, and proposed that her petitions be recommended by this lodge. Bro. Willing proposed that something more than this should be done. It was the custom of the lodge to vote a jewel of the value of ten guineas to an out-going W.M., and he therefore proposed as they were precluded from doing this in the present instance by the death of Bro. Jones, that, considering his widows necessitous circumstances, in addition to

recommending the petition, the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the lodge funds and presented to her instead. This vote was carried unanimously, and the petition signed by the W.M., Wardens, and a majority of the brethren present.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren of the lodge and their numerous guests subsequently dined together in the large room, Bro. Hyland, W.M., presiding. After the removal of the cloth, a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, all of which were most heartily received.

In proposing "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said that our present Queen was the best Queen England had ever had, and that no nation was ever blessed with such a monarch as we had at the present time.

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," Bro. Hyland said that many of those present would remember the circumstance of the Marquis of Ripon resigning the Grand Mastership, and the gracious acceptance of the office by the Prince of Wales. As to the installation of His Royal Highness, it was perhaps the most important event which had ever happened in the annals of Freemasonry in this country. The accession of the Prince of Wales had had a marvellous effect in promoting the spread of Freemasonry. It was the hope of all that His Royal Highness would long retain his position as ruler of the Craft, and he was quite sure that English Freemasons would never have a better Grand Master.

The next toast he said was that of the "Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past." He was sure the brethren were aware that in the absence of the Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon was always at Grand Lodge in his stead whenever circumstances permitted, and that in his absence the Earl of Lathom presided whenever he could. When neither were able to attend there were always well skilled Grand Officers ready and willing to preside. The Grand Officers had all attained to their position by reason of their devotion to the cause of Masonry and their great services to the Craft. They were all energetic and hard working Masons, of whom the brethren had reason to be proud. They had present with them on this occasion Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, one of the hardest working brethren of the Grand Lodge. He should, therefore couple the name of Bro. Buss, and express a hope that this worthy brother would always find an opportunity to attend their installation meeting.

Bro. Buss said that it gave him very great pleasure to rise to respond to the health of the Grand Officers—the greater because the toast always met with such a hearty reception. He was very proud of having the honour to belong to a body of men who so truly appreciated Masonry, and he was able to say that the M.W. Grand Master was very careful whom he selected, being very solicitous that his selections should give satisfaction to the brethren. He (Bro. Buss) had been one of the Consecrating Officers of this lodge, and he had found great pleasure in attending and watching its progress; but that evening he had been astonished to find that it had developed into a lodge of something over a hundred members, which gave additional pleasure to the reflection that he had been associated with its formation. In thanking them on behalf of the Grand Officers for the compliment just paid to them, he would express the hope that the lodge would continue to prosper for the future.

Bro. Willing said he believed that it would be admitted that he generally had plenty to say; but on the present occasion that was not the case, because the toast which he was about to propose—"The Health of his friend, Bro. Hyland, their newly-installed W.M."—required no words to recommend it. Bro. Hyland had always proved himself anxious to carry on the work of Freemasonry, and there was no doubt that, occupying the principal chair in the Royal Savoy Lodge, would afford him ample opportunity of exercising that skill which he was known to possess. He was quite sure that Bro. Hyland would also do all that lay in his power to promote the happiness of the brethren. The Royal Savoy was not a lodge of grand pretensions; it was content with good work among its officers, and goodwill among its members. It was not necessary for him to petition them for goodwill and consideration for their W.M., because he was sure that was already secured by what Bro. Hyland had done in the past, which was the best omen they could have of what his conduct in the future would be.

Bro. HYLAND, in replying, said that it was a great pleasure to respond to a toast which had been so heartily received. Whether he deserved the complimentary things that Bro. Willing had said of him, time alone could prove. He could only thank them for their cordial good wishes, and say that as long as he held the position of W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge he should endeavour to keep its prestige unimpaired, and trusted that they would be able to say when he left the chair, "You have not disgraced the position to which we elected you."

Bro. Hyland then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," as some living at a distance were anxious to leave, and take the toast of the Installing Master later. There were so many visitors that he would not risk wearying the company by reading their names, but would say briefly that the Royal Savoy felt honoured by their presence and was very pleased to welcome them. He would restrict himself to the names of a few W.M.'s and Provincial Grand Officers, which he would couple with this toast. There were Bros. Barratt-Kidder, 15; H. Stiles, 1507; Harris, Storey, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Elvan, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; and Hudson. He would also mention by name Bro. Edwin Storr, Preceptor of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, and S.D. of 167, who had taken an active part in the presentation of the gold chain to Bro. Stiles, their worthy Secretary. He did not think it necessary to mention particularly the Masonic position to which these brethren had attained, as they could not have got their positions if they had not deserved them.

This toast was responded to by Bros. Barratt-Kidder, Hy. Stiles, Harris, Hudson, Storey, and Edwin Storr, in suitable terms.

The chairman then proposed "The Healths of the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and the Secretary."

The first to respond was Bro. Willing, who said that it was a great gratification to him to reflect that this lodge, which commenced four years ago with nine members, had worked so well together as to produce a lodge of the present dimensions. Bro. Stiles also responded.

"The Healths of the Initiates and the Officers of the

lodge" were also proposed from the chair and duly honoured and replied to, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

The following were among the visitors: Bros. R. T. Elsam, P.M. 201, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; A. Hardy, 201; E. H. Smith, 1642; B. Kauffmann, I.G. 1732; J. Mason, (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution); W. Fountain, 879; G. Clark, jun., 1777; R. G. Bell, 534; G. S. Duke, 1446; G. Emblin, 147; G. A. Mursell, 35; Richardson, 1507; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; W. M. Tegg, W.M. 754; G. Rowe, J.W. 754; H. Thompson, P.M. 177, 1158; H. Stiles, W.M. 1507; A. Woodliffe, 87; W. Adams, 1687; T. M. Ormiston, 1507; Goode, 1677; R. Biggar, 820; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1407; C. W. Hudson, 315, 1540, P.G.D.C. Sussex; J. W. Tubby, 1507; W. Abrahams, 201; E. E. Barratt-Kidder, W.M. 12; E. M. Money, S.D. 28; J. Heaton, S.W. 1260; J. R. Cox, 1260; J. T. Salmon, 917; W. J. Mosedge, 1589; E. Storr, S.D. 167; H. C. Richardson, 1627; Boncey, P.M. 79; J. Storey, P.M. 1107, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; F. Rothschild, P.M. 1288; J. Arnold, 1472; J. W. Ager, 957; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; C. J. Harris, 79; T. C. Edmonds, I.G. 1507; J. Hemming, 1287; W. Harris, P.M. 177; J. W. Simmonds, P.M. 1288; J. Rothschild, 1288; C. Cockburn, 129; W. Bawbury, 217; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; W. M. Robinson, W.M. 87; J. F. Saunders, 1507; A. Millward, W.M. 1677; E. C. Massey, P.M., (Freemason).

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—A highly successful meeting of this lodge was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. Dr. Lewis Evans was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst those brethren present were Bros. W. C. Hale, W.M.; Louis Hirsch, I.P.M., Treas.; G. T. Gooding, S.W.; Lewis Evans, J.W.; H. Smith, S.D.; Henry Phillips, J.D.; H. Thorn, I.G.; H. A. Smith, D.C.; J. S. Edmeston, W.S.; W. Wilson, Arthur Turner, D. H. Harrison, F. S. Gillett, and J. Bel-fraze. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; W. Beard, P.M. 101; C. H. Turner, P.M., P.G.S., 14; S. H. Goldschmidt, W.M. 1641; John Dixon, P.M. 73; Arthur Walton, 1704; and Edward Durrant, 276.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, Col. Makin, F. Cozens, and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, showing that the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The ballot for three joining members being in their favour, they were duly admitted members of the lodge. The chair was then vacated in favour of Bro. Louis Hirsch, P.M., who rendered the installation ceremony in a most impressive manner, and was ably assisted by Bro. Joseph Clever, P.M., as acting D.C.

The newly-installed W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations, and was duly saluted in the several Degrees by the brethren, after which he appointed and invested his officers in a faultless manner, giving each brother a suitable lecture upon the teachings of the emblems of their respective offices, and upon the duties they would have to fulfil during their year of office. The appointments were as follows: Bros. G. T. Gooding, S.W.; Howard Smith, J.W.; Louis Hirsch, P.M. Treas.; Arthur Turner, Sec.; Henry Phillips, S.D.; H. Horn, J.D.; H. A. Smith, I.G.; J. S. Edmeston, D.C.; W. Wilson, W.S.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

Bro. G. T. Gooding then rose to express his heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the very handsome silver salver presented to him so unexpectedly on his silver wedding day, and said he was afraid he could not express in adequate terms the pleasure and gratification this act of generosity and kindness on the part of the brethren had afforded him.

At the close of the ceremonies Bro. Louis Hirsch presented the lodge with a handsome ivory mallet, suitably inscribed, which he begged them to accept as a mark of his high esteem and brotherly regard for the members of this lodge.

A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Hirsch, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet, where a most recherche dinner awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M. and heartily responded to.

Bro. Hirsch, P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. in complimentary terms, and the enthusiastic manner in which this toast was received testified to the popularity of the newly-installed W.M.

After an eloquent response from the W.M., Bro. John Dixon, P.M., proposed the health of the Installing Master, detailing the varied labours of Bro. Hirsch on behalf of the craft and the various charities, but particularly the great interest he took in all that concerned the welfare of the Clapham lodge, and congratulated the brethren on having such an able and generous P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been responded to by Bro. Joseph Clever, P.M., the W.M. proposed "The health of the Officers," which was received with great cordiality, and Bro. Gooding, S.W., suitably acknowledged the toast.

The evening's proceedings were enlivened by some excellent music from Bro. H. A. Smith, Gillett and others, and the Tyler's Toast brought this happy and eminently successful meeting to a close.

SAINT MARY ABBOTT'S LODGE (No. 1974).—The November regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday, the 3rd ult., when a large gathering of the local brethren assembled in answer to the summons to ballot for three joining members, and to initiate two candidates into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Amongst them was Colonel A. Stewart, District Grand Master of the Punjab, India (an intimate friend of the W.M.), now at home on leave, and who, we understand, intends shortly to take up his residence in Kensington.

The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Captain A. Nicols, the senior and junior chairs being occupied respectively by V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and W. Bro. Francis Compton. Bros. Captain Compton, D. S. Skinner, Rev. W. Francis, and J. Green supported the W.M. in the other offices. W. Bro. G. Capper Harding occupied his usual position at the Secretary's table, and R.W. Bro. Colonel Stewart sat on the right of the W.M. and acted as I.P.M. of the lodge.

The routine business having been gone through, and the ballots for the joining members and the initiates taken and declared unanimous in favour of each, in accordance with

the bye-laws of the lodge, which precludes a member against whom a single black ball appears, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with, and the two gentlemen who had offered themselves as candidates were duly admitted into the mysteries of the Order, and made members of the lodge. The ceremonial was most effectively rendered by the W.M., ably assisted by W. Bro. Francis Compton, who delivered the ancient charge of the Degree in a most efficient manner.

The next business was the election of Master for the ensuing year, which, proving unanimous in favour of Captain A. Nicols, the present W.M. of the lodge, he was declared duly elected for a second term of office. W. Bro. James Green, an old P.M., and P.P. Grand Officer for Middlesex, was elected as Treasurer. Several propositions were received, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The Grand Officers who had assisted at the ceremony of consecration in August last were elected honorary members of the lodge for life, and the Secretary was directed to write and request them severally to accept such membership.

The lodge was then duly closed, and twenty-two of the members assembled at a very excellent and agreeable banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and warmly received.

Bro. Colonel Stewart responded for "The Grand Officers," and said, in a kindly and thoughtful speech, which was very well received by the brethren, that he had himself, as District Grand Master of Punjab, not joined the lodge without due consideration, and full and certain information, that it was one in which he would find an association of brethren quite up to the standard of other lodges in which he had been a fellow-worker with his old friend, Captain Nicols, in India, for so many years.

Bro. Woodford then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in very eulogistic terms, and referred both to his work, and the present state of the lodge. He said from what he had seen that evening, from the earnest labours in which he had been privileged to take a part, from the completeness with which the ceremonial was attended to, and the zeal evinced by the younger brethren, he felt sure that the lodge was destined to succeed, having now surmounted all its difficulties. He proposed "Prosperity to St. Mary Abbott's Lodge and the Health, specially and warmly, of its W.M., Bro. Captain A. Nicols."

Bro. Capt. Nicols returned thanks in a forcible speech, in which he recounted the obstacles they had surmounted, and assured them that, relying on the brethren of the lodge, he meant to work on, fully feeling with Bro. Woodford, that success would follow his efforts, and happiness and harmony crown the united labour of St. Mary Abbott's Lodge.

"The Newly Initiated Brethren" were proposed by the W.M., and responded to effectively by Bros. Baue and Beavis; and after the usual remaining toasts, not forgetting "The Tyler's Toast," the brethren separated, after a very pleasant and happy evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, when the W.M. Bro. J. G. Smith, was supported by a good attendance of members and visitors; amongst whom were: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, P.M.; John Moul, S.W.; W. F. Carmon, as J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M. P.G.A.D.C. M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shew-brooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; W. Brown, S.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; Jos. Curry, Tyler; W. Whitfield, A. Simpson, Rev. T. Metcalf, J. T. Corking, J. G. Joicey, G. H. Dexter (Mayor of Jarrow), J. T. Harrison, W. F. Brown, R. Tate, C. B. Ford, W.M. 481; T. Dinning, J.W. 481; H. S. Bird, S.W. 1664; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 424; Thomas Pearson, 424; J. Troidahl, 424; C. M. Wake, 97 and 949; J. Atkinson, So; H. E. Crisp, 949; R. Turnbull, 97; J. Nesbit, S.W. 24; C. McNamara, S.W. (and W.M. elect) 97; J. C. Moor, J.W. 97; J. Sedcole, J.W. 1119; Jas. Hickman, S.W. 1119; J. Armstrong, I.G. 1112; J. H. Tausley, 541; H. Usher, W.M. 541; A. T. Moller, 1427; W. H. Smart, 424; and others.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes were confirmed, when the W.M. announced that though there was plenty of work on hand, he had received intimation from the candidates for Second and Third Degrees that absence from home and other engagements prevented their attendance. He regretted that the many visitors would not therefore have the opportunity of seeing the lodge in full working order.

The proceedings terminated, and an adjournment took place to the refreshment room, where a goodly company assembled and spent a pleasant evening in listening to the glees, part songs, duets and songs ably rendered by the choir of the lodge and other brethren.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, also that of "The Visitors;" and Bros. H. S. Bird, C. McNamara, and James Hickman responded.

The W.M. also proposed "The Health of Bro. G. H. Dexter, Mayor of Jarrow, and congratulated that brother on the honour conferred on him in having twice been elected chief magistrate for the neighbouring town. Bro. Dexter replied in a few choice and happy remarks.

Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." in felicitous terms, and Bro. Smith feelingly acknowledged the kindness of the brethren.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G.D.C., presiding, supported by the following: Bros. Thomas Glessal, S.W.; G. W. Smith, J.W.; John Spittall, P.M. Treas., P.P.G.J.W.; Robt. Twentymen, Sec.; J. McGill, S.D.; H. Burns, J.D.; J. Sewell, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler, P.P.G.T.; C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Robertson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; C. J. Dalton, P.M.; J. S. Braithwaite, W. Lewis, J. Moore, T. B. Williamson, J. S. Wilson, R. D. Metcalf, T. F. Mayson, J. Jacques, and the following visitors: Bros. Chas. J. Nauson, S.D. 1532; Geo. Moffatt, 160 (S.C.); and J. Martin.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and there was one candidate for the Third Degree, which ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. W. B. Cowman, P.M. The election of Master and Treasurer was next proceed with, when Bro. Thos. Glessal, S.W., which

office he has held for two years in succession, was elected W.M., and Bro. J. Spittall, P.M. Treas., for the twelfth time.

One candidate was then proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors expressed, the lodge was closed in good harmony.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Terminus Hotel. The W.M., Bro. T. F. Barrett, Prov. G. Reg., presided, supported by the following brethren: Bros. W. D. Merritt, S.W.; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817, as J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. D.C., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, J.D.; H. Beecher, I.G.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P.; L. Warren, jun., H. Luker, W. R. Fuller, and others.

Bros. Edmund Kall, 315, and J. M. Farr, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S.B., were unanimously elected as joining members, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1137).—This popular lodge held its usual monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. John Dewhurst, W.M.; Robt. Davies, I.P.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., acting S.W.; David Williams, J.W.; W. H. Milner, Treasurer; Joseph Crompton, P.M., Secretary; Chas. Heywood, S.D.; W. H. Hall, J.D.; J. R. Blair, I.G.; J. G. Batty, P.M.; S. Bayley, William Squirrell, J. Stephenson, H. Marshall, P.M.; Thos. Schofield, P.M.; P. G. Steward, Robt. Crossland, A. J. Morris, W. Chesshyre, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Woodhall, P.M. 42, and W. Parker, P.M.

The lodge was opened at 6.30, and the minutes were read and ratified. After which Bro. Morris answered the usual questions, and was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The working tools were delivered, and their operative and speculative applications explained in a very lucid and impressive manner by the J.W. At the conclusion of this ceremony, Bro. Crossland answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by Bro. Batty, P.M.

The lodge was then closed in solemn form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where speech, song, and recitation reigned till 11 p.m., when the brethren one and all expressed themselves happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

MANCHESTER.—Ashbury Lodge (No. 1459).—The installation of Bro. W. J. Reynolds took place, and the St. John's Festival was celebrated, on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Justice Birch Hotel, West Gorton. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Wright, W.M.; J. N. Newton, I.P.M.; W. J. Reynolds, S.W.; W. H. Beaton, J.W.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., Treas.; E. Roberts, S.D.; W. Drabble, J.D.; John Gallagher, P.M., D. of C.; J. Meadows, Tyler; E. J. Cummings, P.M.; Jas. Moores, P.M.; T. Hughes, P.M.; J. S. Wilson, S. C. Richardson, J. W. Kidd, Jno. Storey, and Jno. Stanley. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Mottershead, W.M. 1011; Henry Lambton, 1083; Jas. Simmons, 1011; P. J. Brownridge, 210; T. H. Hall, W.M. 1458; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; P. Heaton, 1730; Ross, 1161; Daniel Donbavand, P.M. 317; and R. K. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, the annual balance-sheet was reported on by the Auditors and adopted.

The W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Reynolds, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. E. J. Cummings), and after the usual preliminaries, inducted with all due rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S., and was afterwards proclaimed and saluted by the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers, and they were invested and addressed by Bro. John Gallagher, P.M., as follows: Bros. W. H. Beaton, S.W.; Ewd. Roberts, J.W.; W. Bee, Sec.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. Treas., re-appointed; W. Drabble, S.D.; J. S. Wilson, J.D.; E. J. Cummings, P.M., D. of C.; John Milligan, I.G.; and J. Meadows, Tyler.

The address to the W.M. was delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. E. J. Cummings, and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.M. The whole of the work was well done and the members of the lodge are to be congratulated on possessing so able an exponent of Masonic ritual as Bro. Cummings.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John with a banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. James Wright, I.P.M., said he trusted the brethren would drain their glasses to the dregs in honour of Bro. Reynolds, who had the interest of their lodge thoroughly at heart, and who for many years had done his utmost for its welfare. The invitation was promptly complied with, and the W.M., in reply, said he felt no words of his could express the gratitude he felt towards them all for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health. When he looked back to the time when he was only J.D., he could hardly realise his present position, but he assured them all, that while he held that position he should do his duty to the best of his ability, and trusted that when his term of office expired, he should deliver the chair of K.S. to his successor in the same untarnished manner as he himself had received it.

Bro. John Gallagher, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," said it was a great pleasure to him to have to propose the toast, inasmuch as Bro. Cummings had performed the ceremony that day in a highly creditable manner, and they all felt proud of him. He had been much pleased to listen to the beautiful ceremony, and all those who had listened to it must likewise have been much impressed with its beauty, and have felt that there was something in it worth leaving their homes and firesides for. He hoped for the credit and prosperity of their lodge that Bro. Cummings might long be spared to exhibit his talent amongst them.

The toast was drunk with much warmth.

Bro. Cummings thanked Bro. Gallagher for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast, and said there was scarcely anything gave him greater pleasure than when rendering some service to his

mother lodge; and as each successive year rolled round it would be a pleasure to him to place each W.M. in the chair of K.S., and the brethren might rely upon him being at all times ready and willing to do anything that would promote the welfare of the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. Jas. Wright, I.P.M., and the Past Masters of the Ashbury Lodge," the W.M. said he thought they could number some eight or nine Past Masters amongst those who had obtained that distinction, and whom, with the exception of Bros. Ingham and Hall, were then present. With regard to Bro. Wright, he (the W.M.) said no words of his could sufficiently eulogise the satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties allotted him whilst in the chair, and consequently he felt great pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the members, with a Past Master's gold jewel, trusting he would be long spared to wear it amongst them, and that it would be a reminder to him of the many happy hours he had passed with them.

The jewel, which was made of 18-carat gold, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, and was much admired.

The I.P.M. returned thanks for the jewel, and Bro. John Gallagher replied on behalf of the Past Masters.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The Visiting Brethren," by Bro. Moores, P.M., with his usual versatility and humour; "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," &c., and an enjoyable evening terminated.

The musical portion of the programme was entrusted to that "entrepreneur," Bro. J. H. Greenwood, who delighted his hearers with some humorous songs, and also in a duet with Bro. Peers, "The moon has raised her lamp above," which was finely rendered. Bro. R. Dottie contributed some Lancashire and American readings with his customary ability and success, and Bro. Daniel Donbavand completely rivetted his hearers with his artistic and natural rendering of "The Maniac."

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—

There are very few lodges in West Lancashire which have shown so much vitality and substantial progress as the above lodge, which holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and the charity which it has dispensed inside and outside its borders has been one of the brightest features of its existence. The annual installation is invariably largely and influentially attended, and that which took place on Monday evening, the 27th ult., was in no way an exception to the general rule. There were nearly ninety brethren present, and the proceedings were eminently interesting and successful.

The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Morris Aronsberg, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of Past Masters and officers, including Bros. Past Masters A. J. Henochsberg, S. Schonstadt, Alex. Jones, Henry A. Tobias, R. Robinson, Alex. Levy, P.G.D.S.; and Bros. S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; M. Hart, P.M. Treas.; H. F. Wright, Sec.; D. Gabrielsen, S.D.; H. M. Silver, J.D.; M. Baum, I.G.; P. S. Levy, H. Archer, and E. Capstick, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The list of members included Bros. B. Woolf, M. H. Edwards, F. Jacobs, J. Winsor, P.M. 203 and 249; W. Stern, O. Goldner, J. Phillips, G. P. Gabrielsen, David Stern, H. De Freese, R. Johnson, H. Sagar, R. Wilcock, L. Hart, I. De Freese, H. Ellis, A. Kirkpatrick, H. W. Cronin, J. Toope, A. Cohen, G. E. Robinson, W. Surenbach, R. Abrahams, W. Ehrenfeldt, A. Levy, P. Barnett, J. F. Doon, F. Hooker, H. Gabriel, G. Brand, S. Simmons, D. Josephs, J. A. Muir, and J. Schoeps.

The visitors included Bros. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; C. C. Wilson, W.M. 897; J. Woolf, late 1502; W. Thorne, 1013; P. H. Davis, 1055; A. Isaac, late 1502; C. P. Titherley, P.M. 1350; J. Tunstall, 1035; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.K., P.M. 724; F. R. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; W. J. Kewman, P.P. G. Reg.; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; W. Marquis, P.P.J.W. Cheshire; J. Davies, Treas. 1035; J. Brotherton, J.W. 241; A. H. Correlli, 569 and 1286; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Williams, 216; W. Lewis, 203; D. E. Davis, C. Tiedemann, 594; E. Phillips, P.M. 171; and F. Smitton, P.M. 1380.

After some preliminary business, Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.P.G. Reg., presented by Bros. Maurice Hart, P.G.S., P.M., and A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., was duly installed W.M. of the lodge for the second time during a most honourable Masonic career, an appointment which has given the greatest satisfaction to the whole of the brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. M. Aronsberg, and the addresses to the following officers were given with much impressiveness by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M., who came from London to take part in the interesting ceremony: Bros. M. Aronsberg, I.P.M.; H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., S.W.; S. J. Henochsberg, P.M., appointed J.W.; M. Hart, P.G.S., Treas. and M.C.; D. Gabrielsen, Sec.; H. M. Silver, S.D.; H. Baum, J.D.; Dr. W. Stern, Chap.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., Org.; Philip S. Levy, I.G.; H. Archer, S.S.; E. Capstick, J.S.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The First Degree was given by the newly-installed W.M., and afterwards the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The catering was entrusted to Bro. W. Woodhouse, 1675, the House Steward, whose serving was in every respect of the most satisfactory nature.

In the course of the evening a very artistic and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. M. Aronsberg, I.P.M., in recognition of the admirable services he has rendered to the Lodge of Israel as W.M. and in other offices. An excellent musical programme was given by Bro. Bryan, P.G.O., and a number of other musical brethren from other lodges. The speeches were brief and to the point, enabling the brethren of the "Israel" to separate at an early hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—

The first monthly meeting of this lodge after the installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. H. Smith, supported by Bros. R. Foot, I.P.M.; H. Coulson, P.M.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. of Cheshire and West Lancashire; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; P. Thomas, S.W.; L. Kretschman, J.W.; W. Parry, Sec.; Wm. Foulkes, S.D.; A. H. Hallwood, J.D.; John Lancaster, I.G.; W. Burnett, Org.; Thos. Blundell, S.S.; W. B. Swietman, J.S.; John Hall-

wood, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and a number of brethren and visitors.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. S. S. Harper was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. During the evening the W.M. presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, a massive marble clock, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate, "Presented to Bro. Robert Foote, P.M., by the members of the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on the expiration of his year of office, as W.M., as a mark of respect and regard, and with every good wish for his future prosperity, October 26th, 1882." The above present is in addition to a very handsome enamelled and diamond mounted 18-carat gold, Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool and London), that was presented at the installation meeting in October.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic rooms, Queen's Hotel, on Monday evening. There was an unusually large attendance, this being the first lodge held since the installation of the W. Master. Bro. M. Millington, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and by the Wardens and the whole of the officers as well as many brethren. There were also many visitors, including a large party from the Princess Charlotte of Wales, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, Bro. Foll, 15, and brethren from 236.

The business consisted of the passing of Bro. Child to the Second Degree, an anticipated raising being deferred owing to the inability of the candidate to be present.

The brethren therefore adjourned early to refreshment with the result of a thorough musical evening, to which many present contributed. Bros. J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, J. E. Wilkinson, Mennell, Davis, Child, Foll, and others performed a beautiful selection of glees, part songs and solos, to the great delight of the brethren. A number of toasts were also drunk, including "The Health of the absent members of the lodge," amongst whom were named Bros. Hugh and Broadley, and other distinguished members of the Craft. During the honouring of this toast it was mentioned by the Secretary that Bro. Horner, who had sailed a few weeks before for New York, had been seized with fever on his arrival, and had been taken charge of by a brother Mason in New York, a complete stranger to him, and who had written to say that he should make it his duty to attend to Bro. Horner during his illness. The Tyler's toast was followed by the whole of the brethren joining in "May we all meet again in the Grand Lodge above," and a most happy evening was thus appropriately terminated.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—

This lodge met for the despatch of business at the White Hart Hotel, on the 13th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, 1793, P.P.G. Middlesex, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; Featherstone, J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, Chap., &c.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.S. Middlesex, Sec.; Forge, P.M. 1703, S.D.; Pillar, W.M. 1793, J.D.; Worthington, M.C.; Chandler, A.V.S.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex (Hon. Member); and Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Watson, P.M. 11; S. Kettlebury, 975; Collier, 1793; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. Spooner, Madders, and T. J. Smith were ably initiated into the Craft mysteries by the W.M. It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, that five guineas be subscribed from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer. Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were given.

Bro. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Baldwin, in a neat speech, then gave "The W.M." Bro. Hurst having duly acknowledged the compliment, proposed "The Initiates," and they having responded, the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Hopwood and Watson, followed; and those brethren having replied, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Featherstone, who briefly responded, brought the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, to a close.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—

The last meeting of this lodge for the present year was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: Bros. William Court, W.M.; W. Blair, I.P.M.; Robt. Latham, S.W.; John Barrett, J.W.; John Priestley, Chaplain; Geo. Ferguson, P.M., Treasurer; N. Nicholson, P.M., Secretary; E. G. Harwood, S.D.; A. Cosgrave, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Org., D. of C.; T. E. Smith, Organist; T. B. Tong, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; T. Morris, P.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. M. Rutter, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.M.; J. Bromley, P.M.; Parkinson, Goulbourn, Arden, Morris, jun., Bardsley, Smith, Forbes, Derham, and Naylor. Visitors: Bros. J. Boothroyd, W.M. 221; William Sid- doon, 221; W. Flitcroft, P.M. 221; James Naylor, 37; W. Crankshaw, 348; and Thomas Higson, P.M. 348.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Blair, I.P.M., very effectively delivered the Lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, to the great gratification of the brethren, who admired the pluck of this veteran brother in mastering this ceremonial after being so long out of practice. The Senior Deacon, Bro. E. G. Harwood, who had been installed, on the 9th ult., as Mayor of Bolton, having taken his accustomed place as a junior officer in the lodge, was highly complimented and congratulated by the members on the distinguished position to which he had attained, and a beautifully illuminated address was presented to him, conveying the sentiments of the brethren on the occasion. Bro. Harwood made an appropriate reply.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—

The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge

took place on Wednesday the 22nd, ult., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, when Bro. Robert E. Mitton, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair as W.M. The lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. James Grierson, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Hugh Ferguson; I.P.M.; E. Johnston, P.M.; William Gick, P.M., M.C.; Dr. T. W. Sergeant, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Costine, P.M., 1094; R. E. Mutton, S.W.; Charles Bargery, J.W.; Dr. D. Hendry, Treas.; H. F. Marshall, Sec.; Jos. Croxton, S.D.; J. A. Kellie, J.D.; George Marsden, I.G.; R. F. Britten, S.S.; R. Pollock, J.S.; E. Watson, Tyler; Jos. Molyneux, J. Scott, Jos. Brown, Robert Johnston, R. Forbes, Thomas Dodd, N. Jack, W. Mander, A. McDougall, C. Cockbain, W. Adams, C. Clarey, H. Dayer, T. B. Gleave, W. Norton, E. Hughes, Thomas Hay, G. W. Duffey, A. H. Gaskell; J. A. Clarke, J. Smith, J. Evans, J. Barker, J. H. Giles, E. H. Norton, M. Thornton. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Alpess, G.S.B. P.G. Sec.; John Houlding, P.M. 823, P.P.G. Reg.; J. P. Bryan, P.M. 1035, P.G. Org.; G. Broadbridge, P.M. 241, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, P.P.G. Treas.; John Wells, P.M. 58, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; J. Pilling, I.P.M. 1396; C. Birch, P.M. 203; Thomas Hatton, W.M. 203; W. H. Clemmey, P.M. 1473; J. Beasley, W.M. 823; E. Paull, W.M. 1356; R. Martin, junr., P.M. 1182; Dr. D. Parry, S.W. 1086; A. Bucknell, S.W. 667; E. Cattrall, J.W. 203; J. Smith, J.W. 1035; Dr. T. F. Young, W.M. 1473; Robert Scott, S.D., 1473; M. Wilkinson, J.W. 1086; W. H. Quayle, 1325; J. Lancaster, I.G. 1505; Isaac Platt, 1473; J. Hounsell, Sec. 203; S. Howard, Sec. 1013; D. S. Stephens, 1013; H. Morgan, 823; W. Dickenson, 720; W. Reid, 31; Thomas Matthews, 1264; L. W. Hayes, 1473; R. W. Chatham, 1356; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. John Taylorson, Wm. Carte, and Jos. S. Hough, who were declared duly elected. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect being presented by Bros. Johnston, P.M., and W. Gick, P.M., and he having taken the usual declaration, was installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. Grierson, in a very efficient manner. The W.M. having been formally saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. Bargery, S.W.; H. Marshall, J.W.; Dr. Hendry, Treas.; J. A. Kellie, Sec.; Jos. Croxton, (re-appointed), S.D.; G. Marsden, J.D.; R. T. Britten, I.G.; E. Johnston, P.M., M.C.; R. Pollock, S.S.; W. A. Mossman, J.S.; and J. Clark, Org.

The usual addresses were then ably given by Bro. Johnston, P.M. The W.M. then proceeded with the initiation of the three candidates. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the Installing Masters and the transaction of the usual business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided in the hall by Bro. Casey.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presented him with a chaste enamelled gold Past Master's jewel.

The I.P.M. having been presented with a son and heir during his year of office, the brethren, to celebrate the event, presented the I.P.M., in trust for his son, three fully paid-up shares in a Building Society.

The I.P.M. returned thanks in brief, but appropriate, speech.

A long toast list having been gone through, the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant evening. The pleasure of the gathering was greatly enhanced by the musical contributions of Bros. W. Forrester, T. Foulkes, P.M., W. H. Quayle, and others, the accompaniments being well rendered by Bro. Bryant, W.M. 1035, Prov. G. Organist.

LANDPORT.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—There was an unusually large gathering of the members of the Craft in this borough on the 16th ult., when Bro. T. H. Williams was re-elected as W.M. The ceremony took place in the lodge room at the Freemasons' Hall, and was most efficiently carried out by Bro. E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Williams appointed the following as his officers for the year: Bros. G. A. Green, I.P.M.; J. G. Niven, S.W.; George Drake, J.W.; A. H. Hancox, Treasurer; G. Burbidge and T. H. Casey, Secretaries; Miles, S.D.; Foster, J.D.; C. F. Brown, D.C.; W. A. Marshallsay, I.G.; T. A. Bramsdon and Hann, Stewards; and Parkinson, Tyler. The musical portion of the ceremony was exceedingly well conducted, Bro. F. G. Bradbear, P.G.O., officiating as Organist.

An interesting feature of the evening's business was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Williams, in recognition of the very able and zealous manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past twelve months. The presentation was made by Bro. E. S. Main, and acknowledged in suitable terms.

Amongst those present were the following: Bros. Alderman A. Cudlipp, P.M. 487; Alderman R. J. Murrell, P.M. 1776; George Rake, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; Captain St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 257; Mark E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.P.G.T.; W. Edmonds, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Reg.; J. R. Hayman, W.M. 309, P.G. Reg.; H. Martin Green, W.M. 1058; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. 1060; W. Atkins, W.M. 1069; R. Barnes, P.M. 342, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. R. Ellis, P.M. 342, P.P.G. Reg.; G. A. Green, P.M. 309, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Laverty, W.M. 1428, P.G.D. of C.; Francis Powell, W.M. 903; E. Groves, P.M. 903, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Kimber, W.M. 804; E. Goldsmith, S.W. 309; C. Travess, S.W. 1428; J. Selby Hall, G. Sylvester, and others.

SLOUGH.—Herschel Lodge (No. 1894).—The first anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on the 21st ult., when, in the presence of a large number of members and visitors, the first W.M., Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, Past Grand Chaplain of England, performed in a most impressive manner, the ceremony of installing Bro. A. H. Kennedy, his successor, in the chair. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Rev. H. F. Oliver and D. Webb, Senior and Junior Wardens; Rev. R. P. Bent, Chap.; C. Turner, Treas.; G. H. Charsley, Sec.; Crowhurst and E. Dent, Senior and Junior Deacons; Liverd, Inner Guard; T. Nash, Director of Ceremonies; A. Turner and R. J. Webb, Stewards.

When these officers had been properly invested, the W.M. presented a very handsome and appropriate Past

Master's jewel to his predecessor in office. The crest and coat of arms of Sir William Herschel, which form the badge of the lodge, have been most tastefully embodied in this jewel over the usual emblem of the Past Master's office. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented by the Brethren of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, as a token of their high esteem and fraternal regard, to the V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., Founder and first W.M., 1881-82."

On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Crown Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Herold, and a most successful meeting was concluded by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and speeches.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. A. W. Fenner, W.M.; C. Weeden, S.W.; A. Ferrar, J.W.; R. Percy, Preceptor; Gribbell, S.D.; Houghton, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; Rhodes, Archer, Richardson, Galer, F. Venning, and others.

All ceremonials were duly observed in opening the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rhodes giving proof of his efficiency was entrusted. Lodge being opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Rhodes acting as candidate. That brother afterwards answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The W.M. worked the First, Second and Third Sections of the Lecture, being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Frank Venning, of No. 101, was elected a member. Bro. Charles Weeden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, at Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, 24th ult. Bros. C. H. Nevill, W.M.; M. E. Stokes, S.W.; A. J. Styles, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; John S. Terry, P.M. and Sec.; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; Henry, J. D.; W. S. Payne, I.G.; H. Willshire, and others. The lodge was worked entirely in the First Degree, with ceremony very ably rehearsed by the W.M. and sections by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off for entry drill and called on. Bro. M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed in harmony.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington, W. There were present Bros. A. Hardy, W.M.; J. H. Smith, S.W.; C. Holland, J.W.; H. Dehane, Sec.; J. J. Thomas, S.D.; E. A. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G.O. Surrey, J.D.; C. E. Botley, I.G.; Wickens, Mote, Wood, Cursons, Wadham, Foskett, and Simpson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Mote and Cursons being the candidates. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. Bro. E. A. Sugg was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks to Bro. Hardy was passed for the able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. The Secretary announced that there were 347 members belonging to the lodge, which was then closed and adjourned.

WOOLWICH.—United Military Lodge (No. 1535).—The second annual festival of the above lodge of instruction took place on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, and was a most successful affair, both as regards the attendance and the truly Masonic feeling that prevailed. Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536, presided, and among those present were Bros. W. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Capt. Cox, P.M. 1018, 1817, and 706; G. Spink, P.M. 1536; G. Davis, P.M. 13; G. Kennaday, S.W. 1536; A. Saunders, J.W. 1536; Capt. J. Scully, J.W. 706; Moulds, S.D. 1546; Fisher, Sec. 1536; Hilton, Cox, Cooper, Robertson, Anderson, Sayle, Gooding, Foxon, Kerrick, Wrigley, Maule, Bilton, all of 1536; Sergeant-Major Butler, 1789; West, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The dinner was simple but satisfactory, and heartily enjoyed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, and then the provincial toasts followed, and were received in such a style as would have been most gratifying to the Provincial Grand Masters, Lord Holmesdale, and Bro. Eastes had they been present.

In responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Weston said that he could assure them that not only Lord Holmesdale, but the rest of the Grand Officers, took a great deal of interest in Masonry, especially for its welfare in the Province of Kent; and, while he regretted that there were so few lodges of instruction in the province, yet he felt proud to see that the lodge, of which he had the honour to be a Past Master, had such a grand and excellent lodge of instruction attached to it. Some six years ago, when he was in the chair of the mother lodge, the present lodge was started. Then Bros. Pownall and Croisdale, two excellent and renowned Masons, were appointed Preceptors. Those brethren being removed from Woolwich by the exigencies of the service, he and Bro. G. Spinks were appointed Preceptors, and although both of them had had to resign that position, the lodge was flourishing, and now that they had Bro. Gooding as their Preceptor, he felt sure that they would go on and prosper. He (Bro. Gooding) was so exalted a Mason that he trusted the day was not so far distant when he would receive his reward. He had discoursed a little from his text, but they had seen what an excellent Master he (Bro. Holleyman) had made in their mother lodge through attending their lodge of instruction, and he would ask them to show their appreciation of the same by drinking his health heartily.

The W.M., in reply, said that the first thing that he should do would be to pay a tribute of respect to the officers of the lodge, who had, by means of the lodge of instruction, shown themselves so worthy of the confidence reposed in them. It was all very well to know the theory of Masonic ritual, but they must do the working part to be perfect, and that perfectness was only to be obtained by attending lodges of instruction. All he knew had been learnt in lodges of instruction, and he must say that he was deeply indebted to P.M.G. Davis, of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, for being in a position to fulfil the

duties of the chair he now occupied; and he fervently asked them all to so fit themselves, through what they could gain in lodges of instruction, for the high office that might some day be conferred upon them.

The next toast was that of the "Past Masters of the United Military Lodge," and in putting it the W.M., in the course of a lengthy and effective speech, paid a high compliment to Bro. Weston and Spinks, referring in eloquent terms to the great and valuable assistance one of their Past Masters, B. Deeves, was giving to Masonry in Natal.

Bro. Spinks, in response, said he felt proud to hear the W.M. speak so highly of Bro. Deeves, who was at the present time 8000 miles away from them. Bro. Deeves was at Petermaritzburg, and there he was the ruling spirit among the four lodges in that province. In the lodge he there belonged to there were upwards of 100 members, and Bro. Deeves was Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction attached to it, and he (Bro. Spinks) felt sure that when Bro. Deeves heard, as he was sure to hear through the columns of the *Freemason*, how his name was remembered and his services appreciated by those around that table, his heart would be glad. As for himself, it had been alluded to by Bro. Weston that he should most likely stay in Woolwich. Well, if he was called upon to go away in the service of his country he would gladly go, but if he stayed he would promise them to do all he could to keep up the prosperity of the United Military Lodge. He had been away four years on service in Natal, and for the kind reception they had given him since his return home he cordially thanked them. He then by permission of the W.M., proposed the toast of the "Visitors," and in doing so spoke highly of the services of Bro. G. Davis, who he looked upon as the father of Freemasonry in this district.

Bro. Davis, in response, said he rose with a great deal of diffidence, because of the great praise showered upon him by the W.M. and Bro. Spink. It was now some twenty years ago since he was initiated into Freemasonry, and ten years ago he was asked to resuscitate Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction. At that time he was about entering the chair of his lodge, and felt the necessity of learning something of the working. At that time Masonic instruction was in the hands of a very few in Woolwich, and they were not too apt to impart their knowledge to others. In fact, so few knew outside their offices of Masonic ritual, that he knew of a time when a coach had to be sent for a certain Preceptor to come and open a lodge. This was all done with now, for he was proud to say that at the last meeting he attended of the United Military Lodge the W.M. called one of the more subordinate officers to fill the chair of S.W., and he did it admirably. He concluded by praising Bro. Gooding as an excellent Preceptor.

Bro. Cox, P.M., in the course of a brilliant speech, spoke of his love for Freemasonry and the strong bonds of affection that bound him to his old friends, "the gunners" of the Royal Artillery, and assured them that even if he had in the course of his duty to leave Woolwich, he should join the Ubique Lodge, so as to be still among those of his brethren in arms, with whom the best and happiest moments of his life had been passed. Bros. Scully and Butler also responded. The other toasts were: "The Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of Bro. Gooding, the preceptor, who replied; "The Secretary and Treasurer," responded to by Bro. Anderson; "The Masonic Press;" and "The Host," concluded a very pleasant evening.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, Bro. Stoddart being the W.M., supported by Bros. Fletcher, S.W.; Willis, J.W.; Hosken, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; Pocock, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Shaw, acting Sec.; Ward, Hasluck, Turner, Jones, Godwin, Morris, Moreton, Seton, Spearing, Marshall, Evans, Johnston, and Barnett.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second and resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Marshall, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Second Degree, he was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then gave the explanation of the second tracing board. After a "call off" the lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was closed down to the Second Degree, Bro. Fletcher being unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening the 28th ult., at the Prince Regent (Bro. Monks) Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a considerable attendance of brethren. In the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Bye, junr., who was attending his regular lodge, Bro. Hy. M. Williams, the Secretary of the lodge, was invited to take the chair, and was supported by the following: Bros. S. Richardson, S.W.; F. A. Smith, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; R. R. Johnstone, acting Sec.; Richard Poore, S.D.; H. Goodwin, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; also Bros. Pooler, Croucher, Knight, Howe, Harling, Hoare, Moss, Durham and others.

Lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of Initiation rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Howe as Candidate. Bro. Phillips gave proofs of his proficiency in this Degree and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Phillips being the Candidate.

On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. S. Richardson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bro. Richardson briefly thanked the brethren and appointed his officers in rotation.

"Heartly good wishes" having been expressed by the brethren, lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in peace and harmony until the following Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Most of the brethren remained for the social hour after labour, and some excellent songs were given by the musical talent of the lodge, Bro. A. W. Sebastian Hoare, of Trinity College, London, presiding at the pianoforte.

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the fact that the meeting that evening completed the first six months of the lodge's existence, that the number of members was exactly seventy, and that the

attendance at the weekly meetings most satisfactory. The officers of the lodge felt amply rewarded for their labours by the earnest manner in which the brethren worked the various ceremonies, the regular attendance of so many, and by the hearty good feeling existing in the lodge.

Royal Arch.

BATH—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall. The Board of Installed Principals was opened by Ex. Comps. Lawson Howes, P.Z.; Stuckey, H.; F. Wilkinson, J., in the absence of Ex. Comps. Ashley, Moutrie, Hearne, Hill, Becket, P.Z.'s, and Dr. Hopkins, P.Z., 328, 587, 710. This done, Comps. Radway, E. and Mercer, N. were admitted, and afterwards, Comps. Glover, Principal Sojourner, W. Peach, Senior Sojourner, and Bartlett, as Junior Sojourner; also Comps. Banks, Brown, Reynolds, and Bull. The chapter was then opened. Scribe E. read the summons convening the meeting, and subsequently the minutes of a regular convocation on April 18th, and of emergency chapters on Oct. 10th and Nov. 14th, all of which were confirmed. Many apologies for absence were announced by Z. and Scribe E. Ex. Comp. Stuckey proposed, and Ex. Comp. Hill seconded, the appointment of Ex. Comp. Howes as Z. paying a well merited compliment to him on the efficiency with which he had presided over the chapter during the past year, and especially on the manner in which he had conducted the recent Centenary celebration. The ballot proving unanimous in his favour, Ex. Comp. Howes briefly acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his determination to continue to merit the approval of the chapter, at the same time mentioning his obligation to Scribe E. for valuable assistance in the arrangements for the Centenary meeting on November 14th. The following appointments were also unanimously made by ballot. Ex. Comp. F. Wilkinson, as H.; Comp. Radway, as J.; Ex. Comp. Moutrie, as Treasurer. The last named, while thanking the companions for renewed confidence, said, that having completed his twentieth year of service as Treasurer, it was his desire to have some other companion appointed, but that he consented to continue at the earnest request of the M.E.Z. Comp. Mercer, as E.; Comp. Glover, as N.; Comp. W. Peach, as Principal Sojourner; Comp. Bigwood, as Janitor. Comps. Hill, Becket, and Mercer, were appointed auditors on the proposition of Ex. Comp. Hearne, seconded by Ex. Comp. F. Wilkinson.

Comp. Radway proposed, and Ex. Comp. F. Wilkinson seconded, a proposal that this chapter respectfully ask the W.M. of Lodge 41 to allow the old records to be placed in its iron safe, in which the documents of the lodge are deposited, with the understanding that they remain the property of this chapter and that the Principals for the time being have access to them when necessary. Comp. Radway, added, that he had obtained a copy of the charter of compact of 1767, which should be included with the above. The proposal was carried.

Comp. Radway proposed that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. and Ex. Comp. Hughan, should be elected Hon. Members of the chapter. The former was seconded by Ex. Comp. Ashley, and the latter by Comp. Mercer. No other business offering the chapter was closed.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—The regular convocation of the above chapter was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on the 20th ult. The following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. E. Stower Hewett, M.E.Z.; Thomas Smith (Barrs Court) H.; G. R. Gordon, J.; Theophilus Lane, P.Z.; Orlando Shellard, P.Z., Treas.; Thomas Handford, S.N.; John Marchant, P.S.

A Past P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Theo. Lane for his services for the past year, and a jewel was also voted to Comp. W. E. Rowe for his services as Scribe E.

WANDERERS' CHAPTER (No. 1604).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. There were present: Comps. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; George Boulton, H.; William Vincent, J.; W. H. Baker, S.E.; F. Wray, S.N.; Charles Fuller, Treas.; Edmund Seale, J. Gibson, W. Sitch, and several other members.

The minutes taken at the September convocation were confirmed and signed. The companions then balloted for the admission of Bro. Brindley, J.W. of the Wanderers' Lodge. The M.E.Z. having declared the result to be in favour of the candidate, stated that Bro. Brindley regretted his inability to attend the chapter that evening but hoped to do so at the next convocation.

The motion of Comp. Baker that the sum of ten shillings be paid annually for the use of the harmonium in the chapter-room was unopposed. Attention was next directed to the reading of the bye-laws. Propositions having been made the chapter was closed. A dinner was afterwards served to the companions at Freemasons' Tavern.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on the evening of the 20th ult., in the Masonic-rooms, Athenæum. The chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by Ex. Comp. Duff, there being also present: Ex. Comps. Ellershaw, Kellard, J.; Stanton, S.E.; Wilde, S.N.; Longman, P.Z., P.P. P.S.; Hall, P.Z.; and Bayley, P.S. The visitors included Ex. Comp. Mavson, P.Z.; and others.

After the rendering of the minutes of the previous meeting, a ballot was taken in favour of Bro. Thos. Atkinson, J.W., Morecombe Lodge, No. 1561, and being unanimous he was duly exalted by the M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Hall gave the mystical lecture, and the other principals gave those pertaining to their respective offices.

After a vote of thanks had been accorded to Ex. Comp. Hall for the admirable manner in which he went through the mystical portion of, the ceremony, the chapter was closed in due form.

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.]

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This successful lodge held a meeting on the 24th ult. at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present among others: Bro. Haynes, P.G.S., W.M.; John Mason, P.P.G.M.O., Middx. and Surrey, P.M. acting S.W.; Lawson, J.W.; J. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., Middx. and Surrey, P.M. and Treasurer; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M. Sec.; Page, S.O.; Harris, S.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Potter, Tyler. The visitors were: Bros. Frederick Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M., and Pitt, P.M. Croydon Lodge, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. Rickwood, P.M. 192, and Baker, 1326, and it proving to be unanimous, the former brother, who was in attendance, was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the Secretary. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Secretary, resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Goodall, Baldwin and Potter. Bros. Taylor, Skinner and Rickwood, having been elected auditors, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the out-going master. Several communications from Bros. Goodall, Pearson, Baker and others having been read, apologizing for non-attendance, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Bro. Gilbert.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Walters, and "The Provincial Grand Officers" by Bros. Mason and Baldwin.

The toast of "The W.M." followed, and Bro. Haynes having briefly replied, and having to leave on urgent business, resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Walls, who presided during the remainder of the evening.

Upon the suggestion of Bro. John Mason, collector of the R.M.B.I., an association for the furtherance of the object of the charitable institutions was formed, and each member of the Hammersmith Mark Lodge agreed to act on the committee.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; C. Brown, acting S.W.; J. H. Dodson, J.W. and Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M., acting Secretary; F. Farrington, M.O.; W. E. Farrington, S.O.; W. Farrington, Organist; F. H. Clemow, Dudley, W. H. Saunders, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Chambers, 1589, which proved to be unanimous, but through unavoidable circumstances the candidate was prevented from attending. A meeting of the Audit Committee having been arranged for the 29th inst., the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bro. Walls having responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," then gave "The W.M.," who briefly replied.

The toast of "The Visitor" was warmly proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged in a few well-chosen terms by Bro. Keith-Frith, of the Panmure Lodge.

"The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

INSTRUCTION.

OLD KENT LODGE.—A preliminary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., which was well attended, the ceremony being rehearsed under the presidency of Bro. D. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Mark Secretary. It was then resolved that the regular meetings of the lodge should be held on the first and third Mondays in each month, in accordance with which the members will assemble on Monday evening next, at Bro. Medworth's, Crown and Cushion, London-wall, at half-past six o'clock.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 25th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Ill. Bros. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, P.M.W.S., in the chair; W. J. Thompson, 30°, 1st Gen.; C. S. Lane, 30°, 2nd Gen.; Bros. J. D. Murray, G.M.; J. D. Richardson, A.D.C.; W. Nicholl, C. of G.; A. Jefferis, Org.; R. D. Brook, Stwd.; Ill. Bros. J. W. Taylor, 30°, P.M.W.S.; R. Harwood, 30°, P.M.W.S.; T. Morris, P.M.W.S.; Bros. J. Bollard, R. H. Swindlehurst, Frank A. Huet, G. Ferguson. Visitors: Ill. Bros. Thomas Chorlton, 30°, Palatine Chapter, and Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, 33°, Inspector-General Northern District.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, a communication was read from the S.C., intimating the appointment of Ill. Bro. Capt. Beswicke-Royds to the position of Inspector-General of the Northern Counties, and requiring the brethren to render him due fealty, submission, and obedience. Bro. Beswicke-Royds was warmly congratulated by the brethren and saluted with honours.

The following brethren were balloted for and approved: Bros. Robert Barlow Seddon, 1335; William Johnson 1335; William Hiram Horrocks, 1354; Benjamin Thomson, 1384. Bro. Thomson, being in attendance, was perfected and saluted as a Rose Croix Mason.

A resolution was passed expressing the deep sympathy of the brethren with Ill. Bro. Thomas Entwistle, 30°, in his serious affliction, coupled with an earnest hope that his valuable life may be spared and be permitted to be as useful to the Masonic world in the future as it had been in the past.

The chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, as Garter King-at-Arms, officiated at the investiture, on Friday week last, at Windsor Castle, by the Queen, of the Orders of the Bath, Star of India, St. Michael and St. George, and Indian Empire. Bro. Sir Albert Woods presented to Her Majesty the various insignia.

THE LATE BRO. C. EDWARDS AMOS, C.E.

We have received a copy of the memoir of the late Bro. Charles Edwards Amos, C.E., compiled by his son, Bro. James C. Amos, at the request of the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Arts, and other bodies with which our deceased brother was connected. It is in the highest degree interesting, not only as showing how a man of ability and energy may succeed in reaching the highest rung of the professional ladder, but also because it describes the career of a thoroughly self-made man, who was indebted for the fortune he ultimately rose to, under Providence, his own unaided efforts.

The late Bro. Amos, who was born 27th November, 1815, although connected by blood both on the father's and mother's side with some of the older Fen families, was of comparatively humble origin, his father, a farmer, beginning life as a kind of bailiff or manager. When yet a mere boy, young Amos spent many hours in the workshop of his grandfather, Mr. Edward Sharpe, a millwright and carpenter, of Ely, his birthplace, and this, no doubt, determined him in his ambition to adopt some mechanical occupation as his means of living. However, after having received the merest smattering of education, he was employed by his father as a farm hand, in which capacity, at all events, he acquired a knowledge of agricultural implements and operations, which served him in good stead in his after career. At eighteen, he apprenticed himself to a Mr. John Wilkinson, millwright and machine-maker, at Elm, and in his service acquired a competent knowledge of windmills, sluicework, threshing machines, &c. At twenty-two, he obtained employment with Mr. Beamont, of Ramsey, Hunts, and a little later joined Mr. John Clark, of Houghton, under whom he gained great experience in the construction of corn mills, water-wheels, &c.

About 1829 he transferred his services to Mr. Joseph Jordan, of Hestonfordbury, who at the time was engaged in steam-engine and other machinery work for Mr. Creswick, at the Hatfield Paper Mills. In time, he became the latter's engineer, and removed with him to the Iron Mills, Wandsworth, where he constructed and erected a compound beam-engine for Mr. George Dives's Corn Mills, Battersea. This led ultimately, to his forming a partnership, in 1836, with Mr. James Easton, as mill-wrights, engineers, and lead pipe manufacturers, at the "Grove" Works, Southwark, the compound engine just mentioned being a leading speciality. Hensforward the reputation of the firm increased rapidly; among the many inventions being a compound marine engine, a knitter or pulp-strainer, and a single sheet cutting machine, for use in paper mills, &c. In hydraulic work they were equally successful, and designed and arranged the hydraulic machinery for raising the tubes of the Conway and Britannia tubular Bridges.

In 1849, Bro. Amos established the system of engine trials on the "Prony" brake, and the same year was awarded a gold medal of the Royal Agricultural Society for his dynamometer for determining the dynamic effort required to work a winch-driven implement. In 1854 he invented his rotary dynamometer, and in 1857 constructed the machinery used in laying the first Atlantic cable. Other inventions and improvements followed, all of which tended to strengthen the reputation of the firm.

On retiring from business, Bro. Amos engaged in various congenial pursuits, until old age crept on him, and he died peacefully at his residence at Clapham, on 12th August last, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was a member of the societies we have named, as well as of several others. He was a juror at the Paris Exhibition of 1855; of the London Exhibition of 1862; and of the Agricultural Concourse, at Paris, in 1856, receiving in each case the diplomas and gold medals presented to such jurors. He was similarly rewarded for his attendance at the Agricultural Exhibition of Sweden and Norway, held at Gothenburg, in 1871, and also received from the King (Charles XV.) the Cross of the Order of Vasa. In short, he was as much respected by his colleagues as he was beloved by his family and friends, and no wonder. The self-made man of humble origin—of whom there are few now living, and likely to be fewer still—had raised himself to be a leader and benefactor of men.

As a Mason, he took great interest in the Craft during his twenty years' connection with it. He was initiated in 1862 in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, Surrey, and rose to be its W.M. He was joining member of Moria Lodge, No. 92, was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Grove Chapter, No. 410, and installed a Knight Templar in the Grove Encampment in 1866. He was also a Life Governor of, and had served as a Festival Steward for each of our Charitable Institutions. We thank Bro. J. C. Amos for affording us the opportunity of showing our respect for so worthy a man and Craftsman as his late father.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

CORBETT.—On the 26th ult., at Knapp-hill, Woking, the wife of R. C. Corbett, of a son.

DRAKE.—On the 24th ult., at Wokingham, Berks, the wife of M. Drake of a daughter.

KIRBY.—On the 29th ult., at Elvaston-place, Queen's-gate, Mrs. A. Kirby, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GOULD—BULL.—On the 25th ult., at the parish church, Seaford, George Ernest Gould, of Calcutta, British India, to Bena, daughter of W. Bull, Esq., of Hardwicke House, Seaford.

MULLIN—FINCO.—On the 28th ult., at the Church of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, James Mullin, M.A., M.D., M.Ch., L.M., late O.C.I., of Cookstown, to Annie, widow of the late E. Finco, of Rome.

DEATHS.

COLE-HAMILTON.—On the 26th ult., at Bournemouth, Capt. William Cole-Hamilton, aged 49.

HUTT.—On the 24th ult., at Appley Towers, Ryde, Isle of Wight, the Right Hon. Sir William Hutt, K.C.B.

SHERGILL.—On the 28th ult., at 18, Canonbury-grove, Bro. George Ralph Shergill, aged 55.



The Novelty is fixed to be opened on the 9th inst. with comic opera and comedieta by Bro. Byron. There will be a ballet and chorus of Nautch Girls in "The Parsee's Daughter." Mr. Calcott is the painter of the Indian scenery.

We are glad to announce that the Olympic will not remain closed until Miss Genevieve Ward opens the house in January. Miss Marie de Grey will occupy it for a few nights with "Adrienne Lecouvreur," commencing on the 7th inst.

At the Vaudeville next Saturday "The Rivals" will be performed in the morning, probably with a view to taking the place of "Money" in the evening performance. The whole powerful Vaudeville Company will be included in the cast. This will be the first time Sheridan's comedy, of "The Rivals," has been performed here.

Mr. Gladstone has granted £100 a year to Miss Fanny Kelly, the celebrated actress, who is in her ninety-second year, out of the Civil List. Miss Kelly made her debut on the stage so long ago as 1799, and was intimate with Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Siddons, Mr. Kemble, Edmund Kean, and Munden.

Mr. Wills, who is responsible for a new version of "Jane Eyre," is likely to bring his play out at the Globe, to follow "The Promise of May." The play is taken from Miss Bronte's novel, already adapted by Bro. James Willing for the stage. This will make it specially interesting, as one will be able to compare the two authors. Mr. Wills is often assisted in his writings by his brother, the vicar of St. Agatha's, Finsbury.

Mr. Gilbert's comedy, "Tom Cobb," it is said, may be revived at the Globe.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and Prince Louis of Battenberg (a lieutenant in the Royal Navy) attended the performance of the Poet Laureate's drama last week.

Bro. Henry Irving has handed a cheque for £550 to Mr. Creswick, as the result of the recent special morning performance of "Much Ado about Nothing," for his (Mr. Creswick's) benefit. Mr. Wilson Barrett, in applying for a ticket, handed in a cheque for £50 in payment.

Bro. Bancroft will change the Haymarket programme frequently during the next few months. The copyright of Robertson's plays coming to an end next year, the whole of them will be revived at this theatre. "Caste" will probably be the first, and produced in January. "School," "Ours," "Society," &c., will follow later on. We hear Miss Calhoun, the American actress, is engaged to play here.

The St. James's will open in a few days with "Impulse," the new drama by Mr. Bolton Rowe. This will be followed by a piece from Messrs. Val Prinsep and Mr. G. Wills, called "Cotton Gown." Bro. and Mrs. Kendal, and Mr. Hare will be welcomed back after their lengthy absence from London.

By the will of the late Mr. Douglass, the Standard Theatre, Shoreditch, was put up for sale, but the reserve price not being reached, it was bought in. We understand that Bro. Richard Douglass is anxious with his brother to continue to be the lessees of the theatre. Colonel Haverley, the owner of several American theatres, is anxious also to become its possessor.

Bro. Edwin Terry has lately been playing at Exeter in burlesque and comedy. He will appear at the Gaiety, on the 11th inst., in "Little Fra Diavolo" and Sheridan's "Critic." "Robin Hood" will be withdrawn, and make its appearance at the Princess's Theatre, Manchester, which is under Bro. Hollingshead's management.

Drury Lane closes to-night, and will remain shut up until the Christmas pantomime, "Sinbad," is brought out. This will be on an elaborate scale, and, therefore, requires the house to close.



Mr. Charles Hallé was present at an influential public meeting, convened by the Mayor of Oldham, on Wednesday last, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of the Royal College of Music. Subscriptions amounting to £280 were announced by the town clerk, and it was resolved to raise funds sufficient to endow a close or open scholarship.

The collection made on Saturday last at St. Patrick's Church, Hove, in aid of the funds of the Royal College of Music amounted to over £112. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh was to have been present, and taken part in the concert, but his illness prevented him leaving Eastwell.

There was a meeting of the Cardiff Committee on Thursday week, for the purpose of discussing how the surplus profits, if any, of the forthcoming Eisteddfod should be distributed. A deputation of the National

Eisteddfod Association from London was present, and it was decided ultimately that the funds should be deposited with the Association for Eisteddfod purposes.

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolseley and their daughter, accompanied by several officers of the General's staff, were present on Thursday last at the fifth and last ballad concert of Mr. Clement Hoey's series, at the Royal Victoria Hall. The band of the 1st Life Guards under Herr Van der Heuvel, played a selection of popular music, in addition to the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia," after which they made way for the vocalists, among whom were Signora Gertrude Bendazzi, Miss Adele Myers, Madame Evans Warwick, Mr. D. Lewis and Mr. Lucas Williams, Signor Li Calsi being conductor and accompanist. There was a crowded and fashionable audience, and the concert passed off most successfully.

The first concert of Mr. John Boosey's seventeenth season of Lodon ballad music took place at St. James's Hall on Wednesday last, when a long and varied programme calculated to meet the taste of a ballad-loving audience was capitally rendered. The first part included several new compositions, of which Warner's "To the woods" sung by Miss Damian; Molloy's "Always together" by Madame Antoinette Sterling; and Blumenthal's "Thy Hand is mine" by Mr. Lloyd, achieved each of them a decided success. In the second part Marzials "If only" by Miss Damian; "Phyllis is my only joy" by Mr. Lloyd, and "A Sailor Lad" by Miss Davies, were encored.

It was, no doubt, owing to the unfavourable state of the weather that a larger audience was not present in St. James's Hall on Thursday evening last, on the occasion of Mr. Geaussen's first concert during the present season. An excellent, albeit a somewhat mixed, programme was given, the artistes, vocal and instrumental, and the choir for the most part, fulfilling their several parts with success. Among the chief features of interest were Schubert's Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd," neatly rendered by sixteen ladies, and Mendelssohn's cantata for male voices, "To the sons of art." The choir especially distinguished itself in Hatton's "Indian maid," and Blumenthal's "Gather ye rosebuds," notwithstanding the latter was taken at an exaggerated pace. Messrs. Lloyd and King and Miss Clara Samuelson won great applause by their meritorious rendering of "Adelaide," Benedict's "Rage, thou angry storm," and "Waiting for the King," respectively. There was but one instrumental piece, a duo concertante in G for pianos, by Mr. C. E. Stephens, which was played by the composer in association with Mr. Geaussen, the first and third movements possessing merit of a high order. Mr. Sidney Naylor and Mr. Herbert Waite presided efficiently, the former at the organ and the latter at the pianoforte.

The offer made by the Royal College of Music for the valuable library of the Sacred Harmonic Society has been accepted.

The Royal Society of Musicians gave their annual performance of the "Messiah," in St. James's Hall on Friday week with great success, Mr. Barnby being, for the first time, entrusted with the duties of conductor. The society for the last hundred and forty-five years has been the means of relieving aged and distressed members of the musical profession, their widows and orphans, the amount annually disbursed in this work of beneficence being nearly £3500, while the cost of management is only about £300 a year. But though it has considerable funded property it is unable to meet the demands on its resources without extraneous help, and hence the performance of Friday week.

Mr. George Watts's fourth Philharmonic Concert at the Dome, Brighton, on Monday, was most enjoyable. An admirable programme was as admirably rendered, among the artistes being Madame Albani and Mr. Sims Reeves.

On Saturday next Gounod's "Redemption" will be repeated at the Royal Albert Hall. The artistes will include Mesdames Albani and Patey, Miss Edith Santley, Mr. E. Lloyd, Mr. Pyatt, and Bro. Santley. Organist, Dr. Stainer; conductor, Mr. Barnby.

On Saturday, the 16th instant, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh will take advantage of his visit to Liverpool for the purpose of opening the Home for Aged Mariners at Egremont, to address a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor, with a view to advancing the interests of the Royal College of Music. In the evening there will be a concert for the same object in the Philharmonic Hall by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society of London, in which His Royal Highness will take a conspicuous part.

According to the *City Press* upwards of 1,500 students are industriously pursuing their studies in the Guildhall College of Music.

There was a rather larger attendance at the Brighton Aquarium last week, in consequence of the services of Miss Maggie Okey, as pianist, having been engaged.

Miss Kuhe's concert in the Dome, Brighton, on Saturday last was a grand success, and long before it began every seat was occupied, and people anxious to be present were turned away. The programme was a most liberal one, and loud was the applause which greeted the successive efforts of such popular exponents of song as Bro. Santley, Mr. Lloyd, Madame Antoinette Sterling, and the Misses Robertson, and had it been possible, no doubt many of the numbers would have been encored. The exceptional feature of the concert, however, was the presence of Bro. Henry Irving, whose reading of Hood's "Dream of Eugene Aram," and the scene between the child Copperfield and the Waiter, the two contrasting marvellously together, was received with the utmost enthusiasm.



A large and influential meeting was held on Wednesday last, at Cardiff, with reference to the claims of that town to be the seat of the University College for South Wales, Swansea being the rival claimant. On the motion of the Dean of Llandaff, it was resolved that the Mayor should communicate with the Swansea committee, in order to ascertain if it agreed to the appointment of Mr. Mundella, M.P., as arbitrator in the matter.

Members of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-colours have had the distinction of a diploma conferred on them by Her Majesty.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Alan S. Cole delivered the first of two lectures on the Art of Lacemaking, at the Royal Manchester Institution. The lecture was very interesting, and was listened to with approval by the audience.

A deputation from the British Medical Association waited on Lord Carlingford, Lord President of the Council, on Wednesday last, to lay before his lordship their views on medical education on the bases of the report of the Royal Commission. In reply, Lord Carlingford admitted that legislation was necessary, and said he should be disappointed if something were not done next session; and Mr. Mundella, M.P., who was present expressed a hope that the House of Commons would be in a position to deal shortly with this and other pressing questions.

The annual meeting of the Honorable Society of Cymmrodorion, which was founded some one hundred and twenty years since for the encouragement of literature, science, and art, especially in connection with the Welsh Principality, was held last week at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Mr. Stephen Evans. The report showed that nearly a hundred gentlemen, including some of the most distinguished archaeologists, antiquarians, and historians of the day had been added to the list of members, the number of which amounted now to 382. On the other hand, the society had sustained severe losses through the deaths of Sir Hugh Owen and Mr. Joseph Edwards. The financial statement showed a balance of about £150 in favour of the society. After the meeting the members dined together, Mr. Lewis Morris, M.A., author of the "Epic of Hades," presiding in the absence of Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Salop.

Some of those supposed to have been concerned in the murder of Bro. Professor Palmer and his associates, Captain Gill and Lieutenant Charrington, have been arrested, and handed over to the British Consul at Suez.

The *Times* correspondent at Berlin states that the Prussian Government purchased the Hamilton manuscripts for £80,000.

It appears that over two million readers visited the Manchester libraries during the year just ended, books being issued to nearly one half of them, while the remainder were presumably content with reading the periodicals on the tables. The attendance on Sundays averaged about 4000. Four of the libraries have reading-rooms for boys attached, and these have used in the twelve months not far short of 200,000 volumes.

On Sunday last in the Great Hall, Skinner-street, Bishopsgate, the drawings by students in the City School of Art, for which prizes and certificates of commendation have been given, were exhibited, together with examples of design lent by the Department of Science and Art, South Kensington, the presence of the latter showing that the Directors of the Museum, though they are not allowed to open their courts and galleries, greatly sympathize with the objects of the Sunday Society. The exhibition, which will be open to the public to-morrow (Sunday) from 2.30 p.m. till 6 p.m., has been promoted by the clergy, and notably by the Rev. W. Rogers, Chairman, and the Rev. R. H. Hadden, Hon. Secretary of the School, both of whom, with Major Bowman, of the City Police, were present.

A movement has been set on foot with a view to purchasing from Miss Leech some original drawings by the late John Leech, for the Royal Manchester Institution; and on Saturday last a meeting was held in Manchester, under the presidency of Mr. Oliver Heywood, who remarked that from the manner in which the proposal had been received he was inclined to look forward with confidence to its success. Among those who are favourable to the idea and have promised to assist in carrying it out, are the Duke of Devonshire and Bro. the Earl of Derby, who each subscribe £20, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts subscribing £10, and Sir F. Leighton, F.R.A., Mr. Millais, R.A., Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., and Bro. Henry Irving.

Lord Aberdare presided at the meeting of the Royal Geographical Society at the University of London, Burlington Gardens, on Monday evening, when Mr. Freshfield, one of the Secretaries, read a paper by Mr. Lessar, the Russian Surveyor, which showed that it was quite feasible to construct a railway from the Caspian Sea to Herat, the preferable route from Askabad being via Sarakhs and Kusaen rather than Mashad. A letter was read from General Venukoff, who is said to be the greatest living authority in Central Asia, to the effect that Russia did not desire and, in fact, was unable to menace England's great Indian dependency. Sir H. Rawlinson looked with distrust upon the proposal, and trusted it would not be carried out, at all events until England had constructed a line to the same place from Sibi, by way of Quetta and Candahar. Sir Bartle Frere and Sir Richard Temple expressed concurrence with Sir Henry's views, while Sir Henry Norman thought that whatever difficulties might arise, the British authorities would be able to cope with, and overcome them.



It is with very great regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Samuel George Homfray, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Monmouthshire. We shall give a full sketch of his Masonic career next week; but, in the meantime, we beg to express our sympathy, in the time of their bereavement, with the family of our deceased brother.

At a meeting of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679 (Bro. W. F. Darnell, W.M.), a handsome Treasurer's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Bagot Scriven, P.M., Treas., as a token of regard, and in appreciation of that brother's eminent services to the lodge.

The audit supper of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, will be held on Friday next, the 8th prox., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, when a large attendance is expected, and some business of importance will be transacted.

At a Court of Assistants of the Shipwrights' Company, held on Wednesday the 22nd ult., Colonel and Alderman Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.A., F.S.A., was unanimously elected master for the ensuing year.

The Mizpah Lodge ball will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Friday, January 26th, 1883.

Bro. G. M. Tweddell, of Stokesley, whose literary contributions to Freemasonry have been so long and favourably known, is publishing a volume of a hundred Masonic sonnets, illustrative of the principles of the Craft.

We regret to announce the death, on the 28th ult., of Bro. George Ralph Sherrill, P.M. Our deceased brother was well-known in the Craft and much respected. The funeral will take place this day (Saturday) at Woking Cemetery, and we have no doubt many brethren will pay the last tribute of fraternal regard by attending. The train starts from Westminster Bridge-road at 11.45 a.m.

To-day (Friday) is the anniversary of the Princess of Wales's birthday, H.R.H. having been born 1st December, 1844. A dance will be held at Sandringham in honour of the event.

The officers, non-commission officers, and men of the Indian Contingent lately serving in Egypt, terminated their visit to this country on Wednesday, when they embarked on board the P. and O. Company's steamer, Ganges, for India.

Bro. Broadley was informed on Tuesday by the Cairo Prosecution Committee, that the trial of Arabi and his associates has been definitively arranged to commence on Thursday next, the 7th inst.

On Wednesday Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Albany, visited Netley Hospital, where lie many of the sick and wounded who served during the campaign in Egypt. Her proposed visit to Haslar Hospital has been abandoned, as all the wounded patients have recovered, with the exception of Lieutenant Purvis, of the Penelope, who is almost convalescent.

Bro. Lord and Lady Lilford have just sustained a great bereavement by the death, on Saturday last, in the twenty-second year of his age, of their eldest son, the Hon. Thomas Atherton Powys.

It is announced that the Empress of Austria will again visit Cheshire during the hunting season, and will, as at previous visits, take up her residence at Combermere Abbey, the seat of Bro. Viscount Combermere. Her Majesty is expected to arrive early in January.

The annual ball of the Finsbury Cricket Club passed off successfully, on Friday last, at Bro. Bond's, 813, the Manor Rooms, Hackney, N. Bro. J. Speaight supplied a capital programme of dance music, himself acting as leader. An excellent supper was served by Bro. Bond, and dancing was resumed until three o'clock. The arrangements reflected great credit upon the Committee, including Bro. R. J. Tucker, P.M., Treasurer; Mr. J. Denton, Secretary; and Messrs. G. P. Mawditt and J. Bastow, M.C.'s, &c., and resulted in the thorough enjoyment of many brethren and their fair partners in the mazy dance.

The festivities in connection with the coming of age of Lord Dungarvon, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, have been continued on to the present.

The Elcho Challenge Shield, having been won this year at Wimbledon by the English team, will be handed over to the custody of Bro. the Lord Mayor on Saturday next, the 9th inst.

The Birmingham Cattle Show opened at Bingley Hall on Saturday last, among the exhibitors being the Queen and the Prince of Wales. Her Majesty has been awarded the first prize of £50 for the best shorthorn in the show, while His Royal Highness secured second prize in the steers and heifers, Devon classes.

On Saturday, on the occasion of his return to Bagshot Park, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, received a most cordial welcome from the inhabitants, to whom he expressed thanks for their reception of him on his return from Egypt.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have returned to Sandringham Hall, after their visit to Lord and Lady Walsingham at Merton.

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 strapping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skilful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a specialty. 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.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, and Mr. Sheriff Savory, will give the Sheriff's Inaugural Banquet in the Goldsmith's Company's Hall, by permission of the Court of the company, of which the Junior Sheriff is a member. Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., W. Bro. W. McCullough-Torrens, M.P., Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., Bro. Sir James Mc Garel Hogg, M.P., have all accepted invitations.

Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., has been elected a trustee of the Sons of the Clergy Corporation, in the place of Alderman Finnis, who has retired, from infirmity of age.

Bros. Colonel Dundas, Major T. D. Sewell, and Sir Reginald Hanson, the honorary Colonel, attended the annual dinner of present and past officers of the Fourth Battalion City of London Regiment.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., has been presented by the Committee of the Licensed Victuallers' School with an illuminated vote of thanks for taking the chair at the last festival in the summer.

Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., and Bro. the Speaker, were amongst the guests at the dinner of the Middle Temple on Grand Day. The benchers included Bro. A. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Bro. Filbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex.

Bro. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and Bro. the Rt. Hon. H. Cecil Raikes attended the meeting of the Central Council of Diocesan Conferences, held at the National Society's rooms.

Lady Edwards, mother of the wife of the Prov. G. Master of Durham, Colonel the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., died, on the 22nd ult., at Plus Machynlleth, North Wales, after a lengthened illness, aged eighty-one.

The M.W. Grand Master has contributed £50, the R.W. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. Oxford, £20, and Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, £100, to the Egyptian War Fund, raised by Lady Taylor.

R.W. Bro. J. A. Shaw-Stewart, P.G.M. Scotland, has given £230 to the Pusey Memorial Fund, and Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.G.D., ten guineas.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the chairman of the committee to raise a memorial to the late Dean of Windsor, the Hon. Dr. Wellesley.

Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Earl of Kintore, G.W. Scotland, D.G.M. M.M. England, 33, the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, R. Cochrane-Patrick, M.P., and Sir Archibald Campbell, P.G.M. Renfrewshire East, supported the Marquis of Salisbury on the occasion of the banquet in his honour, held in the Corn Exchange, in Edinburgh, last week.

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolsley were present at the fourth of the series of five ballad concerts at the Royal Victoria Coffee Music Hall.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson was returned top of the poll for the School Board, City Division, with 6792 votes, and Mr. H. C. Richards, who is nominated for initiation into Freemasonry, came next with 6372, these are both new members and likely to do much good on the Board from their past experience as citizens and men of business. Bro. the Hon. Charles Darby failed to be returned for Chelsea. Bro. Deputy J. E. Saunders, P.G.D. was returned second on the poll for Greenwich.

Bro. the Right Hon. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., presided at the recent winding-up meeting of the Married Women's Property Committee, at Willis's. During the last session of Parliament a Bill has been passed giving married women complete control over their property, and so liable also for their own debts. The object having been obtained the Committee has dissolved.

Messrs. Gladwell Bros., announce the opening on Monday next of a Winter Exhibition of Water Colour Drawings and Etchings at their City of London Fine Art Gallery, 20, Gracechurch-street. The exhibition will include many important examples of our British artists, and a choice collection of modern etchings.

CITY OF LONDON BONDS.—The Corporation of London, through their Chamberlain, advertise the discharge of certain bonds issued for public works and improvements, amounting to £182,600; also the renewal of bonds for £305,600, option of renewal to be exercised within a specified period.

At the important Wine Exhibition recently held at Bordeaux, we notice that Messrs. Périnet et Fils have been awarded a silver medal for their Champagnes.

The Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, at Slough, has recently been presented with a portrait of the illustrious astronomer, Sir William Herschel, from whom the lodge takes its name. The picture, which is an oil painting handsomely framed, is the gift of Sir William Herschel, the grandson of the astronomer, and has been received by the lodge with gratitude and satisfaction. Undoubtedly the people of Slough and its neighbourhood are ever ready to take pride in the fact that so renowned and famous an astronomer once dwelt in their town, and there followed his favourite pursuit, and that discoveries invaluable to the scientific world, and of great interest to all posterity, were made by him whilst living at the well-known house on the Windsor-road, which also bears his name. This has been acknowledged by the brethren on the founding of a lodge in the town, and they have chosen for the distinguishing name of the lodge that of the great astronomer. They, therefore, fully appreciate the great compliment received at the hands of Sir William Herschel, by the presentation of this portrait, which will be placed in the lodge room. The picture, at the request of the present baronet, bears the inscription: "Wilhelm Herschel, ob. 25th August, 1822, presented by his grandson."

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. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, W.M. Trinity College Lodge, preached, on Sunday evening last, at St. Phillips's Church, Regent-street.

Bro. the Emperor of Germany called in person at the Palace of Potsdam, on Thursday week last, to offer his congratulations to the Crown Princess on her attaining her forty-second birthday. Bro. the Crown Prince entertained his father at luncheon.

We are requested to state that the annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, will be held on the 13th inst., at six o'clock, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets may be obtained of the Secretary, Bro. J. D. Langton, Lancaster House, Savoy, W.C.

The Countess of Dalkeith, daughter of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, received a portrait of her husband, presented by his friends and old constituents of Midlothian, last week. Lady Dalkeith, in thanking the gentlemen, spoke of the twenty-three years' happiness she had had since she became a member of the Duke of Buccleuch's family.

Bro. the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany will celebrate their silver wedding in January. It is probable that their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught will go over to Berlin for the occasion.

Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane is entertaining a large party for shooting at Taymouth Castle.

Bro. the Earl of March, P.G.S.W., with the Countess, have been paying a visit to Miss Featherstonhaugh, at Up Park.

Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., and the other Royal Commissioners on Technical Instruction, are now engaged in a thorough inspection of the system of technical education in Belgium.

Bros. the Rev. J. H. Smith, W. Squire, C.C., Captain Youll, Alderman Fowler, M.P., Henry Clarke, C.C., and Bro. Major T. D. Sewell were amongst the livery and guests invited to the banquet of the Spectacle Makers' Company, of which Bro. the Lord Mayor is a member.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., has been re-elected Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Lord Napier and Ettrick, father of Bro. the Hon. Mark Napier, one of Arabi's counsel, has taken a house at Bournemouth for the season. Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor has taken Knowle Lodge, and has left the Royal Bath Hotel.

Bro. Anthony Trollope, we are glad to say, is better, but his condition still causes the greatest anxiety.

R.W. Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn will remain at Baron's Court for the winter. The Duchess goes to Biarritz in the spring.

Mr. F. Gooch, brother of Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, P.G.M. Berks, died this week at Gateshead. He was an eminent engineer, and began his career in Sir George Stephenson's works at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Bro. J. T. Bedford, C.C., is an auditor of the House Property and Investment Company, and Bro. W. S. Gover, late member of the School Board, one of its directors.

Bro. Offley Wakeman has been appointed honorary correspondent for the diocese of Hereford, for the Dr. Pusey Memorial Fund.

R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, addressed a meeting at Richmond (Surrey), in connection with the St. John of Jerusalem Order, of which our brother is the Secretary. The Duke and Duchess of Teck were amongst the company.

Bro. R. C. Halse, C.C., has been appointed auditor of the Ward of Cheap Club. At its last meeting the new Alderman, Bro. Whitehead presided, and received a hearty welcome.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sheriff De Keyser, Col. Griffin, General Sir Henry Norman, Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, Prebendary Whittington and Sir George Bowyer, were amongst the guests of the Court of the Tallow Chandlers' Company on Thursday week, to meet Bro. the Lord Mayor.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Knight, has given ten guineas, and Bros. Alderman Sheriff De Keyser and Sir Reginald Hanson each five guineas, to the Clay Cross Colliery Disaster Fund, the first charitable fund opened at the Mansion House under the new Lord Mayor.

Bro. Hyde Clarke addressed the meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, held on Tuesday, at the Grosvenor Gallery. The President, Bro. the Duke of Manchester, occupied the chair.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, Lord of the Bed Chamber to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was amongst the guests staying at Lord Walsingham's seat, Newton Hall, last week, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., by the death of his aunt, Miss Rachel Fowler, of Melksham, Wilts, is the recipient of £10,000.

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolsley have been staying with the Earl of Northbrook, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Lady Emma Baring, at Stratton Park, Winchester, since their visit to Eastwell Park, the Duke of Edinburgh's seat.

Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. Cheshire, and Lady Tabley and suite, Bro. Sir George Elliott, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. and Bro. Baron de Worms, are amongst the latest fashionable arrivals at Brighton.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, December 9, 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, DECEMBER 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

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., 8.
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, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 60, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.
" 83, United of Prudence, Albion Tav.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Mark 224, Menatschin, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
Red Cross Premier, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, 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.
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, DECEMBER 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Grand Mark Lodge, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Strand.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., N. Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
St. Peter's, 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, DECEMBER 6.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zeland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot.,
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot. [Putney].
Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot. Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, Carr's Rest., 265, Strand.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square, 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-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
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, DECEMBER 8.

Grand Priory, Freemasons' Tav.
Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 509, Fitzroy, Hd.-qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
K.T. Precept, 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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., Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, 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.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
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, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle Hot., Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 9, 1882.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
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(b) Emperor Francis, born 1708, was husband of the famous Empress-Queen Maria Theresa, and Emperor of Germany, 1745-65. When Duke of Lorraine, he was initiated, in 1731, at an occasional lodge convened for the purpose at the Hague, Lord Chesterfield, our ambassador, Dr. Desaguliers, Past Grand Master, and others, being present. He was subsequently raised to the Degree of Master Mason at another special lodge at Houghton Hall, the seat of Sir Robert Walpole. He assisted in founding, and was a member of the Lodge "Drei Kanonen," of Vienna, in 1742, and it was owing, no doubt, to his goodwill towards it that Freemasonry was tolerably exempt from persecution during his consort's long reign of forty years. He is said to have been at the time of his death Grand Master of the Viennese Freemasons. His son, the Emperor Joseph, and his daughter, Caroline, Queen of Naples, were through him imbued with respect for the Society, and extended to it their protection.

(c) Washington Territory. — According to the latest returns we have seen of this Grand Lodge there are in its jurisdiction some thirty-five lodges, with an enrolled membership of over 1150. The receipts for the year are over 2800 dollars, and there is a Library Fund of over 400 dollars. We note also that the Charity Fund amounts to 36.50 dollars (£7 6s.), while the mileage and per diem expenses of members are set down as 987 dollars (£197 8s.).

(d) General Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the United States army during the American war of independence, and first President of the American Republic. He was born in 1732, and initiated into Freemasonry in the Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia, in 1752. In 1777 he was nominated to the office of M.W. Grand Master of Virginia, but declined the honour. In 1788 he was W. Master of the Alexandria Lodge, which since 1805 has borne the title of "Washington Alexandria." It was more than once suggested that he should be appointed General Grand Master of Masons in the United States, but the idea was never carried out.

(e) Georgia. — There are between 200 and 300 lodges, with a correspondingly strong force of subscribing members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. As to the latest statements of receipts and expenditure we have seen, the latter, though only to a very slight extent it is true, appears to exceed the former.

(f) New Jersey. — This was one of the North American Colonies, New York and Pennsylvania being the other two, over which Bro. Daniel Cox was appointed Provincial Grand Master by deputation granted in 1730 by Grand Master the Duke of Norfolk, but there is no evidence to show that Bro. Cox ever made use of his commission as regards New Jersey. There were lodges in it holding under different jurisdictions between 1761 and 1786, and it is said that the Marquis De Lafayette was made a Mason

DEC. + HISTORICAL CALENDAR. + 1882.

1	Fri.	H.R.H. Duke of Kent installed Grand Master "Ancients," 1813. Articles of Union between "Ancients" and "Moderns" ratified, and Lodge of Reconciliation (a) constituted, 1813.
2	Sat.	The Lodges of the Crowned Hope and St. Joseph announce to the Emperor Francis the provisional closing of their labours, 1794.
3	Sun.	Concordat between Grand Orient of France and Scottish General G. Lodge, A. and A. Rite, signed at Marshal Kellermann's palace, 1804.
4	Mon.	Circular from Supreme Council, A. and A. Rite, Charleston, U.S., giving an account of the establishment of the Rite, 1802.
5	Tu.	Prov. G. Lodge of New York ("Ancients") constitutes itself an independent Grand Lodge, 1782.
6	Wed.	Committee nominated by Grand Lodge ("Ancients"), Boston, U.S., to confer with the St. John's Grand Lodge, 1791.
7	Thur.	First German Lodge at Hamburg, afterwards named "Absalom," constituted 1737.
8	Fri.	Lodge Absalom, Hamburg, celebrates its centenary, 1837.
9	Sat.	H.R.H. Duke of Albany installed Past G.M.M.M. England and Wales, 1881.
10	Sun.	Lodge Royal York of Friendship, Berlin, solicits protection of King Frederick William III., 1797.
11	Mon.	Emperor Francis, (b) who was initiated at the Hague, in 1731, when Grand Duke of Tuscany, born 1708.
12	Tues.	Duc d'Antin, Prov. Grand Master of France under English Grand Lodge, died 1743.
13	Wed.	Grand Lodge of Washington Territory (c) constituted, 1858.
14	Thur.	Grand Orient and Supreme Council of France unite for purpose of giving a Fête in honour of General de Lafayette, 1830.
15	Fri.	Count de Clermont succeeds Duc d'Antin as Prov. G.M. France under English Grand Lodge, 1743.
16	Sat.	Royal Grand Lodge Heredom Kilwinning, Paris, declares Dr. Gerbier's patent of 1721 to be spurious, 1786.
17	Sun.	Prince Cambacères installed G. Maître Adjoint to Prince Joseph Buonaparte, 1805.
18	Mon.	General Washington (d) died, 1799.
19	Tues.	Askeri-Khan, Persian Ambassador in Paris, raised to degree of M.M., 1807.
20	Wed.	Grand Lodge of Georgia (e) constituted, 1786.
21	Thur.	H.R.H. Duke of Albany installed Z. of Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, in Friends in Council Chapter, 1881.
22	Fri.	Bro. Mossdorf, eminent German Masonic author, excluded from his lodge by Grand Lodge of Saxony, 1819.
23	Sat.	Grand Lodge of New Jersey (f) constituted. Chief Justice Brearley first G. Master, 1786.
24	Sun.	Funeral of General Washington, 1799.
25	Mon.	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin (g) constituted, 1843.
26	Tues.	Lord Coleraine (h) elected Grand Master, vice Earl of Inchiquin, 1727.
27	Wed.	Grand Lodge of Texas constituted. Bro. Aaron Jones first G.M., 1837.
28	Thur.	Sir Peter Parker, (i) Dep. G. Master, died, 1811.
29	Fri.	Lodge of Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, adopts stringent measures against the seceding journeymen Masons who had set up a separate lodge, 1714.
30	Sat.	Johnson proposes to the Chapters established by Rosa, in the name of the Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, to adopt his system. Many do so, and send him their warrants torn or cancelled, 1763.
31	Sun.	Lord Harnouester, (j) Prov. Grand Master in France, elected 1736.
		Bro. Wm. Vaughan, S.G.W., and afterwards Prov. G. Master North Wales, presents a cornelian seal, with the arms of the Society, to G. Lodge, 1741.
		Convention at Jena, under presidency of Johnson, when it was resolved that Freemasonry is an emanation from the Order of Knights Templar, 1763.
		Lodge de la Candeur, Paris, in which the Marquis de Fénélon was initiated, solemnly consecrated by the Grand Master in person, 1775.
		Grand Lodge of New York orders six months mourning for General Washington, 1799.
		Grand Lodge of British Columbia (k) constituted, with Bro. L. W. Powell first Grand Master, 1871.
		Sir Patrick Hume, of Polewarth, Bart., admitted member of Lodge of Edinburgh, 1667.
		Grand Lodge of the Netherlands constituted, 1756.
		Duke of Sussex, first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, 1813.
		Grand Lodge of New Brunswick (l) constituted, 1867.
		The Schaw Statutes promulgated, 1598; Supplementary Code, 1599.
		Grand Master's Union, (m) Berlin, established, 1839.
		King Frederick William of Prussia promises protection to Lodge Royal York of Friendship, 1797.
		Affiliation extended by Grand Orient of France to Grand Orient of Westphalia, 1811.
		Foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre laid by Grand Master George, Prince of Wales, 1809.

NOTES—continued.

in one at Morristown in 1777-S. In 1786 a convention was held at New Brunswick, when a Grand Lodge was established with Bro. David Brearley, Chief Justice of the State, as first Grand Master. The latest return in our possession shows a total membership of 11,374 brethren, while Grand Lodge has an invested fund of 6500 dollars (£1300).

(g) Wisconsin. — At the annual communication of this Grand Lodge in June, 1881, there were present representatives from one hundred and seventy-one lodges. The receipts for the two years 1880 and 1881, were in round figures, 5320 dollars (£1064), and the expenditure 4962 dollars (£992 8s.). The sum in hand at that date was 2802 dollars (£560 8s.).

(h) Lord Coleraine. — It was during his lordship's Grand Mastership that Grand Stewards were chosen, at the instance of Dr. Desaguliers, the number being restricted to twelve.

(i) Sir Peter Parker was succeeded in 1812, in the Deputy Grand Mastership, by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, who, the year following, on the resignation of George, Prince of Wales, was chosen Grand Master "Moderns."

(j) Lord Harnouester. — Who his lordship really was it is difficult to say; but he is represented to have succeeded the Earl of Derwentwater as Provincial Grand Master, France, in 1736, and was succeeded in that office, in 1738, by the Duc d'Antin. According to Besuchet, he was elected by the four Paris lodges, the Chevalier Ramsay being the Orator on the occasion.

(k) British Columbia has but six lodges, with a total number of 306 members on the roll. Its financial position appears to be exceedingly prosperous. Its Grand Lodge Fund shows receipts from all sources to the extent of over 764 dollars; Benevolent Fund, 496 dollars; the total in the treasury being 1928 dollars; while the disbursements only reach 700 dollars. The Masonic Temple account gives 726 dollars received, and 191 dollars expended; the balance of 535 dollars being distributed as dividend among the stockholders.

(l) New Brunswick. — There are over 2000 subscribing members in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Its financial state is also satisfactory, the receipts being 2179 dollars, and the expenditure 2040 dollars. There is a Benevolent Fund of close on 1236 dollars; and 3500 dollars paid up in respect of Masonic Hall Stock.

(m) Grand Masters' Union. — As far back as the year 1807 four members of each of the three Grand Lodges in Berlin met and constituted a committee to discuss all questions which could be of use to the institution. The result of this was the Grand Masters' Association, which, however, was dissolved in 1823. Subsequently, misunderstandings and disagreements having arisen, there was formed this Grand Masters' Union, for the purposes of mutual consultation upon important Masonic questions, and for the strengthening of the friendly ties binding the lodges in Germany. A further step has since been taken in the same direction by the establishment of a free confederacy of German Grand Masters, the first meeting of which was held in 1868, in Berlin, and the second in 1869, in Dresden.



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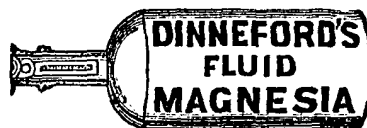
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