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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Lord LIMERICK. There was a good attendance of the brethren. H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, was nominated by Bro. THRUPE, amid loud applause, as GRAND MASTER for the ensuing year. Bro. JOSHUA NUNN was appointed President of the Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. JAMES BRETT, was elected Junior President, and Bro. CHARLES ATKINS, after a contest, Junior Vice President of the Lodge of Benevolence. The report of the Lodge of Benevolence was adopted after some little discussion. The reports of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board were received. Some appeals were heard, see report. Bro. CLABON'S motion was lost by 186 to 182. Bro. BUDDEN'S proposition was rejected by a very large majority. Bro. JAMES STEVENS'S motion was ruled out of order, as we fully expected. Bro. Lord LIMERICK presided over the deliberations of Grand Lodge with much ability, and with his usual urbanity and kindly consideration for all.

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WE call attention elsewhere to most interesting reports of the presentation, in the Grand Mark Lodge, to H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, and the consecration by H.R.H. of a new Mark Lodge under very striking circumstances.

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IN order to promote a taste for Masonic works and archaic relics, and to encourage the gift of such "waifs" and tokens of Freemasonry among the Craft to a central library and museum, would it not be well if the GRAND SECRETARY issued a new catalogue of the actual library, and a list of the little curiosities his own industry has already collected? We must make a beginning somewhere, and as we are very laggard in the race, and have a great deal of "lee way" to make up, for this, as many other matters in the world, there is no time like the present. The names of the donors should be given. We apprehend there are many interesting souvenirs of Freemasonry which would be gladly donated if only brethren knew that their offerings would be gladly accepted, and comfortably housed. Up to the present, we must remember that all such ideas and wishes have been practically discouraged and discountenanced. We are bound to thank the GRAND SECRETARY for moving in the matter.

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ELSEWHERE our readers will see with regret the announcement of the cessation of the "Masonic Monthly." Time has run on since our Publisher, at much sacrifice, and in order to meet the apparent requirements of the Craft, started as supplemental to the *Freemason*, be it ever remembered, a monthly serial, with the idea and on the ground that such just then was the pressure on the *Freemason* for passing news, that many important subjects were necessarily neglected, or passed by. Experience has proved two things: Firstly, that Masonic intelligence week by week, is of a fluctuating character and amount. Secondly, that the *Freemason* has sufficient space to print all needful requirements for special articles. From June to November, as a general rule, (excepting the Provincial Meetings), it is sometimes difficult to find even in reduced measure, the needful columns of lodge intelligence; and as the Publisher has never hesitated when exigencies require it, to issue supplementary sheets in the *Freemason*, so it will be in the future. Many writers prefer their lucubrations to appear in the *Freemason* rather than in the "Monthly"; and amusing instances might be quoted where the publication of a special paper in the magazine, and not in the *Freemason*, was made a matter of serious complaint. Under these circumstances, the Publisher, thinking that with a new year it would be better for his numerous readers and patrons to husband all his resources, and combine all his efforts for the

production of the *Freemason* week by week, a journal which, alike at home and abroad, has attained a position hitherto impossible in Masonic publications, has come to the conclusion, not without regret, indeed, but with, he feels sure, the cordial concurrence of many sincere friends and kindly critics, that the "Masonic Monthly" shall cease. Still, as previously, all papers will be heartily welcomed in the pages of the *Freemason* which tend to elucidate and illustrate the annals, the antiquities, and the classificationalism of Freemasonry.

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ALL our readers on public grounds, and many on personal, will have read with regret the death of the Archbishop of CANTERBURY. In an age of great intolerance, he was tolerant; in a period of abounding controversy he was a lover of peace; and he used his high position and employed his great gifts for the conciliation of divided sections and the furtherance of religious peace, toleration, kindness, and good will towards all. Severely tried by personal bereavement, he has left a remarkable example of the calm and conscientious discharge of sacred duties; and the public, always appreciative, and very seldom wide of the mark, has exhibited in various ways its grateful realization of his peculiarly benign and large-hearted character. But now his councils and example will be much missed. As Freemasons, we always admire the graceful virtues of toleration, sympathy, and charity.

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THE opening of the New Law Courts by Her Majesty the QUEEN is a very striking episode in our national history, which it is almost impossible to overlook, or overrate in its value, importance and reality. The administration of the law in England seems to stand on a different basis in our law-abiding land to that on which it rests in almost any other country. Here in England, we have a perfect confidence in the administration of the law. No taint rests on the purpled ermine of our judges; no suspicions affect the onward course of public prosecutions. For the judges of the land a great respect is felt by all classes alike. Incorruptibility and justice are the distinguishing characteristics of our English system; and, therefore, on Monday last, all classes took part equally and gladly in the pageant, because all felt that the Law Courts were open to all Her Majesty's subjects, high and low, rich and poor. The ceremonial of the day was very striking, and will be long remembered. We shall all echo the LORD CHANCELLOR'S eloquent words and aspiration, that *Justice* may be there administered fully and practically for many coming generations. The reception of Her Majesty the QUEEN, the Prince of WALES, the Royal Family, and all the distinguished visitors was most enthusiastic.

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ALL our readers will have seen with much concern the alarming accounts of the illness of the POSTMASTER GENERAL, and will all fervently hope and desiderate that so useful and valuable a public servant, so very able and amiable a member of the body politic, may be mercifully preserved, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., in his insidious and dangerous malady.

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IN the week which is closing we have heard of the death of the Archbishop of CANTERBURY, and we have also to record the passing away of the greatest of living English writers of fiction. There may be conflicting opinions on this or that development of remarkable powers; but none can, or will, hesitate to concede the fact that Bro. ANTHONY TROLLOPE was truly a master of the English tongue; potent to unlock the hidden emotion of our minds; skilful to depict the living characters of contemporary society; and privileged, as few are, to evoke the amused or sympathetic assent of confiding and admiring readers. We all of us owe to ANTHONY TROLLOPE so many pleasant hours, so many unforgettable characters, such countless amenities of cultured romanticism, that we all are truly concerned to hear of the great loss which artistic literature has sustained by his lamented and premature death.

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WE must, we think, all of us be struck with a sort of spirit of absolute lawlessness afloat just now, which is evidenced by "overt acts" of calculated violence and deliberate resistance to authority. The cruel murder of a detective officer lately in Dublin, and the shocking assassination of a police constable in Dalston may be fairly attributed to this most untoward and unhealthy state of feeling among certain "strata" of society. If, on the one hand, we are bound to assume as the "factor" of much that is most abnor-

mal, and all that is most deeply to be deplored in Ireland just now, a very hateful state of so-called public opinion, so, on the other hand, we presume the criminal view of the question may be, in certain sections of the little village, an unwelcome interference on the part of poor policeman COLE with the legitimate trade of the midnight burglar. As this is the fifth case during the last twelve months where revolvers have been used against the metropolitan police, we trust that our night patrols, to whom the entire safety and peace of the metropolis are owing, may in future be properly armed, in order to cope on fair ground with this most abject, degraded, and desperate "outcome" of criminal existence. We trust that the names on the implements found, such as "ROCK," may lead to the identification of the murderer.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Fourth Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge for 1882 was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 6th inst., the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Limerick on the throne. The Grand Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. Lord Carrington, and Bro. Victor A. Williamson filled that of Grand Junior Warden. There were also present:—

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington, S.G.W.; Rev. T. Robinson, G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochran, G. Chap.; Col. Creton, G. Treas.; Æ. J. McIntyre, G.R.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.; G. Sec. German Corres.; Major John Penrice, S.G.D.; W. C. Harrison, O.C., S.G.D.; R. C. Else, J.G.D.; Capt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, J.G.D.; Horace Jones, G. Sup. Works; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G. Dir. of C.; R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., Assist. G. D. of C.; John Messent, G.S.B.; H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Bearer; W. J. Cousins, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; W. R. Wood, G. Purs.; E. F. Littell, Assist. G. Purs.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and I. of W.; Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lanc.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; C. W. Bennett, P.G.M. Utah, U.S.A.; Col. A. Stewart, D.G.M. Punjab; Pryce Pryce, Bart., P.P.G.M. W. Div. S. Wales; Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; James Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; John H. Scott, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. Hogg, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D. of C.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.; S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; G. Toller, jun., P.G. S.B.; C. S. Jekyll, P.G.O.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.

and a number of other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September last, which were thereupon duly confirmed.

The next business of the agenda was the nomination of the M.W.G.M.

Bro. THURP rose and said: I have the honour of nominating H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master of our Order for the ensuing year. The proposition, brethren, requires very few words of recommendation from me. I need only remind you of the indefatigable way in which H.R.H. discharges the various duties and functions which devolve on him as Prince of Wales, and the admirable and courteous manner in which he performs those duties. Still, amongst his many engagements, both public and private, our Grand Master always finds time to discharge his duties as Grand Master, and does so much to promote the happiness of the brethren and the welfare of the Craft. I beg to recommend H.R.H. for re-election as our Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER in the Chair: Brethren—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year. Has any brother any motion to make? (Great applause.)

The M.W.G.M. in the Chair then announced that Bro. Joshua Nunn had been appointed by the Grand Master as President, and Bro. James Brett as Senior Vice-President, of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The votes were then taken for the Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and for twelve P.M.s to serve as members of the Lodge. Scrutineers having been appointed, the voting papers were collected. On the return of the scrutineers the result of the poll was declared as follows:—

Votes.		Votes.	
Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. 29	358	Bro. Jas. H. Matthews, P.M. 143	257
" Henry Garrod, P.M. 749	298	" Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446	247
" George P. Britten, P.M. 183	283	" Charles Dairy, P.M. 141	235
" Wm. H. Perryman, P.M. 3	273	" Wm. Mann, P.M. 186	235
" Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205	264	" John M. Klenck, P.M. 1339	228
" Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1489	260	" Joseph D. Collier, P.M. 1366	214

Upon the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence being read, Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS, G.D.C., raised an objection that Grand Lodge had no means of considering the propriety of certain considerable grants recommended by the report, and Bro. PHILBRICK also addressed the chair to the same effect.

Bro. NUNN, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, gave explanations in reference to the votes, which had been particularly referred to.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER in the Chair, said there was no doubt that all grants should be carefully scrutinised, and that any brother was perfectly entitled to receive any explanation which he desired about a grant proposed. On that account he paused in each case, and only put the vote to the meeting when he found that no brother rose. If an explanation was desired, of course it was most proper that it should be given, and he was sure there would be no difficulty in giving that explanation, and of course it would be for Grand Lodge to decide whether the explanation was sufficient or not.

Col CRETON, G. Treas., said that he felt very loth, when the grants were proposed, to say one word, but he thought the time had come when he should say that they were giving away more than their income. Some years ago they thought £10 or £20 a liberal grant; but they now gave not less than £50 or £100.

Bro. BRITTEN said that from what the Grand Treasurer had said, Grand Lodge would be led to infer that £50 and £100 were the smallest grants, when £10 or £20 would be sufficient. It was only the grants of £50 and upwards that came before Grand Lodge. He should like to say, on behalf of Grand Lodge, that every case was thoroughly threshed out; and he saw no good purpose for which a discussion could now be opened.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER in the Chair said he was afraid he must rule that neither of the brethren were strictly in order, because the business of the Board of Benevolence had closed before they rose. A discussion upon it now could lead to no good result, and there was no motion before Grand

Lodge. The business now before Grand Lodge was to receive the report of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. FRANK GREEN moved that the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read; and the motion having been seconded, and put to the Grand Lodge, was declared to be carried.

Bro. GREEN next moved that the report be received and entered on the minutes, and afterwards that it be adopted; both of which motions were declared duly carried.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER in the Chair said the next business was to receive the report of the Colonial Board.

Bro. RUCKER, P.G.D., President of the Colonial Board, moved first that the report be taken as read; and then that it should be received and entered on the minutes; both of which motions were seconded and carried in due course.

In proposing that the report be adopted, Bro. RUCKER said that he might mention that there were eight inoperative lodges in Egypt, of which it was proposed, as the brethren would see, to erase four from the list of lodges on the registry of Grand Lodge, viz., two in Cairo, one in Alexandria, and one in Ramlah; and leaving two lodges in Cairo, one in Alexandria, and one in Ramlah. It would be wasting the time of Grand Lodge were he to state more, as the details were to be found in the report. He, therefore, begged to move that the four lodges—Nos. 1068, 1154, 1156, and 1419—be erased from the books of Grand Lodge.

The motion having been seconded, was put to Grand Lodge, and declared carried.

The following Appeals were considered and determined on;—

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.

In this case the ruling of the District Grand Master was reluctantly reversed, as contrary to the Book of Constitutions. But it was suggested by the Grand Registrar that it was desirable to amend the Book of Constitutions in this respect.

2nd. From a Brother of the Friendly Lodge, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, confirming a decision of a 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.

In this case the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master was upheld.

3rd. From a Brother P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a decision of the Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, refusing to call on another Brother to furnish the information on which he had opposed the election of the appellant as Prov. Grand Treasurer at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 1st August last.

In this case, also, the decision of the Prov. Grand Master was upheld.

The PRESIDENT said that the next business was to consider the motions of which notice had been given.

Bro. CLABON said that he was aware that communications had been received from Prov. Grand Lodges in regard to the motion of which he had given notice, but he supposed that these communications should be before Grand Lodge before he moved.

The GRAND SECRETARY said that notices had been sent out to forty-one Prov. Grand Lodges: twenty-five had voted against it, three had voted in its favour.

Bro. CLABON said he hoped, notwithstanding these unfavourable returns, he should persuade Grand Lodge to accept his motion. (Cries of withdraw). He certainly should not withdraw, so he begged them to hear him. He stated a few figures in making this motion six months ago; he told Grand Lodge that up to two years ago the Lodge of Benevolence had never voted the whole of their income, and the result was that up to that time they had accumulated something like £50,000. In the year 1880 they voted about £1000 more than their income, and in 1881 they voted nearly £2000 more than their income. He had not had an opportunity of ascertaining what the voting had been, but it was going on at about the same rate: and they had just heard that £790 was granted last month, and Grand Lodge had voted £400 more just now. Well, if they had voted £1200 in one night, he thought it would turn out that this year they had voted a considerably larger sum than formerly. He had sat as President of the Board of Benevolence for ten or twelve years, and he did ask them to take his experience, or at all events consider that he was competent to express an opinion. In old times the Lodge of Benevolence used to vote £10, £20, and £30, and £40 used to be considered a large sum; but latterly, unfortunately, brethren occupying good social positions have met with reversals of fortune, and in consideration of the special circumstances large grants have been made. It was no uncommon thing now to see grants of £100, and these had not been the highest, but they had had as much as £200 and £250; and he remembered distinctly cases—from the evidence he could tell them—of a number of cases where a grant of £50 was no use at all, while a grant of £200 was all the use in the world. Entertaining this opinion, he looked about to see how the income might be increased. The first method was to dip into the accumulated fund. That had been done; but if every year £3000 or £4000 was taken out of the reserve it would soon be exhausted, and when it was gone they would be brought back again to the question how to raise the money. By whatever means it was done, he could not think it right to spend the accumulated fund; it was a fund sacred as capital. One alternative was to make it like the other Charities. This had been attempted, and, as they were aware, it had failed entirely. He thought three festivals, as now, in one year were enough. There was only one more way—a very simple way—which had now been proposed, namely, that brethren in London should pay 2s. more, and that brethren in the provinces should pay an additional 1s. He wanted to increase the 4s. to 6s. for London, and the 2s. to 3s. for the provinces; he wanted to ask every brother in London to pay something less than a half-penny a week, and for brethren in the country to pay a farthing a week to give to poor Masons, as they had been doing that night. They had been voting £1100 to poor Masons, going beyond the income to do so. If they went on doing that they must take it out of the capital, and ten years hence they must find another fund, or the grants would be reduced. All the Provincial Grand Lodges were against it, but had not given a single reason. With his experience the question of town or country was never thought of by the Lodge

of Benevolence. He had been asked to withdraw the motion, but he asked them to vote for it. One brother who asked him to withdraw, said, "Oh! you are only a great Benefit Society." He believed that Masonic Charity was best demonstrated—(hear, hear)—best of all in the Lodge of Benevolence. It had also been said that these grants tended to pauperise the recipients; but what he understood by a pauperising gift was the giving something to a man which tended to prevent him making any exertion for himself; that which will reduce him to such a level that he will never work for himself again. But he believed in the main that the grants of the Lodge of Benevolence did good to poor Masons and to the widows and children of decayed Masons. They ought not to spend the principal; it was not expedient to have another festival, and it was expedient, in his opinion, to increase the quarterages in the way proposed.

Bro. HOLDEN, in seconding the motion, said that they had been told that the grants had been increased beyond the annual income; but they had not heard that the increase of a sixpence would stop the increase of the grants proceeding. If the sixpence extra would make up the deficiency, and if there were a little more discretion in the Board of Benevolence, then he could see that their funds were likely to regain the position which they once held. As he had heard a brother say, "We have got lots of money, let us give it; we have got lots of funds, why should we not distribute them?" He (Bro. Holden) thought they had better get rid of the fund, and then they would be able to call upon the annual income. It was not sufficient that an applicant be worthy and deserving of relief, to warrant the Board in giving £100: they ought to look to their income.

Bro. TOMBS spoke to oppose the motion, and did so because he felt that it would disorganize every lodge in his province. He thought that the reception the subject had met with in the provinces would be warning to the Lodge of Benevolence to be a little more circumspect in the grants they gave; because it was perfectly preposterous that if your income was £2000, you should go and live at the rate of £3000. With regard to the province which he had the honour to represent, it was necessary for him to state one or two facts. They had to pay two shillings a-year to Grand Lodge; they had to pay another two shillings a-year to their own charity fund. Without referring to the metropolis, he would confine his remarks to the provinces, and especially to the province which he represented. They had a fund, exactly similar to the Lodge of Benevolence, to which they contributed from 2s. 6d. to 5s.; in fact, they gave from 7s. 6d. to 10s. per annum out of a guinea; and he might, therefore, say that they had nothing whatever left for anything further. The province recognized the Charities, but also their duties locally; and the fact was that they did not send up so many applicants to the Board of Benevolence as the metropolis did, because they relieved them themselves. He thought that the provinces were doing their duty and ought not to be called upon to contribute to increase a fund for grants contrary to all common sense. He, therefore, opposed the motion.

Bro. BIRKENHEAD said Bro. Clabon seemed to have laid a stress upon the fact that they had just confirmed very heavy grants, but it would be difficult for them to discuss the circumstances so as to regulate the grants recommended to them. As to the feeling of the lodges in the provinces, it appeared to be that they must cut their coat according to their cloth. He was there partly to represent North Yorks. Out of twenty-seven lodges there were only one in favour of the motion. Bearing in mind that they sent up for the Masonic Charities about £40,000 a year, and to the Lodge of Benevolence say £10,000. They had in the province a benevolent fund; besides which some lodges had a benevolent fund for educational purposes, and for the relief of decayed Masons. Their lodges were ill able to bear the present strain upon them, and he was perfectly sure with this increased grant they would do wrong to themselves and wrong to the order they belonged to. They had greatly increased since H.R.H. had become their head, but they have not increased in what they ought to have, good men and good Masons. He was afraid when these grants appeared in the papers, a certain class of men said "What a good thing Freemasonry is; if anything happens to me my wife and children will be provided for." He would like to see men proposed who would be likely never to have a claim upon the charities. The subscription to many lodges was very small, some eight shillings and sixpence to ten and sixpence; he would like to see a yearly subscription of not less than twenty-one shillings; more if possible; so that an intending entrant might be prompted to consider not only the four, five six or seven guineas to be paid the first year, but also that he would have to provide for paying an annual subscription of a guinea. After a few further remarks the speaker resumed his seat.

Bro. JOHNSTON said that he rose, as a Provincial Grand brother, to represent a number of brethren who were unable to be present on account of distance or the nature of their avocations. He was Provincial Grand Secretary for the Western Division of Lancashire, and he would address himself to the point whether there was any claim upon them as there was in respect of London brethren. In the north of England they had many brethren going about from town to town seeking work, whom they had frequently to relieve. So much had such claims increased upon them, that in some parts they were obliged to have Relief Committees, at which they had from three to four applicants for relief at a time. In Liverpool they were rather worse off than in other towns, because, from one reason or another, they had brethren who had returned from the Colonies with the idea of improving their position, and being disappointed of their object, desired to return to the Colonies; and these brethren were passed on to Liverpool by the brethren in the inland towns, who only paid their railway fare. They had always been able to comply with the demands upon them, and they had always been able to find the money where it had been to help a worthy brother. They had to pay two shillings to Grand Lodge and two shillings to Provincial Grand Lodge, besides other calls; they were educating 1840 children; they had an annuity fund on which there were forty annuitants. They sent up to Grand Lodge two shillings out of every brother's subscription; they were doing their share fairly and manfully, and if further money were required, and further claims made upon them, he was quite sure that if the brethren were satisfied of the justness of those claims the money would be provided; but, on the part of his province, he must vote against this motion. The brother concluded that good would result by increasing the time during which a brother must have been a Mason to render him eligible as an applicant, from two to five years.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS said that he for one would most certainly support Bro. Clabon's motion, only that he would wish to go further than the motion went, by stipulating for equal quarterages being required from metropolitan and provincial brethren alike. The provincial brethren at the present time contributed about as much as the metropolitan, and they had their own funds from which they derived an additional benefit (which the London brethren did not enjoy) before they came to the Board of Benevolence,

which they frequently did, for further assistance. He asked them to look back. Did not the provincial brethren who were relieved represent two thirds of the amount of that number? He would propose that every Mason in England should pay equal quarterages to Grand Lodge, and if provincial brethren desired to have additional local relief funds, by all means let them do it. As a man, he said, he was willing to pay the six shillings a year proposed, but he was averse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the provincial brethren.

Bro. TENNANT opposed the motion. Bro. Clabon seemed to think it a very easy matter to increase the quarterages, but to him it appeared to be a matter of the greatest importance, and he submitted that Bro. Clabon had not made out a sufficient case to induce Grand Lodge to give a vote in favour of his motion. What were the facts? Up to the year 1880 the grants had amounted to very much less than the income; but for some reason, in 1879, the expenditure increased from £4924 to £7606. Up to the year 1879 the expenditure had increased gradually, as had the income; but from what cause I do not know. That might be explained by saying that the Board had been most lavish in its expenditure, but he was unwilling to believe that. But there was another reason why this motion should not be agreed to, and that was, that if this £4000, the estimated amount, was added to the Fund of Benevolence, it could only be done by being extracted from the funds of the various provinces. (Cries of Vote, vote.)

Bro. CLABON, in reply, said that brethren would kindly remember that there had been no word of opposition from London, and he should first like to look at the results of what had been done that evening as between London and the provinces. Out of eighteen cases twelve were provincial and six London, and all the large ones were provincial. He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a year.

The vote of Grand Lodge was then taken with the following result; For Bro. Clabon's motion, 182; against, 186.

The motion was therefore lost.

Bro. CLABON said that if the first motion had been carried he would have wished to press the other; as it was he begged to withdraw the other.

After some opposition permission was granted to Bro. Clabon to withdraw his second motion.

Bro. BUDDEN rose to propose the following resolution:

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.

Bro. BUDDEN, in making the proposition, said at that hour he would be as brief as possible, and would, therefore, ask the brethren to dispense with the usual stereotyped apologies, and to consider them "as read." He had hoped that some brother of distinction in Grand Lodge, and of well-known repute in the Craft, would have brought such a motion forward, rather than one from a remote province, and little known to the members and officers of Grand Lodge. His remarks should be entirely confined to asking and answering two questions. 1. Could Grand Lodge devote any portion of its funds to the charitable foundation of this institution? and if the answer to the first question was in the affirmative—11. Ought Grand Lodge to make this donation? In answer to the first question, that whatever doubt might have existed on this point was entirely dispelled by a letter addressed by the Prince of Wales to the lodges and chapters on the register of Grand Lodge. The M.W.G.M. in his capacity as head of the Craft desired "that each lodge and chapter should be asked to contribute in their corporate capacity, and that individual Masons should be also asked to contribute a guinea each to the object, which their Grand Master has so much at heart." Now, if a private lodge has the power to devote part of its funds to this object—and some have already used that power—and if a Provincial Grand Lodge has the right to devote a portion of its funds to this object—and some Provincial Grand Lodges have already exercised that right—surely Grand Lodge must also possess the right to contribute to the same charitable object. To deny that right to Grand Lodge, was to say that a Provincial Grand Lodge, or even a private lodge, has greater powers, and a more widely extended set of objects on which to exercise those powers than Grand Lodge itself. A part could not be as great as the whole; nor could a fraction have more power than a whole number; neither could a single lodge—which is but a twenty-hundredth part of Grand Lodge—have a power superior to it. The Grand Lodge, then, had the power, and could assist this charity, as it had many times previously other special and deserving cases—such as the Indian Famine Fund, the Irish Famine Fund, the National Lifeboat Institution, and others. With regard to the second question—"Ought Grand Lodge to assist this institution?"—he answered yes; for three reasons. 1. Because this Grand Lodge was one of the "great associations," if not one of the greatest, in the three kingdoms, containing as it does the best blood and the best brains in the whole empire; and it ought to take its place by the side of other great bodies in promoting what was not only a great national institution, but a noble charity as well. 2. To set an example to the Provincial and private lodges, and so encourage them to respond favourably to the request of the M.W.G.M. For, as this Grand Lodge was the directing and controlling authority in the Craft, Provincial and private lodges would naturally follow its lead, either in giving or withholding support. It would be impossible to ask private lodges, with any chance of success, to give to a charity which Grand Lodge declined to aid. 3. As a solid and substantial expression of the thanks of Grand Lodge, and a timely and graceful recognition of the valuable services rendered to Grand Lodge, and to the Craft at large, by their Royal and Most Worshipful Grand Master, during whose Grand Mastership the Order has flourished beyond all former precedent. The brother who had proposed the re-election of His Royal Highness last year showed that during the five years of the Prince of Wales's administration of the Order the number of lodges had multiplied fifty per cent. faster than at any former period; and that during the same time their three great Charities had received increased contributions to the amount of £70,000—the annual collective income having risen from £26,000 a year to nearly £40,000 a year. Bro. Budden said that Grand Lodge had drawn largely on the time and attention of its Grand Master, and in a princely way he had honoured the draft. This Grand Lodge and the whole Craft had drawn largely on the position and influence of their Grand Master, as the Heir

Apparent to the Throne, and the first gentleman in this great empire ; and those drafts had been honoured by the increase of their lodges, the increase of their members, and the increase in contributions to their Charities. Their lodges had increased by hundreds, their members by thousands, and their charity subscriptions by tens of thousands. The Grand Master had made a draft on them for a noble and worthy object. Would they be so shabby, so mean, and so ungrateful as to dishonour his draft?

The motion having been satisfied, Bro. GLADWELL pointed out that Grand Lodge had just rejected a motion made for the purpose of maintaining the charitable grants of the Lodge of Benevolence, and in the face of that refusal he did not think it would be competent for Grand Lodge to apply its funds to the object now proposed. The amount necessary to found these scholarships had not been stated, but he believed it was admitted that as much as £5000 or £6000 would be required. Under the circumstances he felt that he must oppose the motion.

After some further discussion the motion was put to the vote, and lost. The PRESIDENT said that the next motion that appeared on the agenda paper was by Bro. James Stevens. Occupying the chair it was his duty to consider the terms of the resolution, and he did not consider that resolution in order, for this reason, that it did not appear to be in accordance with the Book of Constitutions in which the radius of ten miles is laid down. If it had been desired to alter that, it ought to have been a resolution to alter the Book of Constitutions by leaving out certain words and inserting others. This therefore was only an abstract motion, and would have to be followed by a operative motion. He thought that was out of order. He thought it would leave a motion in Grand Lodge minutes at variance with the Book of Constitution, and therefore he was obliged to rule that the motion was out of order.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form with solemn prayer.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held on Tuesday, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. There were over 300 brethren present, among whom were :

- M.W. Bros. Right Hon. Lord Henniker, G.M.M.M.; H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M.; Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M.M.M.; and W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M.M.M.; William Kelly, F.S.A., Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire; Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M. of Kent; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. of South Wales; J. Woodall Woodall, Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Major Anthony Stewart, Prov. G.M. of ...; Richard C. Else, J.P. Prov. G.M. of Somerset; Capt. C. Hunter, Prov. G.M. of North Wales; Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D. Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; Right Hon. Lord Robertes, G.S.W.; W. Hickman, J.P., G.J.W.; Le Genre N. Starkie, P.G.S.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, P.G.J.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W.; General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.J.W.; and Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O. as G.M.O.; W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; R. Eve, P.G.M.O.; C. H. Pearson, G.S.O.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.S.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.S.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.O. as G.J.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. R. P. Bent, Grand Chap.; Rev. W. Randall, Grand Chap.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Stainton Moses, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. J. Morse, P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, Grand Treas.; H. C. Levander, Grand Reg.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Don M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Grand Asst. Sec.; George Toller, junr., G.S.D.; E. Margaret, G.S.D.; A. Williams, P.G.S.D.; T. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, P.G.S.D.; C. J. McKay, P.G.S.D.; T. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D.; Capt. T. Hargreaves, P.G.J.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.J.D.; R. W. Edis, Grand Supt. of Wks.; S. B. Wilson, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. H. Driver, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; H. Lovegrove, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. Berridge, Grand Dir. of Cers.; W. Watson, G.A.D. of C.; George Smith, P.G.A.D. of C.; Frederic Long, Grand Swd. Br.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; Samuel J. Turquand, Grand Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Org.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; S. M. Lazarus, P.G. Org.; C. Pullman, G.I.G.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.I.G.; C. T. Speight, Grand Tyler; W. J. Meek, P.G. Steward; R. L. Loveland, P.G. Steward; H. W. Charrington, P.G. Steward; A. Haynes, P.G. Steward; H. Massey, P.G. Steward (Freemason); J. Barker, P.G. Steward; W. Watkins, P.G. Steward; C. L. Mason, P.G. Steward; H. J. Lardner, P.G. Steward; R. P. Spice, P.G. Steward; C. W. Hudson, P.G. Steward; E. Gilbert, P.G. Steward; G. Yaxley, P.G. Steward; G. Clark, junr., P.G. Steward; C. E. Soppet, P.G. Steward; Col. J. Randle Ford, Dep. P.G.M. Somerset; T. Y. Strachan, Dep. P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; John Rogers, P. Dep. P.G.M. Devon; Jack Sutcliffe, Dep. P.G.M. Lincoln; J. T. Thorp, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; R. H. Holmes, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; W. J. Hickman, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. Groves, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; R. Eve, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.S.W. N.E. Yorkshire; J. Tomkins, P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon; E. L. Shepherd, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Oxon; W. Morris, P.G. J.W. Berks and Oxon; Major C. Harding, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; J. Mason, P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; R. Osborne, P.G.M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Harrison, P.P.G.M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. L. Emanuel, P.P.G. M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.M.O. Berks and Oxon; S. Bradley, P.G.M.O. Berks and Oxon; W. C. Gilles, P.P.G.S.O. Lancashire; J. J. Daw, P.G.J.O. Devon; J. M. McLeod, P.G.J.O. Lincoln; H. D. M. Williams, P.G. J.O. Kent; E. Sweney, P.P.G.J.O. Kent; Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Middx. and Surrey; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.P.G.C. Middx. and Surrey; E. J. Trendell, P.G. Tres. Berks and Oxon; A. F. Godson, P.P.G.R. Warwick; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; R.W. White, P.P.G.A.S. Kent; F. Walton, P.P.G.A.S. Staffordshire; C. Walker, P.G. J.D. Kent; J. J. Hughes, P.G.J.D. Berks and Oxon; F. W. Drive, P.G.S. of W. Middlesex and Surrey; S. Middleton, P.G.D. of C. N.E. Yorks; T. Taylor, P.G.D. of C. Bucks; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; J. R. Pitt, P.P.A. G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; H. Faiza, P.G.A.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; G. Blackman, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Ackland, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; M. M. Reynard, P.G.S.B. N.E. Yorks; T. M. Humphries, P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; G. J. Dunkley, P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; G. R. Ousey, P.G.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey; J. McN. Davis, P.G.I.G. Lincolnshire; H. W. Homann, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; L. Cooper, P.G. Steward Bucks; W. Johnston, P.G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey; C. F. Goodenough, P.G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey; W. C. Brasher, P.G. Steward Middlesex and Surrey; Geo. Cooper, I.P.M. Bon Accord; H. Dicketts, W.M. Old Kent; H. Venn, P.M. Old Kent; J. Moon, P.M. Old Kent; C. B. Truman, W.M. Newstead; Dr. H. R. Hatherly, I.P.M. Newstead; P. L. Simmonds, P.M. 1; A. L. Hall, P.M. 3; E. Farwig, W.M. 8; Dr. F. Shicman, I.P.M. 8; B. R. Bryant, W.M. 22; N. Tracy, P.M. 70; W. Poore, P.M. 139; E. Hopwood, P.M. 181; W. Beasley, W.M. 199; W. G. Hallows, W.M. 205; J. G. Chillingworth, W.M. 309; Bros. W. E. Williams, S.W. 1; W. J. Collins, S.W. 8; J. B. Sorrell, jr., S.W. 22; J. Cox, S.W. 144; H. Stephens, S.W. 199; R. Nicholson, S.W. 257; E. G. Lewis, S.W. 284; J. L. Mather, J.W. Old Kent; H. J. Norris, J.W. Newstead; R. J. Voisey, J.W. 22; W. Vincent, J.W. 139; Col. H. S. Burney, J.W. 197; T. Hallows, J.W. 205; A. H. Bateman, J.W. 309; G. D. Lister, M.O. 13; W. E. Williams, M.O. 3; E. Whittaker, M.O. 139; C. J. Oxford, M.O. 234; J. D. Birkin, M.O. 284; G. W. Armstrong, M.O. 294; W. Marshallsay, S.O. 17; S. H. Goldschmidt, S.O. 22; S. Clarke, S.O. 44; J. Piller, S.O. 181; R. R. Johnston, S.O. 234; H. S. Goodall, S.O. 239; T. Pargeter, S.O. 251; J. E. Westbrook, S.O. 267; G. Graveley, J.O. Old Kent; J. H. Hawkins, J.O. 139; H. Handel, J.O. 181; R. T. Brickdale, J.O. 223; L. P. Catterson, J.O. 234; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap. 184; J. Ward, Sec. Newstead; J. Harrison, Sec. 39; C. F. Uogard, Sec. 144; J. O. Gardner, R. of M. 8; W. J. Treer, R. of M. 21; W. A. S. Humphries, S.D. 176; J. T. Briggs, S.D. 181; P. H. Clisby, S.D. 223; Webster Glynes, J.D. Bon Accord; G. L. P. Valeriani, J.D. 8; W. March, J.D. 173; J. Gibb, J.D. 234; C. E. Keyser, J.D. 241; J. J. Thomas,

D. of C. 1; C. J. Smith, D. of C. 223; J. Purrot, D. of C. 241; E. M. Money, Stwd. Old Kent; W. H. Bale, Stwd. 104; W. Maple, Old Kent; J. Zacharie, W. M. Bywater, J. Smith, F. A. Manning, Bon Accord; C. E. Ferry, Old Kent; C. Greenside, York; H. H. Pain, 3; G. Hutchinson, 8; C. R. A. Wright, 13; C. W. Godfrey, 23; J. Pickering, 53; C. Allan, 104; E. Bowyer, 144; F. Duke, 166; L. L. Fountaine, W. H. P. Thomas, E. A. King, H. T. Nell, 176; W. A. M. O'Donnell, W. Abraham, F. Willcock, 234; S. G. Redearn, W. O. Lyon, F. R. Hales, 251; J. Webb, 284; H. Walker, 295.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from :— M.W. Bros. the Right Hon. Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M.M.; Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.M.M. R.W. Bros. Canon Tristram, P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; Thomas Trollope, P.G.M. Sussex; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.W. Bucks; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Thos. Entwisle, P.P.G.M. Lancashire; Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.W.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G.W.; Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; A. M. Broadley, P. Dist. G.M. Mediterranean. V.W. Bros. J. Brook Smith, G.M.O.; T. B. Whythead P.G.M.O.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; H. R. Cooper Smith, P.G.J.O.; Rev. Dr. Ph. E. Brette, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. D. Ace, D.D.; P. G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; J. Howkins, G.J.O. W. Bros. P. D. E. Collin, G.J.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; Alex. Speares, P.G.D.; Arthur Middleton, P.G. Std. Br.; G. J. Tilling, G.S.; Geo. Carter, G.S.; Wm. Nott, D.G.S.; F. W. Ansell, P.G.S.; J. H. Glendenning, P.G.S.; S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Col. W. Wiggington, P.G.S.W.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were saluted, and the minutes were then read and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes :

During the six months ending 30th September, 1882, the number of certificates issued was 594, increasing the registered advancements to a total of 16,733.

Ten Warrants for new lodges were granted, viz.: Nos. 299, Davy, Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire; 300, South Canterbury, Timaru, New Zealand; 301, Victoria, Montreal, Canada; 302, Derby, Derby; 303, Aroha, Winchester, New Zealand; 304, Orient, Yokohama, Japan; 309, Gosport, Gosport, Hants; 306, St. Thomas's, St. Thomas's Mount, Madras; 307, Zaredatha, Faizabad, Bengal; 308, Etruscan, Longton, Staffordshire.

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, 134 certificates were issued, making the total number of registered elevations 1250, and two warrants for new lodges :

- Myrtle, attached to Mark Lodge, No. 258, Ferozepore, India. Adams' " " " " 6, Sheerness, Kent.

PROVINCES.

Important changes have occurred. Captain Charles Hunter has been appointed as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North Wales, in succession to R.W. Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., whose lamented death occurred in March last.

The counties of Warwickshire and Staffordshire, united in 1876 for the purposes of provincial organisation, and ably and successfully ruled over by R.W. Bro. Rev. W. K. Riland Bedford, have been separated, and two provinces constituted, viz :

Warwickshire, over which Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., has been appointed as Provincial Grand Master; Staffordshire, under the supervision of Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

In Madras, Bro. Col. R. H. Cunliffe has been nominated as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to R.W. Bro. Major Aubrey W. O. Saunders; and, it may be added, the condition and status of the Mark Degree in our Colonial Districts are in every respect exceedingly satisfactory.

Grand Lodge is asked to confirm the recommendation of W. Bro. Edward Alfred Gillon to the rank and privileges of a Past Master of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 98, Lahore, that Brother, owing to a necessitated change in the date of installation, having served as W. Master for 10 months only.

The Fourteenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held on 19 July last at the Crystal Palace, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, R.W.D.G.M.M., proved to be the most successful yet held, the amount contributed by the united generous efforts of the Chairman and 33 Stewards having been £553 11s. 6d.

The recently established Educational Branch of the Benevolent Fund has completely fulfilled the expectations formed on its foundation, and its objects appear to meet with the unqualified approval of the Members of the Order. The Board, therefore, propose to extend its benefits by affording the advantages of its system of education to Girls, in addition to the Eight Boys, the reports of whose conduct and progress they are happy to state continue to be highly satisfactory.

The Board recommend that the word "Applicant" be substituted for the word "Brother" in Article 116 of the Constitutions.

Grants from the Fund of Benevolence wait confirmation by Grand Lodge :—£15 to Mrs. A. S., widow of the late Bro. S. S., Tunis. £20 to Bro. E. C., of Lodges Nos. 117 and 227. £10 to Bro. T. N., of Lodge No. 113. £10 to Mrs. E. F., widow of the late Bro. D. F. Nottingham. (Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 30th September, 1882, show the following results :—

GENERAL FUND.		Half-year's Disbursements :	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from March 31, 1882	£310 18 9	Expenditure	£522 14 2
Half-year's receipts	£662 11 2	Purchase of	
Interest on Investments	44 11 0	£500 Cape of Good Hope	
	707 2 2	Four per cent. Bonds	£490 12 6
	£1018 0 11	Balance in hand Sept. 30, 1882	£413 4
BENEVOLENT FUND.		Half-Year's Disbursements :	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from March 31, 1882	107 16 0	Grants in relief	£38 0 0
Half-year's Receipts	£449 1 6	Transferred to Educational Fund	209 2 3
Interest on Investments	34 19 9	Purchase of £200 New Zealand 4½ per cent. Bonds	202 5 0
	484 1 3	Expenses	2 19 6
	£651 17 3		£452 6 9
Balance at Bankers, Sept. 30, 1882	£198 12 6		
Balance in hand	0 18 0		
	£199 10 6		
EDUCATION FUND.		Half-Year's Disbursements Edu-	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance on March 31st, 1882	13 8 3	Transferred from Benevolent Fund	£209 2 3
Interest on Investments	15 3 1	Purchase of £100 New Zealand 4½ per cent. Bonds	108 3 6
	£224 5 4	Expenses	1 14 6
	£237 13 7		£141 0 3
Balance at Bankers, September 30th, 1882	£97 4 5		
Less Cheque not paid	3 11 3		
	£93 13 2		

INVESTED FUNDS.	
General Fund	£2200 0 0
Benevolent Fund	1700 0 0
Education Fund	800 0 0
Audited and found correct, H. A. DUBOIS, F.C.A., Auditor.	

The different recommendations in the report were then adopted on the motion of Bro. F. Davison, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. THOMAS HARGREAVES then rose and said: Brethren, I have a most pleasing duty to perform, viz., to nominate our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.) I am sure that the feelings which actuate me at this moment are shared by every member of Grand Lodge. The noble lord who occupies the chair at this moment has been our Grand Master now for a year and a-half, and, as every Brother in the Degree knows, no one can occupy the chair of this Grand Lodge more than three years. It must be a great pleasure, however, to elect our Grand Master for a third year, and I am sure every brother in Grand Lodge will agree that we could not do better than elect Lord Henniker for the third time, that he may follow the long list of most worthy Grand Masters who have already presided over us. Under his genial rule we have had most pleasant meetings, and his business-like capacity has enabled us to get through our work in a short time, in proof of which I may only refer to what has taken place to-day. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I have to nominate the Right Honourable Lord Henniker as Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason for the ensuing year. Cheers.)

The Grand Master then distributed the charity jewels to the following brethren:

Bros. Julius Arensberg, Rev. R. P. Brent, R. Berridge, George Cooper, G. J. Cosburn, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Driver, A. L. Emmanuel, R. J. Emmerson, Henry George, Richard Glasspool, A. F. Godson, C. F. Goodenough, H. H. Hodges, L. A. Homfray, C. W. Hudson, F. A. Huet, J. J. Hughes, James Inglis, H. J. Lardner, F. L. Lewis, H. Lovegrove, Jas. Manvaring, W. J. Meek, M. Mildred, J. T. Morland, G. R. Onsey, Thos. J. Pulley, John Ramsay, R. P. Spice, J. T. Thorp, Hy. Venn, and Richard White.

The GRAND MASTER, when the jewels had been distributed, said he was much pleased to announce that the last festival of the Benevolent Fund was the most successful of all the festivals previously held on its behalf, and he had now to thank the Stewards for their great exertions.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was here announced, and a deputation of Grand Officers were appointed to escort him into Grand Lodge. After a short absence the deputation accompanied His Royal Highness into Lodge, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org., playing the National Anthem, and all the brethren rising. After His Royal Highness had taken his place on the immediate left of Lord Henniker, his Lordship said: It is now my pleasing duty to present to Your Royal Highness the wedding gift, which has the following inscription: "Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Past Grand Mark Master Mason, by the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, on his marriage, 1882." I will now ask the G.D.C. to uncover the gift.

Bros. Berridge and Dewar then uncovered the present, which consisted of two massive silver vases and a silver ewer.

The GRAND MASTER addressing His Royal Highness, said: M.W. Past Grand Master—It was my pleasing duty a year ago to instal you in your place in Grand Lodge as a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and on that occasion I took upon myself to congratulate you in the name of all Mark Master Masons on the happy prospects that were before you. Some little time after that a formal resolution of congratulation was sent to your Royal Highness, but some of us thought that we should like to present you with some more substantial proof than our address, in token of the sincerity of our hearty wishes for your welfare. (Cheers.) Hence, sir, this wedding present. It may be said that we are rather late in presenting it to your Royal Highness, but your Royal Highness is aware that Mark Masonry spreads its branches all over the world—branches which, I am happy to say, grow in strength and in vigour day by day—and we did not think it right without consulting our distant brethren to join us in making you the gift, or else we should have chosen an earlier occasion for presenting it. Now, sir, I have said that we wished to give you some substantial proof of our good wishes. I do not use the word "substantial" so much to represent the value of the present, as what I believe to be in the minds of every Mark Master Mason—that when you see our humble offering upon your table, you may be reminded of this, that no body of men—certainly much less of Masons—wish you and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany more heartily all the prosperity and happiness than Mark Masons, and that there are no body of men among Her Majesty's subjects who are more loyal and more attached than we are to the throne of England. (Hear, hear). Sir, I wish you in the name of all Mark Master Masons all the prosperity and health that this world can afford, all the usefulness of life to those around you, which is the pride of the Royal House to which you belong; and may, Sir, the Grand Overseer of the Universe make your life and that of Her Royal Highness as happy and as prosperous as every Mark Mason wishes it should be. (Cheers). Sir, with these few words I offer for your acceptance the present which is before you. (Cheers)

The Duke of ALBANY, who on rising was received with loud cheers, said: M.W.G.M. and Brethren—I feel it difficult to find words in any way adequate to express the deep gratitude I feel towards you all for the magnificent present which you have given to me; not only for its intrinsic value, but because it is a proof of the kindly feeling which you entertain towards me—(hear, hear)—and I may add, towards my wife—(cheers)—and the interest which you have taken in the important step which I took this year. It is scarcely a year since I had the honour of being made a Past Grand Master of your Order, and I remember saying then that I would take every opportunity of doing what I could to further the interests of Mark Masonry. (Hear, hear.) I fear, brethren, as yet I have not been able to fulfil that promise, but I was looking forward with much pleasure to-night to have the honour and the pleasure of consecrating your first Lodge of Grand Mark Masters. (Hear, hear). Brethren, I will not take up your time any longer, as we have so much before us this evening. I will only once more express to you both on the Duchess's part and on my own, our deep sense of gratitude towards you for your very handsome present. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Lodge was then declared special, for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge, and H.R.H. the Duke of Albany took the chair. The Lodge was thereupon consecrated by His Royal Highness, and the officers were appointed. The Earl of Lathom was unavoidably absent, but Capt. N. G. Philips, who was invested as Deputy Master, was placed, by His Royal Highness, in the chair. The following is a list of the officers:

- Bro. Right Hon the Earl of Lathom, M.W.P.G.M. W.M.
- „ Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M. S.W.
- „ Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, R.W.D.G.M. J.W.
- „ Capt. N. G. Philips, R.W.P.G.W. Deputy Master.
- „ C. F. Matier, R.W.P.G.W. M.O.
- „ Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R.W.P.G.W. S.O.
- „ Lord Artour Hill, R.W.P.G.W. J.O.
- „ Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M.A., V.W.G. Ch. Chaplain.
- „ Frederick Davison, V.W.G. Treas. Treasurer.
- „ Frederick Binckes, R.W.P.G.W.G. Sec. Secretary.
- „ Donald M. Dewar, V.W.P.G.O. Asst. G. Sec. Registrar of Marks.
- „ Robert Berridge, V.W.P.G.G., G. Dir. of Cers. S.D.
- „ William Roebuck, V.W.P.G.O. J.D.
- „ Alfred Williams, W.P.G.D. D.C.
- „ Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org. Organist.
- „ Thomas Cubitt, V.W.P.G.O. I.G.
- „ R. Paulton Spice, G. Std., C. H. Driver, P.G. } Stewards.
- „ Supt. of Works
- „ C. T. Speight, Grand Tyler Tyler.

Capt. N. G. PHILIPS, D.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the Duke of Albany for having consecrated the lodge, which he remarked had been done in a most fluent style.

Lord HENNIKER, S.W., seconded the motion, and said that all the brethren present must have been highly gratified with His Royal Highness's ability, and also must have had great pleasure in seeing him present at their Grand Lodge.

The DUKE OF ALBANY thanked the brethren and then departed, as he had to catch the half-past six train to Windsor. His Royal Highness was escorted out of lodge by a deputation.

All the Past Grand Masters, with the exception of Earl of Lathom, who is W.M. of the lodge, were then elected hon. members of the lodge, and Grand Lodge was then resumed, Lord Henniker in the chair.

The GRAND SECRETARY read a letter from the Mark Masons of Nottingham and the Newstead Lodge inviting Grand Lodge to hold its next moveable Grand Lodge in the town.

Bro. WOODALL, for the Mark Masons of York and North and East Yorkshire, invited Grand Lodge to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at a convenient season in the City of York.

The GRAND MASTER said both these invitations should have careful consideration, when the brethren who had kindly sent them would receive an answer, for due notice would be given of the day for holding the Moveable Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of an elegant banquet in Freemason Tavern, and then honoured the usual toasts.

Lord HENNIKER, in replying to the toast of his health, which was proposed by the Earl of Kintore, said his heart was thoroughly in the work of Masonry, and he wished always to be useful to it. It was never a trouble to him to attend to his work, however cold or long the journey, or however great the fatigue. He could give a most satisfactory account of the progress of Mark Masonry. There was more increased vigour and interest in it displayed day by day. Since June one province had been made into two. There was also a petition for a new province, and there was a movement on foot for another. The lodges abroad were in a most healthy state, and the other day he signed a warrant for a new lodge, where the conquering arms of England had so lately asserted themselves—in Cairo, and it was to be called "The Lodge of Egypt." It was a great pleasure that a member of the Royal House of England had been admitted a Past Grand Master, and that he had that day consecrated a new lodge, which he doubted not would be a great success. He could not sit down without giving credit where credit was due, and he must mention among those brethren who had striven hard to promote the interests of the Order the names of Bros. Binckes, Dewar, and Berridge, besides the Grand Masters, who in the last twenty-five years had conducted Grand Lodge through great difficulties to its present high position. He, therefore, proposed "The Health of the Past Grand Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Beach.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, P.G.M., replied, and said that is heart also had always been in his work, and he looked back with great satisfaction on the success which had attended their efforts in obtaining recognition of this Grand Lodge in different parts of the world.

The Earl of KINTORE replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," which was proposed by Bro. Col. H. S. SOMERVILLE-BURNEY.

Bro. Capt. N. G. PHILIPS responded to the toast of "The Grand Masters' Lodge," proposed by the GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN, shortly after which the company separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. Mann presided. There were also present: Bros. Leopold Ruf, John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, George P. Gillard, Alfred Williams, Edgar Bowyer, Arthur E. Gladwell, Donald M. Dewar, Fredk. Adlard, Edwd. Baxter, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Godson, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last General Committee (4th November) were read and verified, and the minutes of the House Committee of the 17th ult., were read for information.

One petition only was presented. The petitioner stated that her deceased husband was a professor of music, who died at a comparatively early age, leaving her with seven children, since which another child had been born. The case was strongly recommended by Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. All the papers being in order the petition was accepted and the name placed on the list of candidates for election in April next.

An application for a grant from an ex-pupil, who left the Institution in June, 1882, was read. The applicant is in the employ of Mr. Dickenson, marine engineer, Monkwearmouth, who certified to the good conduct of the applicant. A letter from his mother, who lives at Harrogate, and is therefore at greater expense in providing for applicant than if he were employed in the same town, was also read, and a grant of £10 was voted.

An application from another ex-pupil was also considered. He left the school rather more than two years ago and was apprenticed to a carpenter, whose service it appeared he had left in November.

The Committee voted a grant of £5, conditional on the result of further inquiry to be made by Bro. Binckes as to the cause of applicant leaving his employment, as stated, being satisfactory.

There being no other business before the Committee a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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5th " " J. T. TANQUERAY,	Grand Masters, 1
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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.]

LODGE WORKING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of your useful Masonic journal, the *Freemason*, if a W.M. can call upon any of his Wardens to assist in any of the three Degrees, by giving the working tools or charges, and oblige,
Yours fraternally,
W.M.

[We are almost surprised that our brother should think it necessary to ask this question. The W.M. can call on any officer or brother to assist him.—Ed. F. M.]



THE CHRISTMAS GRAPHIC.

The Christmas *Graphic* is before us, and will delight both old and young. "Little Mrs. Gamp" is a most effective little lady, and puts us all agreeably in mind and memory of "Cherry Ripe." The illustrations, as usual, are very striking and suggestive, unique and powerful, while the letterpress is quite on par with preceding issues, though we may still linger delightfully and gratefully over "Las Memorias" of Bro. Anthony Trollope's delightful story of the lady who put the mustard plaster on the wrong man. Everybody will sympathize with "Dr. Todd," "Little Harry," and "Miss Smith," while not a few will laugh at the "Irish Wedding," and the rapid augmentation of the family circle. The Christmas *Graphic* is likely to be widely read and highly appreciated.

THE MAGAZINES.

The monthly magazines are to the fore again, with abounding claims on our attention and perusal. "Longman's Magazine," No. 2, maintains its appearance of literary merit and successful venture. We are glad to see that in No. 2 the publishers have discarded the "bad form" and provoking system of interpolating advertisements between the leaves of the letter press. Advertisements are very well in their proper place, but for heaven's sake keep them in that proper place, and let them not intrude into the "sacred domain of literature." Napoleon I. said we were a "nation of shopkeepers." Had he lived to-day, he might well have termed us a "nation of advertisers," though the Americans, we apprehend, beat us in the race. Indeed, a most amusing story might be written on "the nuisances of advertising." "The Black Poodle," in No. 1 of "Longman's," is a delightful story, and enough to make the future of a magazine. It has been read and re-read over by thousands. In No. 2 Mr. Payn continues his striking tale, which might be termed "Love versus Money," and we have the first chapter of a very sensational relation by Mrs. Oliphant. Unless there be a natural explanation of such weird circumstances, we

doubt very much the advisability, in 1882, of reproducing what seems to portend a supernatural ghost story. It will no doubt be read, but what then? Johnson's well-known and modified view of possible spiritual appearances might be accepted, without jumping into the other extreme of palpable, "vivâ voce" ghosts. One great objection to all such immaterial personages and appearances is, that they are all so matter of fact, common place, and utterly material in idea, speech, dress,—entirely of the "earth, earthy." Ingenious as it is, we cannot accept Mr. S. T. Whiteford's explanation of "St. Hilary Prayer." If there be a little obscurity about this one of Praed's most sparkling enigmata, yet, we think, if there be difficulties in "Good Night," they are many more in "A Dieu" or "Aide Dieu." It may be that these bright lines are not the most lucid of Praed's happy contributions; at least, in their allotted explanation; and many, including the late Lord Ravensworth, never would accept "Good Night." Still, there it is in Praed's own writing, as the key, and we must admire, wonder, and be silent.

"The Century" is very interesting in its "Supreme Court of the United States," "My Adventures in Zuni," "The Korean Origin of Japanese Art," "The Taxidermal Art," and has some most readable papers on "Bab's Friend," "The Point of View," "The Led Horse Claim," (which is very striking), and "Through One Administration."

"All the Year Round" is, as usual, "good reading." Independently of "Mr. Scarborough's Family" and "Geoffrey Stirling," we highly commend "Watching," "Cris Lupin," "Some Quaint Kentish Nooks," and "Some French Misers." We doubt the use or good of such tales as the "Trooping of the Hamleys," a ghost story, though prettily told. We seem to be drifting into a mental state of hyper-credulity and hyper-unbelief.

"Temple Bar" is much to be commended this month for "Au Pair," "Gustave Roger," "Helena Modjeska," "A Relic of Swift and Stella," "Daniel Macmillan," and "In an Inn Garden."

"The Antiquary and Bibliographer," like "The Quiver," demand attention and perusal. In different branches of ancient research, they are great helps to students, and supply many interesting topics for thought, study, perusal, and gossip.

"The Masonic Monthly" comes out with its sixth and last number. We are sorry for that fact. But it is undoubtedly true that the *Freemason* can now so nearly supply all that is needful for archaic researches, and archaeological questions, that it seems a "waste of strength" to publish a supplemental monthly serial, which, amid the deluge of magazines, becomes a sad tax on the purses of those who do interest themselves in Masonic antiquities and literature. So peace to its Manes! What it has done, thanks to its publisher and its contributors, it has done well. Many of its articles this month are most well worth reading.

SONG.

"WHEREFORE, SWEET MAIDEN?" Words by Bro. HENRY J. MOXON (P.M. Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, P.Z. Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter, Past Steward Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Music by Bro. F. JULIAN CROGER. W. Morley and Co., 70, Upper-street, Islington, N.

This tenor song ought to please, the main fault being that the subject is not quite original, being known to the earliest of ancient Britons, viz., love.



S7] OLD ROYAL ARCH WARRANTS.

I am pleased that my oversight, in not correcting the proof that was forwarded to me (as respects *two*, which should have read *four*), has led to the interesting communication from Comp. ("Mancunium"). The capital report of my extempore address, caught me while "on the wing," and so it was hurriedly examined. There were *four* chapters warranted for Lancashire in 1769, and they occur in the following order in the register of Grand Chapter began about 1790.

4. "Bethlehem," Burnley, 12th May, 1769.
6. "Euphrates," Manchester, 14th July, 1769.
5. "Cana," Colne, 12th May, 1769.
7. "Unanimity," Bury, 11th November, 1769.

As a matter of fact, however, numbers *four* and *five* bear the earliest dates of any of the charters issued by the Grand Chapters ("Moderns"), but there were one or two not dated, which I believe worked before that body was regularly started. I have a copy of the original warrant of No. 6. It then bore the number *two*. Does the writer of the letter in the *Freemason* know of the contents of this document, or has the chapter only a confirmation warrant? I am anxious to know all possible about such interesting points, and should much like an exact copy of the list of 1793 referred to, so as to place it side by side with others I have for examination. Farther on in the year No. 2 was credited to the Caledonian Chapter, London. My dear friend, Dr. Hopkins, sent me a complete abstract of all the minutes of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, some time ago, and on referring to it, I see he notes the fact that it was not so described until 1802 in its records, though I am aware it really bore that title before then. This is all Comp. Radway meant in alluding to 1802 in his excellent paper, and I for one shall be delighted if his example is soon followed by other competent companions in making these old histories known, particularly such as the foregoing of 1769. W. J. HUGHAN.

SS] LEWIS.

I have been looking up some notes about Lewis, and find the following, which I give for what they are worth, as a contribution towards a common stock of knowledge. The Germans do not seem to recognize the use of the word "Lewis," and have no equivalent term. It is, according to them, an English word. They seem to think that all the following are synonyms in use, Lewis, Louveteau, Lufton, Loufton, Louveton, and that there is an English word "Lowaton," though I am not aware of it. They seem to

have no conception of any French use previous to Lewis (1736), nor of the Louve &c., though they recognize Louveteau, Lewis, Loufton, as all equivalents. They seem to think that Lufton is English as well as French. The earliest French use is Lufton, after and about 1736. The later use in this century is Louveteau; though earlier, as Chappron and Bazot show, it was still Lufton or Louveton. The English use is purely Masonic so far, and dates from 1736, in respect to George III., eldest son of Frederick, Prince of Wales. I am not quite certain, but I am inclined to think, that Brown in his "Master Key," about 1794, first developed the full Masonic mystical teaching of Lewis, which represents the eldest son of a Freemason, from the well known architectural term. That Lewis and Louve are connected is very likely, and it will be interesting to ascertain, if we can, the earliest English recognised architectural use of the term. A further search into some old dictionaries as to the term "Lewis" does not bring out much. Perhaps that indefatigable student, Bro. W. H. Rylands, may strike oil.

MASONIC STUDENT.

90] I am sure all readers of this column will share my satisfaction at learning on the best authority (vide No. 82) that our brother, "Masonic Student," is not really "non-existent." I have puzzled myself to account for the expression; it is probably due to the printer. Are we to attribute to the same delinquent the assertion in No. 84, "there is no apparent connection so far between "Louve" and "Loup?" No one can know better than "M. S." that "Louve" is the female, or bitch, of "Loup," a wolf. I venture to suppose that our brother meant to say between "Louve" and "Lewis." If so, I incline to differ from him; but, before further dilating on this subject, will await the promised note by Bro. Rylands. Meanwhile, I agree with him that "Louve" was a technical Mason's word; so undoubtedly is "Lewis;" and equally certainly have both acquired a speculative and parallel signification. So far all is plain sailing; the point in question is, whence did the French operatives derive this term? What made them call this instrument a "Louve?" In the next place comes the consideration, whence do we derive our "Lewis?" From the French "Louve" or not? The occurrence of "Loves" in 1371 does not disprove the possibility of such derivation; but, looking at the spelling, rather confirms it; unless, indeed, it can be demonstrated that "Louve," as used in France, is of more recent origin than the fourteenth century.

G. WM. SPETH.

90] THE FIVE MYSTICAL GREEK LETTERS.

The following curious extract is from the "Works of Armorie," by John Bossewell, gent. London, 1597, fol. 12 and 13 :-

Of the five Greeks letters Mystical.
The first of the said Greeke letters is Y, *Ypsilon*, which betokeneth man's life, and is called *Pythagoras Sameus* letter. For he first fourmed the same *ad exemplum vite humane*.* And the said letter hath three pointes, two above, and one beneath, signifying sundrie ages. That which is vnder, sheweth the first age, which is vncertaine, whether it will giue and apply it selfe to vertue or vice, and the two above, begin from the youth: the right part whereof is harde, but yet tending to a blessed life. And the left more easie, but leading to destruction. Of the which letter *Perseus* thus sayeth:

*Et tibi quæ Sameos deduxit litera ramos,
Surgentem dextro monstravit limite callem.*

The which verses I have thus metrized in English:

The branches of the letter first in *Samea* found,
Of man's life doth show the highway and ground.

The second letter in called *Theta*, which signifieth death. For Judges in olde time did note, or set the same letter on their names or, as we now call it, heades, who were condemned to die. Likewise did Captaines in their Briefes, wherein were contained the names of their soldiers. By which note or marke, they, and the Heraultes when they did looke on their said Briefes, could certainly knowe, and make true report vnto their Soueraigne, how many were slaine in the battaile. And therefore it is called *Theta, à morte*; that is to say, of death, For it hath in the midst thereof a darte (as is before figured) in token of death. And it is thus written of the same letter:

*O multum ante alias infelix litera Theta,
O much before others, I say,
Thou vnhappy letter, Theta.*

Perseus of the same thus saith:
*Et potis est nigrum vitio præfigere Theta.
To write eftsoones powder did not lacke,
For his offence, Theta, all in blacke.*

The third letter is *Tau*, a figure of the Crosse of Christ; and in Hebrew it is interpreted, a signe, or marke of the which it was spoken to the Angell which *Ezechiel* sawe in spirit. † Goe thy way through the Citie of Jerusalem, and set a marke vpon the foreheades of them that mourne, & are sorie for all the abominations that be done therein. ‡ By which marke, or token, they were preserued, and not touched in the midst of them which were slaine and destroyed for their Idolatry, in the wrathfull displeasure of the Lorde, and this letter also *apud veteres*, was used of the Heraultes and Captaines, and signed on their names, who remained alieue after the battaile. So that the letter *Theta*, was used as the marke of death, or of thū that were iudged to die, and *T*, of life, or of them that were by the Judges quit from death. This letter *T*, as well the Greekes, as the Latins, vnto our time, haue pictured, and set fourth, as the true marke, or signe of the Crosse of Christ. *Hoc igitur ærum, ac proprium sub Christi ecclesia conscriptorum ac militantium, Symbolum, signumque est.* † The other two of the Mystical letters, being the first and last of the Greeke Alphabet, onely Christ doth challenge to himselfe: for he is the beginning, and the ending, where he saith, "Ego sum Alpha, & Omega, Principium & finis, qui est & qui erat, & qui venturus est omnipotens." No letter goeth before Alpha, for it is the first of all letters, And so is the sonne of God: *Ipse enim se principiu Judois interrogantibus esse respondet.* And therefore *S. Iohn* in his Apocalips most properly putteth the same letters, the Sonne of God to be Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. *Primus, quia ante eum nihil est, Nouissimus, quia nouissimum indicium ipse suscipiet.*

W. H. RYLANDS.

* Isidorus lib. i., cap. 3.
† Ezech. ix.
‡ C. Paradinus De Symbolis heroicis.

91] THE CALENDAR FOR. 1882.

I have been gratified to see the calendar in the *Freemason* for each month during the year 1882. Would it not be well for all interested in such a useful compilation to send suggested additions; or, better still, I hope to see another and different issue, on similar lines, for 1883.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire took place on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, Nottingham, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. his Grace the Duke of St. Albans. Freemasonry has increased in this province by four lodges since the appointment of the Provincial Grand Master.

The following Provincial Grand Lodge Officers (Present and Past) were in attendance: W. Bros. J. Watson, D.P.G.M.; F. V. Bussen, P.S.G.W.; M. Vowles, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Comyn, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Fitz Hugh, P.P.J.G.W.; A. J. L. Dobbin, P.G.C.; Sir H. Bromley, Bart., P.G.R.; J. Hack, P.G. Treas.; H. R. Hatherley, Pres. Board of General Purposes; C. G. Wragg, P.G. Sec.; E. M. Kidd, P.P.S.G.D.; C. B. Truman, P.P.S.G.D.; I. Davis, P.S.G.D.; E. Baxter, P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Martin, P.J.G.D.; J. E. Truman, P.G. Supt. of Works; R. C. Sutton, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Phelps, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; H. J. Norris, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; A. Page, P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cer.; B. Stiebel, P.G.A. Dir. of Cer.; R. G. Hanson, P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cer.; W. F. Bromley, P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cer.; S. G. Gilbert, P.G.S.B.; A. Fletcher, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Curtis, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Wright, P.G.O.; E. D. Fidd, P.G.P.; J. Hall, P.P.G.P.; A. J. Butter, P.P.G.A.P.; R. T. Ingram, P.G.S.B.; W. B. Tate, P.G. Steward; S. Jackson, P.G. Steward; J. Hickling, P.G. Steward; W. H. Rice, P.G. Steward; J. Archbold, P.G. Steward; C. Johnson, P.G. Steward; and H. Glover, P.G. Tyler.

There was also a large attendance of Past Masters and Wardens. The brethren being ranged under their respective banners, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Officers entered the lodge in procession, the R.W.P.G.M. being saluted by the brethren.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the rolls were called by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. C. G. WRAGG, and the minutes of the previous lodge, held at Worksop in August, were read and confirmed.

The reports of the Committee of General Purposes and Fund of Benevolence were read.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and passed, showing a balance in hand on Grand Lodge account of £72 17s. 10d., and Fund of Benevolence of £77 19s. 6d.

Bro. John Hack was re-elected Treasurer. The Right Wor. Prov. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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| Bro. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., P.M. } Prov. G.S.W. |
| 1661 } |
| " C. B. Truman, P.M. 411 } Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, 402 } Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. Hack, P.M. 1434* } Prov. G. Treas. |
| " E. M. Kidd, P.M. 411 } Prov. G. Reg. |
| " H. R. Hatherley, P.M. 1434* } Prov. G.P.B.G.P. |
| " C. G. Wragg, P.M. 411* } Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Dr. Tate, P.M. 402 } Prov. G.S.D. |
| " L. Jackson, P.M. 47 } Prov. G.J.D. |
| " C. Johnson, P.M. 1661 } Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " H. J. Norris, P.M. 1794* } Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " W. H. Rice, P.M. 1435 } Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " J. Archbold, P.M. 1493 } Prov. G.S.B. |
| " W. Wright* } Prov. G. Org. |
| " A. Lawson, P.M. 1852 } Prov. G.P. |
| " W. Allen, P.M. 939 } Prov. G.A.P. |
| " J. Toplis, P.M. 47 } Prov. G.S.B. |
| Bros. R. F. H. King, P.M. 939; E. Griffiths, 1405; J. W. Gardner, W.M. 1794; C. Butter, W.M. 1802; J. Marx, P.M. 1909; and J. M. Perry, P.M. 1434 } Prov. G. Stvds. |

Bro. H. Glover, P.M.* } Prov. G. Tyler.
Those marked * are re-appointed.

The R.W. Prov. GRAND MASTER announced that he intended to hold the half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Mansfield. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

A MASONIC WEDDING.

We are pleased to publish the following extract from the *Philadelphia Times* of a few days ago. Miss Muckle is the only daughter of our esteemed brother, M. Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, whose acquaintance many of us had the pleasure of making when Bro. George Kenning entertained the American brethren at the International Banquet. "The wedding yesterday of Miss Addie Childs Muckle, only daughter of Colonel M. Richards Muckle, business manager of the *Public Ledger*, to Servestus P. Stambach was attended by a large and distinguished company. There were four bridesmaids, who were all beautifully dressed and carried bouquets. They were Miss Julia Blackfan, of Trenton; Miss Ida Goodall, of New York, and Miss Annie Tenbrook and Miss Fernberg, of Philadelphia. John Fryford, of England, was the "best man." It was a pleasant home wedding, with the whole of the house, No. 1722, Pine street, thrown open to guests, and everything made as sociable and hospitable as possible. There were flowers in every room, and in the drawing room, where the ceremony took place, there were a great many handsome ones, and numerous large foliage plants in pots. The couple were married by the Rev. Dr. Watson, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Atonement. The bride wore a magnificent white bridal dress, with ornaments, and nearly all the guests were in full evening dress, with diamonds, although the wedding took place at mid-day. There were many handsome presents, including a very valuable one from George W. Childs. Among the guests present were A. G. Goodall, of New York, president of the American Bank Note Company, whose daughter was one of the bridesmaids; Mayor King, George W. Childs, John D. Lankenau, Gustavus Remak, Mrs. Remak and Miss Remak, John Lucas, Mrs.

and Miss Lucas, Judge Hanna and Miss Hanna, A. P. Colesberry and Mrs. Colesberry, the Rev. Dr. Henry J. Morton, William L. Schaeffer, cashier of the Girard National Bank; Clayton McMichael, Edward T. Steel, president of the Board of Education; Thompson Westcott, Mrs. and Miss Westcott, Joshua R. Jones and Mrs. Jones, J. B. Lippincott, Dr. and Mrs. Evans, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Milnor, Miss Fannie Earle, Charles H. Meyer, German Consul, and Mrs. Meyer; Mr. and Mrs. Kirtley and Charles P. Hayes. An orchestra played as the bridal party entered, and after some selected music and an elaborate set-out of refreshments there was dancing. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Stambach left for a Southern trip."

South Africa.

MARK MASONRY.

DURBAN.—Port Natal Lodge (No. 288).—The first anniversary meeting of this lodge for the appointment and investment of officers was held in the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, on the 25th October. The chair was occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. I. Finnemore, F.R.G.S., J.P., resident magistrate of Durban. The ballot was taken for Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Garde, B.A., T.C.D., as a candidate for advancement, and for Bro. G. E. Attwood, both of whom were unanimously elected. Bros. Attwood and Crowe, head master of the Government school another approved candidate, being in attendance, were admitted in due form and regularly advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M.

Bro. T. Cook, the W.M. elect, was then presented and installed, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. I. Finnemore, I.P.M.; A. J. Keeler, S.W.; M. H. Emanuel, J.W.; Dr. Schulz, M.O.; G. Ireland, S.O.; M. W. Frye, J.O.; G. Leask, Sec. and Reg. of Mks.; W. Hawes, Treas.; J. W. Stranack, S.D.; T. W. Bower, J.D.; A. Beckett, I.G.; F. Pay, Tyler.

Three other candidates for advancement were proposed, and their names entered for ballot at a future meeting. The lodge passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Finnemore, at whose instance the lodge was originally started. Other routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. Finnemore then opened a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, and conferred this Degree upon three candidates—Bros. Crowe, Attwood, and Emanuel. He then proceeded to instal Bro. Cook as W. Commander N., and the following officers were appointed: Bros. Finnemore, I.P. Com. N.; Keeler, J.; Emanuel, S.; Hawes, Treas.; Leask, Scribe; Dr. Schulz, S.D.; Ireland J.D.; Beckett, Guardian; and Pay, Warder.

After the transaction of other routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where an hour was spent in social conversation, and the brethren parted well pleased with the success of the lodge during the past year and its future prospects.

ZERUBBABEL, FREEMASONRY, THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, AND TARA.

Masonry holds that the Ark of the Covenant is still in existence, and carefully preserved; but that we must look from the east to the west for it.

The entrance to the vault where the Ark is will be found at a short distance from the surface.

A large circular stone will be found, through which one can descend into a low-arched vault.

In the said vault another opening, similar to above, will be found leading into another, and so on through several—the last vault holding the Ark of the Covenant.

It has been proved by the Bible that Jeremiah had the Ark and two princesses (the daughters of King Zedekiah) in his charge, with whom he went to Egypt, and afterwards disappeared.

Seven years afterwards a prophet (Jeremiah) appeared in Ireland, with the two princesses (from whom the Queen is descended) the traditions in Armagh alluding to the same.

Last, not least, the tomb of Jeremiah in Ireland, has been pointed out from time immemorial.

The Coronation Stone, which is in Westminster Abbey, and the Ark of the Covenant, said to be in Tara, as also the two princesses, are supposed to have been brought over at the same time by Jeremiah; and why not, considering he was known to have the charge of them, and was ordered to rebuild?

Upwards of £200 have been collected already for the purpose of exploring Tara for the Ark and for archaeological remains.

£700 being the minimum with which the exploration should be commenced, I leave it to my readers, and Masons in particular, to make up the balance, as it will be the latter's duty to undertake the work—Masonry having a holy Israelitish origin chiefly ordained for the purpose of keeping in view and recovering the Ark in the future.

If further sums were required, the nation would, no doubt, not fail to respond, as the exploration went on.

I now leave it for Zerubbabel to do his duty, viz., to order three of the Royal Arch Masons to explore and report to him. P. N. S.—*British Israel and Judah's Prophetic Messenger*, Nov. 23rd, 1882.

BRO. JAMES TERRY, SEC. R.M.B.I.

Many brethren are doubtless aware that there has been a movement on foot, and an influential committee appointed to carry out the wish, to have the portrait of Bro. Terry painted and presented to him, in recognition of the universal esteem in which he is held, and the eminent services he has rendered to the Craft. We are pleased to learn that effect has been given to this wish, and that Mr. H. M. Paget, a rising young artist, whose pictures have been prominent at the Royal Academy and Grosvenor Exhibitions of late, has been commissioned to paint the portrait, and that it is in a forward state towards completion. We understand Bro. Terry appears in full Masonic clothing, as Senior Grand Warden of Norths and Hunts, and that the portrait is designed to adorn the Board-room of the Institution, at Croydon, by the side of that of Dr. Carpenter. We hope soon to see the portrait finished, and that the committee will arrange to let it be seen in Great Queen-street by the brethren and friends before it reaches its destination.

REPORTS OF OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held a meeting, on the 28th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Fromholtz, S.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Howe, W.S.; McMullen, A.W.S.; Heaphy, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; and Morrison, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.M. Campbell; Shepherd, Finsbury; Fidler, Prudence; Strong, Old England; Langdale (Scotland); and S. Zucker, Skelmersdale.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two candidates were balloted for, but, through unavoidable circumstances, they were prevented from attending.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bros. Dewar, Shepherd, and others responded upon behalf of "The Visitors;" Bros. Heaphy, P.M., and Hopwood, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters;" Bro. Dairy for "The Masonic Charities;" and Bro. Stuart, Clark, and Jordan acknowledged the pledge of "The Officers."

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE

(No. 898).—A successful meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Assembly-rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. Bro. C. Chapman, W.M., was supported by Bros. Graveley, S.W.; Pulsford, J.W.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M. Sec.; J. R. Waller, P.M. Treas.; S. T. Finch, I.P.M.; Sidders, S.D.; Butcher, J.D.; Jeyes, I.G.; C. Scrutton, P.M., and Treadwell, Stewards; M. Sherwin, Org. Past Masters W. Shayes, Newell, H. Rogers, and numerous visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. Dennis, P.M. 907; Bonner, 1298; Dixon, 1259; Slater, 1076; Gibson, I.G. 1816; Clarke, 1604; Minns, G. H. Stephens (Freemason); and others.

After the discharge of routine business, Bros. Borne and Wallace having been satisfactorily tested &c., were admitted into the F.C. Degree. Bros. H. Newcombe (whom we were glad to see recovered from a dangerous illness which prevented him taking his Third Degree before), and Gardiner were next advanced to the Sublime Degree of M.M., Bro. Chapman's work from the chair being simply excellent. The distinguishing feature of our Order, charity, was next splendidly exemplified, grants from the lodge fund and the Fund of Benevolence (recently established) being made for goodly amounts to several necessitous cases. These too, with grand impartiality, included both members and non-members of the lodge.

A case of appeal to the Lodge of Benevolence was undertaken by the lodge, and all business having been happily disposed of, lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren sat down to a plain but enjoyable supper, each item of which was of the best quality and afforded satisfaction. After grace Bro. Chapman gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were received as is usual, and Bro. Sherwin supplied the music usually associated with those toasts.

"The W.M.," proposed by Bro. Finch, I.P.M. in deservedly flattering terms, was most cordially received. Bro. Chapman in reply, promising to do his best as heretofore, and to do even better than he had done. He was highly gratified at having given them satisfaction.

"The Past Masters," as usual, were duly honoured, the W.M. styling them "the backbone of the lodge," and the warmth of the manner in which this was done showed clearly how highly those brethren are appreciated. Bro. Finch, I.P.M., humourously responded. Like their W.M. when he (Bro. Finch) was in the chair he always found himself able to say that a better lot Past Masters was not to be found. All other Masters that preceded and succeeded him had expressed themselves in like manner, so that of course it must be the case. On behalf of himself, and other P.M.'s of the lodge, Bro. Finch promised a continuance of those services which had fostered and developed the Temperance, in-the-East Lodge, although those duties had not been very heavy of late, and had, under Bro. Chapman's rule, included several attacks on a broadside of beef after labour was ended.

"The Visitors," met with a hearty welcome.

Bro. J. Dennis, P.M. 907, ably responded. Attending there for the first time, that worthy Bro., as an experienced Mason and Past Master of the Order, had been greatly struck with the regularity and perfection of the working in the lodge, and the harmony and unanimity which prevailed. Particularly was he impressed with the prominent place charity held in their lodge, and he could but congratulate the members of 898 for having the heart to establish so noble a fund for benevolence as they had done, and had distributed in so liberal a manner that evening, alike to needy brethren of the lodge as to those of neighbouring lodges. Further, the excellence of the hospitality extended at the banquet table had filled him with a highly pleasurable impression of the lodge, and although the first time he had had the honour of partaking of their hospitality and witnessing their working, Bro. Dennis assured them that should they at any future time afford him the privilege of again being present in their lodge he would gladly avail himself of it, and doubtless find great pleasure in visiting 898 again.

Bro. Slater, 1076, and others also responded.

"The Officers" were next honoured and responded to by the S.W., who explained the determination of himself and brother officers to do all in their power to promote the welfare of the lodge. He regretted business claims upon him deprived him of some of the opportunities of perfecting himself more in the ritual.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE.—(No. 1475).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those

present were: Bros. S. Strugnell, W.M.; Goodenough, S.W.; H. B. Marshall, C.C. J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M. Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M. Sec.; Young, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. P.M.; W. Potter, C. Potter, M. Samuels, Wildash, Lister, L. Lardner, Parkinson, Tyler. Among the visitors were: Bros. Lott, P.P.G.W. Jersey, &c.; Radcliffe, P.M. 211; Rüss, 645; Monday, 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Kahn was impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Several communications having been read from absent members, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured and responded to. Bros. Lott and Radcliffe responded on behalf of "The Visitors," Bro. Lardner for the "Past Masters," and Bro. Goodenough for "The Officers." Bros. Lott, Potter and others enhanced the proceedings by their instrumental and vocal abilities.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489)

—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Friday last, the 1st inst., at the Hall, 90, Ball's Pond-road, Dalston. The W.M. Bro. William Stephens, P.M. P.G.S.D. Middx., presided, supported by Bros. J. Towell, S.W.; W. Gray, J.W.; F. Hawthorn, S.D.; E. George, J.D.; J. Fisher, acting as I.G.; Thomas H. Miller and J. E. Walford, P.M.'s. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. Thomas Jones, W.M. 1607; L. Frankell, W.M. 780; Dr. Gayton, 174, and S.D. 1607.

Bro. Dr. Twining was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which an explanation of the working tools were given at length which added greatly to the importance of the ceremony. Five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a guinea for the dinner for the inmates of the Institution. At the dinner which followed, the usual complimentary toasts were given and a sum of about thirty guineas subscribed by the members to the funds of the Aged Masons' Institution, the W.M. representing the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening last, the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, Bro. J. House, W.M., being supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; H. J. Hancock, J.W.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; I. Gaisford, acting S.D. (in the absence of Bro. J. Rundell through illness); E. Witherstone, J.D.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; W. C. Young, I.P.M.; J. Smith, D. Brown, R. Nichols, J. J. Pearson, W. Pearson, Thomas Morgan, G. E. Cooper, E. C. Knowles, and the following visitors: Bros. E. Chatterton, 1185; J. Andrews, P.M. 359; R. Logan, S.D. 1804; A. Peterken, W.M. 1349, and S.D. 1805; and R. M. Boyd, 173.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, ballot was taken for Messrs. George Ernest Cooper and Thomas Morgan, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; the ceremony being rendered most impressively by the W.M., who afterwards delivered the ancient charge and the lecture on the tracing board.

The report of the Committee appointed at the last regular meeting to consider the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions was then read by the Secretary, and on the proposition of Bro. Young, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Witherstone, J.D., the following resolution was unanimously voted. "That this lodge, believing the re-arrangement of the Book of Constitutions is an urgent necessity, and will tend to greatly simplify the transaction of Masonic business, heartily approves of the Draft Revision of Constitutions proposed by Grand Lodge," and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of same to the Grand Secretary.

After the transaction of some other business, which included a vote of sympathy to Bro. Rundell, S.D., on his recent illness, the lodge was closed in due form.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).

—The election meeting of this lodge was held at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday last. The W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, was assisted by Bros. H. B. Marshall, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; W. Day, Treas.; R. Poore, as S.D.; E. P. Albert, as J.D.; and E. Newby, as I.G. Several members were absent through illness but there was a goodly muster of members and several visitors.

Bros. Wylie and Kirkland were passed, and Bro. Jones was initiated. The next business was the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, also three members to sit on the Audit Committee. Bro. H. B. Marshall was elected W.M., and at once offered to act as Steward for the three Masonic charities during his year of office. Bro. Day was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Daly, Tyler. The installation will take place on the first Saturday in February, exactly thirteen months from the date of consecration.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. S. Wilson, W.M.; S. F. Bousfield, S.W.; A. Carr, J.W.; Rev. T. Lawson, Chap.; M. Fowler, Treas.; G. Richardson, Sec.; W. Logan, S.D.; A. Laverick, J.D.; G. G. Forster, acting I.G.; Canon Tristram, P.M.; Captain Rowlandson, P.M.; W. Coxon, P.M.; S. Fenney, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M.; T. Bell, P.M., P.G.S.D.; J. Morrell, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; S. Fenney, P.M.; Thompson, Allan, Hearon, Carter, Davison, and about fifty other brethren. Visitors: Bros. J. Hedley, R. Benson, J. R. Wilkes, and others.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. S. F. Bousfield was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist. A most enjoyable evening was spent, "The Health of Bro. Wilson, W.M.," being most enthusiastically drunk. The installation of Bro. Bousfield, W.M. elect, will take place on January 2nd, 1883.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).

—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the new Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, on the 8th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Talbot, there being present members of the lodge, Bros. G. Abbott, S.W.; J. L. Brook, J.W.; T. Noble, P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; A. Barber, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. Fisk, S.D.; A. Cook, J.D.; W.

Buckingham, I.G.; W. Leathers and J. Wilde, twds.; G. Gould, Tyler; J. Napier, F.C.S., I.P.M.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; P. Whitehead, P.M.; C. Byford, P.M.; T. Prentice, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. G. Cunnold, P.M., P.P. G.S.D.; W. Daking, P.M., P.G.R.; T. J. Noble, J. S. Holt, W. Cuckow, C. Canham, J. D. Fraser, F. S. Spinks, J. Tye, H. D. Harrison, P. Harrison, J. Thornton, W. Sedgewick, J. O. White, T. Turner, S. Snow, F. Blomfield, A. Lord, E. Harvey, E. S. Scrivener, W. J. Waterman, T. J. Blumfield, R. O. Clutton, J. A. Odum, S. J. Morley, W. Everett, W. Sheppard, R. Vidall, T. Orris, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Cannon, W.M. 376; and C. Markwell, 959.

The lodge being opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur James Senton and Mr. Thomas Orris, and proving unanimous in their favour, the latter being present was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Philip Whitehead, the signs explained and the address given by Bro. W. Daking, and the charge by Bro. Napier. An apology was received from Mr. Senton, who, having been detained, was unable to attend. Bro. Vidall was then passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Napier.

The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. in a very able manner called on the brethren to elect a W.M. to preside over them during the ensuing year, and on the ballot papers being collected it was found that nearly fifty brethren had voted, and the unanimous vote was in favour of Bro. George Abbott, the present S.W. It is seldom such an election takes place in any lodge containing so many brethren, and must be very gratifying to the W.M. elect, and tends to show how well the members understand each other and work in harmony to the benefit and in the interests of the Craft in general and their own lodge in particular. The W.M. elect thanked the lodge for their confidence and their numerous votes, and assured the members that nothing should be wanting on his part to cement and foster that friendly feeling shown toward him on this occasion.

The election of Treasurer was then proceeded with, when Bro. Noble, P.M., was re-elected, and Bro. Gould, was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. having received the congratulations from visitors and brethren closed the lodge finally, and retired to the banquet room, when forty members sat down to supper, the W.M. in the chair. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. briefly proposed (in consequence of the lateness of the hour) "The Queen," "The Health of the R.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Pro. G.M., Deputy G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past," "The Pro. G.M. Lord Waveney, and Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M." These toasts received the usual hearty response from the brethren which they so well deserve.

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. W. G. Cunnold, for the Past, and W. Daking, for the Present Prov. Grand Officers.

These brethren having responded, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect, Bro. George Abbott, Past Prov. G. Sword Bearer," and with pleasure remarked how faithfully Bro. Abbott had attended to his duties in the offices in the lodge to which he had been appointed at various times, also to the great interest he had taken in the lodge of instruction, of which he was Secretary and Preceptor; and feeling sure that, in placing Bro. Abbott in the W.M.'s chair of the lodge, the brethren had the right man in the right place.

The W.M. elect responded, and said he considered it the greatest honour he ever had conferred on him to be elected to preside over such a large and important lodge, and thanked the members for their hearty congratulations when his health was proposed, also for their unanimous vote in lodge, assuring them nothing should be wanting on his part to carry out the duties of that high and important position to the best of his ability, and for the honour of the Craft.

"The Health of the Newly-Initiated," "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," and "The Officers" was given and briefly responded to.

The Charity Fund was not forgotten, the collection proving a good one.

"The Masonic Institutions" was proposed by Bro. Napier, I.P.M., who is a very staunch supporter of this important branch of Masonry, and cordially received; and the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of this old and thriving lodge, some excellent songs having been given by Bros. Brooks, Talbot, Abbott, and others.

The W.M. of the lodge is Life Governor to all the Masonic Institutions; the Secretary to the Girls and Benevolent; the Treasurer to the Boys; and the Senior and Junior Wardens to the Benevolent Institution.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).

—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., an emergency meeting of the above lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street. There was a goodly attendance, and the lodge was opened in due form by Bros. G. S. Shotton, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. Jas. Roddam, P.M., &c., acting I.P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; Geo. Lawson, P.M., acting J.W.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., &c., Sec.; G. Davison, S.D.; M. Wheatley, acting J.D.; G. Robson, acting I.G.; and J. A. Hall, Org.

Bro. John Morgan, who had been previously initiated, and had made such progress as to entitle him to be a candidate for the Second Degree, was raised to that Degree by Bro. Jas. Roddam, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Bro. J. H. Thompson, S.W., explaining the Fellow Craft working tools. After some discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge recommend the adoption of the revised Constitutions by Grand Lodge. The lodge was then closed in love and harmony.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Lodge (No. 403).

—The installation meeting was held at the Town Hall on the 28th ult. Present: The R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master; W. Bros. J. E. Cussans, P.S.G.W., W.M.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Treas.; R. T. Andrews, P.M. P.P.J.G.W.; T. S. Carter, P.M. P.P.J.G.W.; The Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.G. Chap., Chap.; H. Campkin, P.M. P.P.G.S.D.; J. D. Metcalf, P.M. P.P.G.J.D.; H. C. Heard, P.M. P.P.J.G.D.; W. Warren, P.M. P.P.G.J.D.; S. Austin, P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Drummond, P.M. P.P.G.S.B.; E. A. Simson,

P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. P. Willson, P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Boatwright, P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. B. Croft, P.G. Reg., S.W. W.M. elect; E. R. P. Francis, P.G. Asst. J.W.; F. Hall, P.G.A.P. Sec.; F. Taylor, P.G. Stwd. J.D.; Abel Smith, M.P.; A. J. Small, P.G. Stwd.; W. J. Morris, P.G. Stwd.; Baron Dinsdale; J. C. Ashby, P.G.D.; J. E. Burnard, I.G.; S. Neale; and others.

Visitors: Bros. G. Corble, P.M. 453, P.P.J.G.W. Essex; J. Child, W.M. 453; Hayward Edwards, P.M. 1385, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; F. Venables, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.P.; J. Parrott, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Svd. Br.; Malcolm Haywood, P.P.G.P.; G. Scarfe, P.M. 218; T. Reilly, P.M. 1327; W. W. Young, W.M. 1420; C. F. Pardon, 1928; H. J. Sturgeon, 1613; G. Harlow, 1613; J. W. Hanson, 1706; J. J. Sankey, 1237; W. Perrin, P.M. 1056; D. Roberts, P.M. 754; J. C. Ashley, 228; W. Sworder, S.D. 449; G. R. Durrant, 650.

The R.W.P.G. Master installed into the chair of K.S. the W.M. elect, (Bro. R. B. Croft, P.G. Registrar), who appointed as his officers: Bros. E. R. P. Francis, S.W.; F. Hall, J.W.; The Rev. L. Deedes, P.M. Chap.; J. R. Cocks, P.M. Treas.; T. S. Carter, P.M. Sec.; F. Taylor, S.D.; J. Hunt, J.D.; R. T. Andrews, P.M. Dir. of Secs.; F. Cates, and J. T. W. Wells, Stwds.; T. Wright, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the R.W.P.G. Master for the very able and efficient manner in which he installed the W.M. Several propositions, both for admission and joining, were made. Letters of regret were read from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, the V.V. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Wilson Iles, and others.

The brethren afterwards partook of banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The W.M. announced he would serve the Stewardship to the Benevolent Masonic Institution.

BRIDLINGTON.—Londesborough Lodge (No. 734).—On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, the installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. W. Milner, and after some preliminary business, Bro. H. Watson was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Creaser, P.M. The lodge having been brought down to the Second Degree, the chair was assumed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. of York, who proceeded to install in the throne of K.S. Bro. Wm. Winterbottom, the W.M. elect, who afterwards invested his officers as follows: Rev. J. Blake, S.W.; F. J. Timmins, J.W.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; George E. Hesilton, P.M., Treas.; W. Taylor, Sec.; J. Carter, S.D.; C. Furlly, J.D.; A. Woodliffe, I.G.; R. R. Kemp, M.C.; O. Marshall, Org.; C. Gray, P.M. Almoner; R. Parker, F. W. Wardhill, B. Hall, and J. T. Scholefield, Stwds.; R. Severs, Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Whytehead for his services.

After the close of the lodge the brethren dined together at the Brunswick Hotel, under the presidency of the newly-installed master.

LOWESTOFT.—St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1452).—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, London-road. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Allez, P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk, P.M. 383, 71, and 1452, took the chair, and having opened the lodge, the Secretary read the minutes of the last lodge, which were duly confirmed. Among the brethren present, were Bros. C. W. Loftus, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Bullard, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Norfolk; T. Lord, P.P.G.S. of W. Norfolk; G. H. Cooper, P.M. 71, P.P.G.S. of W. Suffolk; W. Daking, P.G. Reg. Suffolk, P.M. 225, P.P.G. Soj., P.Z.; C. S. Pedgriff, P.P.G.R., P.M. 338; W. O. Chambers, P.P.G.S. of W. Suffolk, P.M. 71, and 1452; W. Woolner Garnham, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk, P.M. 383 and 305; W. H. P. Rowland, P.M. 1193; G. Bowes, 305; F. A. Mann, P.G.O., P.M. 1452; B. M. Bradbeer, H.M. 71, P.P.J. G.W.; H. J. Scott, P.M. 305; J. L. Clemence, P.M. 1452; R. M. Saul, P.P.G.P., P.M. 71; H. W. H. Elves, Rev. J. B. Blackmore, Henry J. Eastaugh, G. Bush, W. J. Rayment, T. Hodgson, B. S. Bradbeer, and many others.

The W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and informed the members this was the night for installing a W.M. to preside over the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. H. J. Eastaugh was then presented, and having answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Eastaugh was duly installed and saluted as W.M. of the St. Margaret's Lodge, 1452, who at once proceeded to close the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees, and then installed his officers: Bros. H. W. S. Elves, S.W.; G. Bush, J.W.; W. Woolner Garnham, Sec.; B. S. Bradbeer, J.D. (the other officers being installed by proxy, they being unavoidably absent in London attending the high ceremonial at the Royal Law Courts, &c.).

The Secretary read long letters of apology from Bros. E. P. Youell, W.M. 1631, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas. Suffolk; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec. Suffolk, Past G.S.B. England; R. B. Stanford, W.M. 338; J. Canova, I.P.M. 1452; F. W. Tewson, P.M. 929; H. J. Hartcup, P.M. 929, P.G.A.D. of C. Having received the hearty good wishes for his own health, and continued prosperity to the lodge, the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge, which ceremony was carried out in a most efficient manner.

The brethren, to the number of thirty, then proceeded to the Suffolk Hotel, where Bro. Smith had provided a banquet which was a credit to his skill, and most thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren. The cloth being removed, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which he did in a manner that reflected great credit on him and his lodge.

"The Queen and the Craft" was responded to in the same hearty manner that Her Majesty's name has always deserved in Masonic lodges, and in any other assemblage where those claiming the protection of the British flag may be congregated together; and which hearty accord is also given when the name of our R.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is mentioned, which at all Masonic gatherings includes that of His Royal Highness's Royal partner, the Princess of Wales.

"The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," also "The Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney," came in for Masonic honours, as they all richly deserve; the toasts being given from the chair.

Bro. H. W. Elves then proceeded with the next toast—"The V.W. the D.G.M., Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and remarked on this occasion the St. Margaret's Lodge was honoured with the presence of more brethren wearing the purple than he had ever seen in the lodge on previous occasions. He regretted the loss the D.G.M. had sustained, and hoped the time was not far distant when he would be able to pay a visit to Lowestoft, and coupled the name with this toast of the P.G. Registrar. Bro. Elves called on the brethren to give this toast a hearty reception, which those present did in a manner only known to Masons.

Bro. Daking responded with a few appropriate remarks, wishing the W.M. and officers of the lodge a very happy and prosperous year.

Bro. Allez proposed "The W.M.'s Health" in a very neat speech, which was duly responded to.

"The Visitors," which was proposed by Bro. Chambers, came in for the hearty reception that is always accorded to brethren who visit this lodge; and was responded to by Bros. Cooper, Bullard, Bowes, Lord, and others.

The next must be considered the toast of the evening, that of "The Installing Master, Bro. Allez," who although well on for the allotted time on earth, four score years, conducted this important office in a manner which showed how well he had studied every part of the ceremony, and his retentive memory even at this age being equal to the strain put upon it when acting as on this occasion as W.M., Installing Master and D. of C.

The toast received a most hearty reception, and Bro. Allez replied in a manner that could scarcely have been expected after such an evening of toil and love.

The sister lodge "Unity" was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to in such good spirit as tended to show the kindly feeling that existed between the two lodges. "The Past Masters and Officers" were toasted as usual, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful installation meetings that had been held at the St. Margaret's Lodge since its formation. During the evening Bro. Atkinson presided at the piano, and some very excellent songs by Bros. Holden, Bullard, Rowland and others, were greatly enjoyed.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The second monthly meeting after the installation in connection with this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult., when the brethren were summoned to commence labour at 2.30 prompt, the First and Third degrees being on the programme of business for the afternoon. Punctually at the fixed hour, Bro. William Savage, the W.M., took his place in the E., and opened the lodge in due form. There were present during the afternoon, the following officers and members of the "Dramatic." Bros. John Atkinson, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; Dr. Whittle, J.D.; J. J. Monk, Organist; H. Round, S.S.; W. Addes, J.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; W. T. Robertson, Edgar Wilson, Owen Dacroy, W. Hildyard, J. Hoult, E. Graham, B. Hughes, D. Fleming, Dr. J. B. Macpherson, J. Chambers, E. H. Allen, R. W. Hughes, J. Rawsthorne, Capt. Ainscow, Tudor Rogers, S. H. Jones, J. Keet, I. Jacobs, W. Hines, A. Harrison, J. W. Collinson, A. Gordon, T. L. Duncan, G. Martin, W. Johnson, E. Brammell, jun., J. Goodhart, G. Redmond, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; Roger White, S.W., 241; J. Cobham, P.M., 241; R. J. Hughes, 72; Professor H. J. Stark, P.M., 1765; C. Wadsworth, 292; J. W. Wensley, 292; R. Crockett, 292; H. Bruce, (Williamstown, Australia); E. Cattrall, J.W., 203; R. C. Bence, 673; T. Hatton, W.M., 203; T. D. Fenner, 333; J. Walton, 1013; J. Scaife, 667; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having proved unanimously in favour of the candidature of Mr. Herbert Bennett, he was initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bros. L. S. Dewar, 1319, and I. Jacobs, 1182, were duly elected joining members. Bros. A. Gordon and Ben Hughes, were subsequently raised to the Degree of M.M. The balance-sheet for the past year was passed without dissent; and, after the sum of seven guineas had been voted on behalf of the widows of two deceased brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The usual dinner was served in the banqueting-room of the Masonic Hall, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The visiting brethren who responded were Bros. T. Salter, Professor Stark, J. Cobham, and Roger White. A capital entertainment programme was given by Bros. Edgar Wilson, Dr. F. A. Macpherson, Dr. J. B. Macpherson, Professor Stark, E. Brammell, and T. Salter, the accompaniments to the songs being played by Bros. J. J. Monk, J. W. Collinson, and E. H. Allen.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An excellent gathering of the members of this prosperous lodge took place on the 29th ult., at the Clarence Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; T. Goodchild, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., Sec.; C. Stevens, S.D.; White, J.D.; Collier, I.G.; Owen, M.C.; Hickinbotham, W.S.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx. (hon. member); Handel, Warner, Finch, Simmonds, Lerrey, Gilbert, Tyler; and among the visitors were Bros. Raymond Thrupp, R.W. D.P.G.M. Middx.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Jones, P.M. 765; Beard, J.W. 946; Loft, 946; Bonell, 1656; Austin, 1732, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. James Bonella was ably initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. Goodchild, Beauchamp, and Gilbert. Bros. Handel, Warner, and Simmonds were elected Auditors, and a Past Master's jewel, with the addition of a bar, for his second year of office, was unanimously voted to the W.M.

Bros. Walls and Hurst then gave a notice of motion, "That the R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. Thrupp, become an honorary member of the lodge."

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Thrupp acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," in which he referred to the efficient work-

ing of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, from the W.M. down to the I.G.

Bro. Bonella responded to "The Initiate," Bro. Hopwood and others for "The Visitors," Bros. Hurst and Forge for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Walls and Goodchild acknowledged the toast of "The Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

SHOEBURYNESSE.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The regular meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Cambridge Hotel. Bro. C. Floyd, the W.M., was supported by Bros. J. M. Farr, I.P.M. and P.G.S.B.; J. Glasscock, P.M. P.P.G.S.B.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, 1000, Grand Director of Ceremonies of the province of Essex, and an hon. member of this lodge; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Bacon, P.M. 153, P.D.G.J.W. of Gibraltar. The following officers assisted the W.M.: Bros. H. Church, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Lightowlers, S.D.; C. Spalding, J.D.; Charles Jackson, I.G.; and W. Martin, Tyler; and a large number of members and visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bros. W. Cox and G. Foord Harris were passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Robert Buckler, already accepted unanimously, was then initiated into the ancient mysteries. The whole of the working reflected much credit on Bro. Floyd, the W.M., and his officers, the charge, by Bro. Taylor, J.W., being given in a most impressive manner.

After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Floyd, and duly honoured, after which the brethren retired in peace and harmony.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Essenden House, the residence of Dr. Spurrell, called, in the first instance, for the purpose of initiating a candidate about to return to Egypt. Present: Bros. J. Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; Dr. Spurrell, I.P.M., Treasurer; T. P. Birts, acting S.W., in the absence of Bro. F. Wood, S.W., absent through illness; Bateman, J.W.; Bright, S.D.; Kentish, acting J.D.; Gibson, I.G.; H. A. E. de Pinna, Secretary; J. K. Paine, F. E. Houghton, C. R. Paine, F. G. Houghton, Colman, and Robinson. Bro. Sermon was a visitor.

Bro. J. K. Paine was elected Steward of the Lodge. Messrs. A. H. Hooker, J. D. Blackett, and R. Youngman were balloted for as candidates for initiation, and the ballot proving unanimous, were initiated by the W.M., in his usual able manner. Bros. F. G. Houghton, Colman, and Robinson were passed to the Second Degree. Bros. de Pinna and C. R. Paine were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The business of the evening being concluded, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

INSTRUCTION.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on the 20th ult. There were present Bros. H. Lardner, P.M. 1745, W.M.; J. Davidson, P.M. 299, S.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M. 879 and 1623, J.W.; J. Pinder, Preceptor; A. Clark, J. Andrews, D. Legg, Serjeant, Rowe, Stroud, Millington, Pringle, Franklin, Patrick, G. H. Clark, Woolley, C. B. Carter, Cleverley, Turbefeld, Howes, C. W. Kent, J. Lawrence, W. Lane, A. W. Flack, G. Perkins, T. Probert, J. Collinson, C. S. Mote, and H. Inman.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed, and the Fifteen Sections were worked.

On the motion of Bro. A. Clark, seconded by Bro. Andrews, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Lardner for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M., and put the questions for the Fifteen Sections; the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Lardner was further unanimously elected an honorary member, with full privileges.

Bro. Lardner thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him.

On the motion of Bro. Pinder, which was seconded by Bro. A. Clark, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, for so readily accepting the invitation of this lodge to work the Fifteen Sections, and the able manner they had done so.

Bro. Pennefather, upon behalf of the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. Pennefather, Kent, Lawrence, Lane, Duerr, Flack, Perkins, Mote, Davidson, Probert, Collinson, and Inman.

The Secretary having announced the forthcoming banquet, the lodge was closed. Nothing conducive to the comfort of the brethren was left undone by Bro. W. Serjeant, the proprietor.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at Bro. Maidwell's, P.M., Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present: Bros. James Smith, W.M.; J. E. Fells, S.W.; Maidwell, P.M., J.W.; Webb, P.M., Preceptor; Cubitt, Deacon; Wren, P.M.; Campbell, Smithers, De Save, I.G.; and J. H. Pitt, Sec.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Smither offering himself for raising, was instructed in the questions leading thereto, and, being entrusted, retired. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Smither was duly raised to M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Smither being the candidate. Bro. Fells, S.W., was duly voted to the chair of K.S. for next lodge meeting. All labour ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. There were present Bros. J. E. Fells, W.M.; Jas. Smith, S.W.; Hy. Morris, J.W.; J. Shackell, P.M., acting Preceptor; T. B. Biddle, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; W. Cubitt, Deacon; J. G. Desave, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, Sec.; and several brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Pitt being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed. Bro. Smith, leaving the chair of S.W., offered himself to be the candidate for the Third Degree, which ceremony was worked in a very pleasing and profitable manner, as, indeed, each Degree was worked to the satisfaction of the lodge in particular. This lodge may be congratulated upon its success in the new quarters, and, being much encouraged by the earnestness of the working endeavours of the brethren, we look forward to its former prosperity. All labour being ended, the lodge was closed in due form. Bro. J. Smith was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., there being present Bros. C. Weeden, W.M.; A. Ferrar, S.W.; Pribbell, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; Houghton, S.D.; Dixie, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; also J. P. Cohen, Wolf, R. M. Jones, A. M. Marks, Chipperfield, Byvan, Richardson, J. Humphreys, J. Ruffett, C. K. Killick, jun., Hatch, Burtenshaw, Galer, Forge, and others.

Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson being the candidate, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a very correct manner. Bro. Cohen worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. Humphreys and J. Ruffett, S69, were elected members. Bro. A. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE.—(No. 507).—The meeting of this lodge, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on the 1st inst., was presided over by Bro. M. E. Stokes, as W.M.; and the officers were Bro. A. J. Styles, S.W.; J. W. Bate, J.W.; H. Willshire, S.D.; R. Poore, J.D.; F. Thurston, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; and John S. Terry, P.M. and Secretary. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., and the Sections of the Degree worked by the brethren, Bro. Stevens explaining, where requested, many points not fully understood by some of the members present. Bro. Styles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the week ending the 29th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Preceptor, and the members and their friends will sup together. Lodge was closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington. Present: J. H. Smith, W.M.; Holland, S.W.; C. F. Botley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. and Treas.; Precept.; H. Dehane, Sec.; H. Hardy, S.D.; Cursons, J.D.; G. H. Taylor, I.G.; Soncs, P.M.; Alexander, P.M.; Craig, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; Chalfont, Simpson, Thomas, Hart, Cuthbertson, Mitchell, Humphreys and Mote. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, the ceremonies of initiation and raising being ably rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Mote being the candidates. Bro. Holland was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Prince Regent (Bro. Monk's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when the W.M., Bro. Stephen Richardson, J.D. 183, was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. R. Poore, S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; Hy. M. Williams, Sec.; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; Hy. Stokes, S.D.; R. W. Pooler, J.D.; J. Howe, I.G.; H. Goodwin, G. W. Knight, E. Bye, jun., A. E. Albert, A. Jones, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. The bye-laws of lodge were read. It was proposed that a benevolent association should be established in connection with the lodge, and the matter was further postponed. Bro. Alfred Jones, 1949, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. R. Poore was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation. It was decided that the first festival of the lodge should be held on the third Tuesday in January next, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

On the motion of Bro. Williams, the Secretary, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. Richardson, the W.M., for his able conduct of the ceremony and work of the evening for the first time in his Masonic career. The resolution to be recorded on the minutes. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony until the following Tuesday evening.

BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 315).—There was a large gathering of the brethren at the Royal Pavilion, on Monday, the 4th inst., under the auspices, and to hear Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., read his excellent lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Gibson, W.M. 315, and amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. A. J. Carpenter, J. B. Hawney, Geo. Nash, C. P. Smith, P.P.G.D., M. Sclew, A. H. Thacker, H. Kent, R. T. Nye, J.D.; W. R. Wood, jun., Geo. R. Godfree, W. H. Deane, H. Beaumont, L. R. Syer, R. Page, W. Anderson, J. H. Stride, P.M., Geo. Fielders, M. Metherell, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Norman, 22; J. Fitzgerald, 37; J. S. Colborne, 145; A. King, 217; H. Wellington, 207; M. Schofield, 315; S. F. Clayton, 341; L. Wintletisher, 377; S. Roberts Legg, 732; E. Walker, 811; J. J. Knight, 1446; G. L. Shackles, 1511; Hornsen, Prov. G.D. Fast Yorks; John Tidmarsh, 1636; C. J. Hollands, 1797; W. W. Newton, B. Bingfield, D. Thomson, F. Parsons, and W. A. Tooth, all of 1821; W. H. English and F. F. Gates, 1829, and several other brethren.

Immediately after the opening of the lodge, the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens to the assembled brethren, and for a little more than two hours the lecturer kept his audience thoroughly interested, making his lecture more attractive by an able recital of the several ceremonies in full, with

most pertinent remarks on the numerous divergencies which have of late years crept into the ritual. On the whole, the hearers were in full accord with the remarks of the lecturer. On one or two points very interesting observations were made by intelligent brethren, with the result of enlightening the minds of many present, and enabling them to understand points and practices which they had not up to that time fully comprehended the importance of. At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. Stevens was greeted with much applause; and the thanks of the lodge of instruction were cordially voted, in slight acknowledgment of his services.

The W.M. expressed his gratification to find that the working of the Masonic ceremonial at Brighton agreed so nearly with that which had been set forth by the lecturer. He considered that the lecture should be heard far and wide; by some lodges for the purpose of correcting many existing fallacies, and by others that the members might be confirmed, as in their own case, in the correctness of their mode of working.

Bro. Stevens in acknowledging the compliment, stated that the invite the lodge had made and the reception they accorded him, were ample rewards for any service he had rendered; and his object being to receive, and as far as in his humble power lay to give Masonic instruction, he should be prepared on reasonable notice, to repeat his evenings work in any other lodge, provincial or metropolitan.

The lodge was then closed, and a most agreeable and instructive evening was terminated by a brief entertainment in the way of refreshments, at the usual meeting room of the lodge of instruction, at Bro. Paige's, the Unicorn Hotel, North-street.

WALTHAM-NEW-TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—A most interesting and instructive meeting was spent at this lodge on Thursday evening, the 30th ult. The meeting was held in the commodious lodge room at the Britannia Hotel, and the Fifteen Sections were worked under the presidency of Bro. J. Noyes, W.M. 1327, W.M.; Bros. J. Robinson, S.W. 1327, S.W. and Preceptor; and T. Reilly, P.M. and Sec. 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts., J.W. The Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture: First Section, Bro. Sprout, J.D. 1327; Second, Bro. Bilby, W.S. 1327; Third, Bro. Holt, 754; Fourth, Bro. Reilly, Sec. 1327; Fifth, Bro. Davies, 1327; Sixth, Bro. Lewis, S.D. 1327; Seventh, Bro. Shepherd, 1327. Second Lecture: First Section, not worked; Second, Bro. J. Noyes, W.M. 1327; Third, Bro. W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. and D.C. 1327; Fourth, Bro. J. Robinson, S.W. 1327; Fifth, J. Fisher, I.P.M. 1327, P.G.S.B. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. G. Wyatt; Second, not worked; Third, Bro. Hanchett. Where all did their work so thoroughly well, it would be unjust as well as invidious to draw any distinctions, or in any way to particularise; but it may be said with truth and justice that the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, by the perfect working of the Sections, afforded to the brethren present on Thursday evening a most genuine Masonic treat.

Amongst the numerous brethren present were Bros. Rev. C. H. Roberts, B. Mitchell, Lumsden, Newman, Robin, Hatch, Watkins, Young, Crockett, Searl, and many others.

A most unanimous vote of thanks was proposed, carried, and accorded to Bro. Noyes for the very able manner in which he discharged his onerous duties as W.M. Some formal business was then transacted, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

NORTHAMPTON.—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—This chapter held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there was a good attendance of the companions. Bros. T. P. Dorman, 1764, and Thos. Wetherell, 860, having been duly balloted for, presented themselves for exaltation. Comp. J. U. Stanton, P.Z., M.E.Z., performed the ceremony, being assisted by Comps. W. J. Atkins, H.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, J.; H. W. Parker, P.S.; and Butler Wilkins, P.Z., Dep. Supt. Norths and Hunts. The following officers were afterwards elected: Comps. H. J. Atkins, M.E.Z.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, H.; J. Bingley, J.; G. Robinson, P.Z., E.; W. Parker, N.; J. U. Stanton, P.Z., Treas.; G. Ellard, P.S.; W. Brown, 1st A.S.; G. M. Percival, 2nd A.S.; and Brook Sampson, O.

After the completion of the business, the companions adjourned to the supper-room, where full justice was done to the refreshments, served in Mrs. Forth's usual excellent manner. In addition to the companions mentioned above, the following were present: Comps. J. Kellett, P.Z.; J. J. Hart, E. Cochirill, Jas. Clayton, A. Jones, H. Spoor, T. Emery, and others.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall. This was not the proper day, as explained by the W.M., but it was the only one available during the week, as the hall was wanted on every other evening for convocations of the (so called) High Grades, for which case provision is made in the bye-laws. Soon after 7.30 p.m. Bro. C. W. Radway, W.M., and P.P.G.D.C., took the chair and opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Braham, I.P.M., and P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain, Past G.J.W., and P.M. 26 and 74; John Dutton, P.M. and Treasurer; Jas. J. Dutton, P.M. and Dir. of Cers.; C. Wilkinson, P.M. and P.G.M.O., as Secretary; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Dingle, J.W.; L. Howes, M.O.; Mercer, S.O.; Penley, J.O.; W. Peach, Reg. of Mks., as S.D.; Rubie, P.M., as J.D.; Knight, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws were read. The W.M. feelingly mentioned the absence of Bro. Muris, Secretary (owing to the death of his only son), and the death of two members, Bros. Thompson, P.M., and Holmes, and in accordance with the desire of the brethren, promised to write letters of sympathy and condolence to the surviving relatives of each. The presence of Bro. W. H. Rice in the ante-room as a candidate for advancement, previously balloted for, having been announced, he was admitted, and the ceremony was very efficiently performed by the

W.M. and his officers, to which much interest was given by the addition of appropriate music, vocal and instrumental, Bro. Sparrow presiding at the organ. Bro. Braham, I.P.M., explained the working tools.

On the proposition of the W.M. a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Col. Somerville-Burney for his presence as a visitor, who holds a very high rank in Grand Craft Lodge and Chapter, more especially in the Christian Degrees, and in a few days will be installed as W.M. of the Studholme Mark Lodge in London.

The gallant colonel returned thanks for the compliment, and expressed his satisfaction at the opportunity afforded him of being present at the working of the ceremony, since he had thus obtained valuable information and useful hints, of which he should avail himself in his own lodge.

Bro. L. Howes proposed a candidate for advancement, and no other business offering, the lodge was closed.

SOUTHAMPTON.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 63).—At the annual meeting of the above lodge on the 30th ult., Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe was installed W.M., the following being the other officers: Bros. G. Cross, I.P.M.; M. Emanuel, S.W.; W. Horton, J.W.; Dr. Hobbs, M.O.; H. Dusautoy, S.O.; T. Lashmore, J.O.; Rev. H. J. Mason, Chap.; G. J. Tilling, Treas.; C. W. Bemister, Sec.; W. O. Neill, Reg. Mks.; Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, S.D.; A. J. Blackman, J.D.; J. R. Weston, D.C.; J. Slater, I.G.; and J. Biggs and W. Vare, Tylers. The installation ceremony was beautifully rendered by W. Bro. E. Sheppard.

Royal Ark Mariners.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Solent Lodge (No. 63).—Thursday, the 30th ult., being the festival of St. Andrew, the above lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, at which W. Bro. G. Cross was installed W.C.N. by W. Bro. R. Loveland Loveand. The following were appointed to the other offices: Bros. W. Horton, J.; D. Hobbs, S.; Rev. H. J. Mason, S.D.; W. O. Neill, J.D.; P. Warren, Treas.; C. W. Bemister, Scribe; J. R. Weston, D.C.; Rev. A. L'Argent Bell, G.; J. Biggs and W. Vare, W.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—The December meeting of the above conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Thos. Massa, M.P.S.; E. H. Thielley, V.E.; H. H. Shirley, S.G.; T. C. Walls, I.G.; George Mickle, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; J. Mason, Recorder; W. E. Dawes, Prefect; C. W. Pridmore, Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, Orator; G. Harrison, Sentinel; Wm. Holman, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; Thomas Kingston, P.S.; G. Robinson, P.S.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.S.; J. Moss, P.S.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, P.S.; Wm. R. Woodman, P.G. I.G., G. Recorder; H. C. Levander, P.S.; Geo. Cadell, A. H. Bateman, John Barker, M.P.S.; Donald McDewar, J. Giesman Chillingworth, and W. Lake (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was installed. Bro. W. E. Macartney son of the I.P.S., was unable to be present to be installed, in consequence of illness. Bro. H. C. Levander was presented with a Past Grand Recorders' jewel, amid expressions of goodwill and regret at his being compelled to retire from the office.

A meeting of Grand Conclave afterwards took place, a report of which will appear in our next. A banquet followed, under the presidency of the I.P.S., Bro. J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—De La Pole Conclave (No. 132).—A meeting of this conclave was held, on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Charlotte-street, and was presided over by E. Sir Knight T. Thompson, M.P.S. After the calling of the muster roll, and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous conclave, a College of Viceroy was opened, and Sir Knight Comp. T. D. Wing, V.E. elect, was installed as Viceroy, after which a Senate of Sovereigns being called, E. Sir Knight Comp. George Wilson, M.P.S. elect, was then enthroned. The M.P.S. subsequently invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following, viz.: Sir Knights William Gillett, Senior General; Henry Toozes, Junior General; A. P. Wilson, High Prelate; Henry Preston, Treasurer and Recorder; Jno. Walton, 1st Aide; Andrew King, 2nd Aide; W. B. Wilkinson, Standard Bearer; P. C. Whitfield, Prefect; G. S. Highmon, Herald; J. Matthews, D.C.; and J. Bursdall, Sentinel.

The conclave was then adjourned for some days, in order to enable the knight companions to attend a concert given by Sir Knight Cheesman, and upon again meeting the Degrees of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist will be given.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of this prosperous council was held at the Masonic Rooms, Golden-square, on the 30th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, T.J.M., &c.; T. Poore, D.M., &c.; D. M. Dewar, G.R.; Gravely, M.; Major Dunbar, W.; Raymond Thrupp, Cama, Captain Lambert, Matier, Spice, Lovegrove, Dr. Ramsey, M.D., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. N. D. Fracis, Hiram Lodge, No. 13, and Acland, Panmure Lodge, No. 139, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly admitted, and received into the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. The four ceremonies being performed, and the attendant lectures delivered, by the T.J.M., ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, Gravely, and Major Dunbar.

The council was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation at the Albany Hotel, Theobald's-road. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Dewar responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the increasing popularity and consequent prosperity of the Cryptic Rites.

Bro. Matier, in a very complimentary speech, gave "The T. J. M."

This toast having been acknowledged, "The Health of the Newly-received Brethren" followed.

Bro. Ackland having replied, the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Matier, who responded in a telling speech, came next in order.

The proceedings terminated with "The Health of the Officers," connected with the name of Bro. T. Poore, who briefly replied.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, for the installation of the new office-bearers. Bro. Villiers, the Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, officiated as acting Grand Master; Bro. Major Crombie, of Aberdeen, acted as Senior Grand Warden; and Bro. Caldwell, of Craigielea, as Junior Grand Warden. There was a good attendance of members.

The ACTING MASTER declared the elective offices vacant, and moved the re-election of the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Grand Master Mason.

This was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Master was thereupon installed into office with the usual formalities. He then nominated Col. Sir Archibald Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., as Depute Grand Master, and Bro. R. F. Shaw-Stewart as Substitute Grand Master, and installed them into office.

The other office-bearers were then elected for next year, and installed as under:

- Bro. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Haddington ... G.S.W.
- " The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane ... G.J.W.
- " C. Murray Lyon ... G. Sec.
- " David Kinnear ... G. Cashier.
- " Rev. James Barclay, A.M. ... G. Chaps.
- " Rev. W. W. Tulloch B.D. ... G.S.D.
- " Major John Crombie ... G.S.D.
- " The Most Noble the Marquis of Tweeddale ... G.J.D.
- " John Baird ... G. Architect.
- " James Crichton ... G. Jeweller.
- " David Hume ... G. Bible Bearer.
- " Capt. Farquhar MacGillivray ... G. Dir. of Cer.
- " Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Bart. ... G. Bard.
- " James T. S. Elliot, the younger, of Wolfelee ... G. Sword Bearer.
- " F. W. Bridgman ... G. Dir. of Music.
- " Robert Davidson ... G. Org.
- " Major William Hills ... G. Marshall.
- " William Barry ... G.L.G.
- " David Robertson ... G. Tyler.

Bros. James Turner was elected President, and Dr. G. Dickson Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards.

At the close of the installation ceremonial the Grand Lodge repaired to the Great Hall, there to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew. There were about 250 present. The Grand Master occupied the throne, and on his right were: Bros. Sir Archibald Campbell, Depute Grand Master; J. C. Forrest, Prov. Grand Master of Lanark, Middle Ward; F. E. Villiers, Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire; J. Martin, Prov. Grand Master of Dumbarton; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; Rev. J. Barclay, Grand Chap.; Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; W. Officer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt; J. Crichton, Grand Jeweller; Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, Edinburgh; F. W. Bridgman, Grand Org.; D. Hume, Grand Bible-Bearer; Capt. Farquhar MacGillivray, Grand D. of C.; M. Müller, and others. On the left of the Grand Master were: Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Substitute Grand Master; G. Maxwell of Glenlee; Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Grand Bard; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, Grand Chap.; J. Baird, Grand Architect; A. Kerr, Past Grand Architect; Rev. Macadam Muir, Col. Stewart, Glasgow; H. Y. D. Copland, Edinburgh; Rev. T. N. Wannop, J. Graham, C.A., Glasgow; Geo. Miller, C.A., Glasgow; and others.

Bro. Crombie acted as Senior Grand Warden, supported by Bros. E. Savage (Aberdeen), and David Kinnear, Grand Cashier.

Bro. Caldwell acted as Junior Grand Warden, supported by Bro. Allan, Glasgow, and others.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., the Earl of Haddington, the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Breadalbane, the Earl of Roslyn, the Hon. Frank Lyon, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire; Charles Dalrymple, M.P.; J. White Melville, J. T. S. Elliot, yr. of Wolfelee; Sheriff Thoms, Dr. Falconer, H. F. Malleon, Prov. Grand Master of Lanark, Upper Ward, &c., &c. Deputations were in attendance from the following daughter lodges, headed for the most part by the R.W.M. of each lodge:—James Crichton, 1; C. Bertie, 2; John Wilson, 8; W. Black, 16; A. G. Stephenson, 30; D. Taylor, 36; James Guthrie, 50; George Geddes, 54; Samuel Aitkin, 97; E. Savage, 110; A. Clark, 145; R. Kynoch, 150; J. Ronaldson, 151; Dr. Sheriff, 160; W. Cameron, 175; John Livingstone, 180; John Burt, 190; D. Grant, 291; R. Hogg, 349; W. Neilson, 360; James Smith, 405; A. Stott, 609. Foreign Lodge—Burmah, Joseph Dawson, Depute District Grand Master.

After an excellent dinner, which was well served by Bros. R. Kay and Sons, the loyal toasts were given from the chair.

The Rev. P. MACADAM MUIR then proposed "The Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers."

Bro. Dr. W. T. BLACK replied for "The Navy."

Bros. Sir MOLYNEUX NEPEAN, Bart., and Col. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL replied for "The Militia."

Bro. Col. T. T. STEWART replied for "The Volunteers."

Bro. JOHN GRAHAM proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland."

Bro. the Rev. C. J. RIDGEWAY replied.

Bro. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL next proposed "The Health of the Grand Master," and, in doing so, remarked that the Earl had made it part of his duty to go round and visit the provinces and see how they were working. He was sure that in this the Grand Master had done a great deal of good in the provinces—(applause)—and that the manner in which the duties of his offices were discharged

would secure the gratitude of every member of Grand Lodge. The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The GRAND MASTER, who was received with much applause, thanked Grand Lodge for again placing him in the honourable and responsible position to which he had been re-appointed. He then congratulated them on the entire absence of all cliques from Grand Lodge, and exhorted the brethren to maintain the harmony at present existing, and to do their utmost for the purity of the Order, and to make the world consider it an honour to belong thereto. (Applause.) Referring to his visits to the provinces, he said he had not found anything but good work done; and he was glad to see that at present in Grand Committee a great many parts of the country were well represented. Not only from the great centres in the east and west, but from Aberdeen and further north, they had an excellent contingent of as good Masons as were in Scotland—(applause)—and to the Grand Committee and to all Masons it would be a great pleasure to see Masons representing other provinces appointed as members of that body. Speaking of work that still remained to be done, the Grand Master expressed a hope that ere next year something would be done to prepare a ritual, so as to secure, if not strict uniformity, at least an approximation thereto among all the lodges in Scotland. (Applause.) Next touching on the financial condition of Grand Lodge at the present moment, the Grand Master mentioned that the amount of their debt in 1877 was £15,000, and that £1000 had been paid off during the past year; and that during the past five years the debt had been reduced from £15,000 to £1500. (Applause.) That £1500 included their whole indebtedness. The accounts were brought up to the present date, and showed that £1000 had been paid on alteration of premises and new furniture, so that if these expenses had not been incurred their total would not have been more than £500. (Applause.) During the past year the number of entrants had been greater than in any previous year, having amounted to 4534. (Applause.) The number of new charters issued had been eleven. The gross income of the past year was £4462, and the gross expenditure £3522—showing an excess of income to the amount of £930. (Applause.) He thought that those results during these five years were satisfactory. (Applause.) In afterwards proposing the toast of "The Past Grand Masters," the Grand Master said that it had been intended to present that evening to the Immediate Past Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, a jewel of a Past Grand Master, which was in very good taste, and did great credit to the new Grand Jeweller. He regretted the absence of Sir Michael, owing to indisposition, and that the presentation would be postponed until next meeting. (Hear, hear.)

The toast of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" was proposed by Bro. J. CLERK FORREST, and responded to by the Grand Bible-Bearer.

Bro. the Rev. W. W. TULLOCH proposed "The Depute Grand Master," remarking that Sir Archibald had made himself popular, loved, and esteemed as a county gentleman, a soldier, and a Mason. (Applause.)

Sir ARCHIBALD responded in appropriate terms.

Bro. VILLIERS proposed "The Countess of Mar and Kellie."

The GRAND MASTER replied.

"The Health of the Substitute Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. MAXWELL, of Glenlee.

The GRAND MASTER then proposed in groups the toasts of the different lodges which had sent deputations, and the head of each lodge replied. A variety of other toasts followed, including "The other Office-bearers of Grand Lodge," in proposing which the Grand Master spoke in high terms of the services of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Murray Lyon. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by several of the brethren, and with music supplied by a band under Bro. H. Dambmann. Grand Lodge was closed about ten o'clock.

SOCIETY OF TRUE HIGHLANDERS.

The members of this honourable fraternity, which was founded A.D. 1815, for the relief of distressed and reduced members, celebrated their 65th anniversary on Thursday, the 30th ult., being St. Andrew's Day. A capital repast was served at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., under the direction of Bro. Everett, which included a characteristic dish of haggis. During the banquet, Piper J. McKenzie awoke the stirring strains of the pibroch, playing several national airs. Bro. J. McIntyre North, 1559, presided as chief, and was supported as croupiers by Bro. R. Lamb, 1178, and Mr. Sanderson and many brethren in Highland costume, and the proceedings were graced by the presence of many ladies. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Fadell, W.M. 1559; J. B. D'Ardenne, 1184; Jackson, P.M. 534; Pardoe, 534; W. H. Bromley, J. Duke, G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623; Mackay, 1623; and others. The usual loyal toasts were honoured; and in response to the toast of "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces," Lieut. Preston ably responded. In toasting "Kindred Societies," the worthy chief, Bro. McIntyre North, alluded to the benevolent work this Society and other similar ones performed on behalf of the aged and needy. He felt that he could not do anything more appropriate than to connect that grand old Society, whose ramifications and influences for doing like good work in furthering charity were world-wide, namely Freemasonry. He was pleased to see members of that noble order present as members and visitors, and called upon his excellent friend Bro. Fadell, W.M., of his mother lodge, New-cross, 1559 to respond. After this had been suitably done, Bro. R. Lamb proposed the "Ladies," and Bro. G. H. Stephens, responded on their behalf. Dancing ensued, and was carried on with much spirit for several hours. Bro. North gave a performance of the Sword Dance, and assisted by Bro. Jackson, and Messrs. Sanderson, Meffan, Sec., and others in Highland costume, gave a series of reels, flings and other Scotch dances, Piper McKenzie supplying the national music in an able and stirring manner. Some capital songs were also contributed by the ladies, accompanied by Mr. A. Putnam on the piano, who, with his brother, Mr. G. Putnam (cornet) furnished the music for the other dances, and a highly enjoyable anniversary meeting was celebrated.

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Obituary.

BRO. ANTHONY TROLLOPE.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. Anthony Trollope, which occurred on Wednesday evening at six o'clock, at its residence, 43, Welbeck-street. Bro. Trollope has been in a very critical condition for some days, and his death was not unexpected. It is understood that in the early part of the year he consulted Dr. Murrell for shortness of breath, from which he suffered severely on exertion, and for symptoms which had been ascribed to *angina pectoris*. On examination it was found that there was no *angina pectoris*, but that one of the valves of the heart was acting imperfectly. Bro. Trollope underwent a course of treatment, and was advised to abstain for a time from work of all kinds. He accordingly went to Ireland, where he laid the foundation of his new novel, "The Land Leaguers." In October Bro. Trollope returned to London better and stronger in every way. It was then determined that he should take up his residence in London, only visiting his country house at Petersfield occasionally. On the 3rd of November last Bro. Trollope, whilst dining with his brother-in-law, Sir John Tilly, was seized with paralysis of the right side and loss of the faculty of language. He was again seen by Dr. Murrell, and also by Sir William Jenner, in consultation. For nearly a month he progressed most favourably, his power of speech to some extent returned, and on Friday last he was so well that arrangements were made for him to take outdoor exercise. On Sunday it was reported that he was not so well, and it was then seen that his case would assume a much more serious aspect. From that time he became more and more apathetic, until consciousness was entirely lost. He was quite unable to swallow, and artificial modes of feeding had to be resorted to, the temperature being maintained by application of oils. On Tuesday congestion of the lungs set in, and it was felt that his end was approaching. Anthony Trollope was the son of Mr. T. A. Trollope, barrister-at-law, and Mrs. Francis Trollope, the well-known novelist, whose description of "Life and Manners in America," written some half a century since, were so distasteful to our American cousins. He was born in 1815, and received his education at Winchester, and subsequently at Harrow. He obtained an appointment at the Post-office, and was for some years engaged in Ireland as a district surveyor for that department of the civil service. It was while engaged in this service that he was enabled to make that acquaintance with Irish habit and character which he described in "The Macdermotts of Ballycran." Many other works followed, which met with much success. He paid a visit to America, and in 1871 made a voyage to Australia and New Zealand, of which he gave an account, published in 1873, under the title of "Southern and Western Australia and New Zealand." A mere catalogue of his novels would occupy a large space, for he has been a most prolific writer. Among the latest have been "An Eye for an Eye," and "John Caldigate," 1879; "The Duke's Children," 1880; "Dr. Worth's School," 1881; and a novel called "The Land Leaguers," which is coming out in *Life*.

BRO. ELIAS SOMERS, PROV. G.P. MIDDIX.

With much regret we announce the death of Bro. Elias Somers, who expired on Monday, the 4th inst., at his residence, Forest-road, Dalston, after a long and painful illness. Our esteemed brother was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, and exalted in the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174; was one of the founders and first S.W. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489; a founder of the Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602, and first W.M. thereof; also founder and the first W.M. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, Harrow; was a founder of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524; and at the time of his death was Prov. Grand Purs. Middix.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- LARTER.—On the 24th ult., at 79, Kent-road, Glasgow, the wife of Bro. F. W. Larter, of a son.
- MILLER.—On the 3rd inst., at 9, Courtfield-road, the wife of E. A. Miller, of a son.
- PYKE.—On the 2nd inst., at Cornwall-terrace, Regent's Park, the wife of M. J. Pyke, of a son.
- TODD.—On the 28th ult., at Melrose Cottage, East Finchley, the wife of B. Todd, of a daughter.
- VALENTINE.—On the 3rd inst., at Church-row, Fulham, the wife of the Rev. H. T. Valentine, of a daughter.
- WOODFORD.—On the 3rd inst., at Plaistow, Essex, the wife of A. Woodforde, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- FIELD—BURT.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, Alfred Field, Esq., of Leam, Leamington, to Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. J. T. Burt, Rector of Stoke Doyle, Oundle, Northamptonshire.
- HUNT—EDBROOKE.—On the 2nd inst., at North Pether-ton, John Carter Hunt, of Bridgwater, Prov. Grand Sec. of Somerset, to Mary, only daughter of William Edbrooke, Esq., Rhode Farm, near Bridgwater.
- WHITE—ANDERSON.—On the 7th ult., at Christ Church Cathedral, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas, Lieut. Wm. Shearburn White, R.N., commanding H.M.S. Sparrowhawk, to Annie Louisa, daughter of Sir G. Anderson, Kt., late Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands.

DEATHS.

- BURROWS.—On the 27th Sept., at Rangiora, New Zealand, W. A. Burrows, Esq., M.R.C.S.
- CHALLIS.—On the 3rd inst., at Trumpington-street, Cambridge, the Rev. James Challis, M.A., F.R.S., F.R.A.A., LL.D., aged 78.
- CROSS.—On the 3rd inst., at Gillingham, Chatham, Alexander Cross, Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, aged 77.
- TROLLOPE.—On the 6th inst., at his residence, 43, Welbeck-street, London, Bro. Anthony Trollope, aged 67.



The Alhambra Theatre was totally destroyed by fire early on Thursday morning last. The performance of the "Merry War," had concluded shortly after 11 o'clock, and the different assistants had left the house, as they imagined, in a state of security. It is believed the fire first broke out in the large saloon at the back of the second circle, and by the time it was discovered had obtained a firm hold of the premises. The catastrophe will be a cause of great loss to all those of the profession who were engaged for the Christmas piece, which was to have been mounted on a very big scale, and, at least, 300 persons will unfortunately be thrown out of employment at the very worst season of the year. The theatre now destroyed was opened in 1852 for lectures and musical performances, under the name of the Panopticon. The speculation did not succeed, and in 1858 it was opened for concerts and horsemanship, and re-christened the Alhambra.

"The Silver King," by Messrs. Jones and Herman, just produced at the Princess's, is a step in the right direction after some of the recent melodramas we have had, which are little else than grand spectacular displays, and, from the impossibilities they contain, almost verge on the borders of burlesque. The authors deserve congratulation upon the style in which they have executed their task. It may emphatically be termed an excellent drama. From the rise of the curtain to its fall, the "Silver King," throughout its five acts, holds the audience firmly. There is little risk in predicting a prosperous career for this piece. *Wilfred Denver* is a scapegrace, of good birth and kindly disposition. He has married a woman of whom *Geoffrey Ware* was a former lover. He loses heavily at betting. This drives him to drink and makes his wife and children beggars. While mad with drink he is assailed by his rival, *Geoffrey Ware*, who insults him by paying addresses to his wife. It is only by the interference of the bystanders that he does not harm *Ware*; but he follows him to his house in Hatton Garden, revolver in hand, with the intention of taking his life. *Ware* has just gone out, and a gang of burglars have taken possession of his room for the purpose of cutting a hole through the wall into the adjoining premises, a diamond merchant's, to effect a great haul. The head of this gang, *Capt. Skinner*, alias the "Spider." The latter arranges with *Ware's* clerk, that when his master is out, they shall come up and do their work. Whilst the job is being done a knock is heard, and *Denver* makes his appearance. No sooner is he inside than the "Spider" springs on to him and puts chloroform to his nose. They lay him down, knowing well he will not interfere with them now. But *Ware* himself comes up the stairs, being home sooner than expected. A struggle ensues. *Skinner* takes *Denver's* revolver and shoots *Ware* dead. The ruffians make their escape. *Denver* when he comes to from his stupor gropes about the room trying to recall his memory. He stumbles against the dead body of *Ware*, and is seized by the hideous conviction that he has been the murderer of the man he hates, and intended to kill. The acting of Mr. Wilson Barrett, as *Denver*, never showed to better advantage than here. It is thrilling without making one's blood run cold. He gets home and tells his wife. She cannot believe it. She advises him to flee, and with the assistance of the old family servant's clothes, he leaves his home in a disguise. He escapes into the country. The train by which he leaves London is endeavoured to be caught by the detectives, who having heard of the murder, trace the culprit to the railway station. They arrive too late for the train, and telegraph to Rugby, its first stopping place, a description of the man they want to arrest. But an accident occurs to the train, which is burned by petroleum. *Denver*, before the accident, however, leaped from the train, and escaped with a sprained ankle. All trace of him is lost by the ignition of the train, and burning of several passengers. He goes to a village inn, and hears the clerk reading out the account of the tragedy in the morning paper from London. *Denver* asks to be shown into a room, and orders something to eat, but he cannot take food. He requests that he may see the evening paper on its arrival. When the paper is brought to him, he reads of the burning of the train, amongst whose passengers are a murderer. Now that justice is supposed to have been avenged, *Denver* feels a weight of his mind. He is free, and forthwith swears to lead a new life, and give up drink and all other bad habits. He goes abroad, and in the silver mines of America accumulates a large fortune, and returns in time to find his wife about to be turned from her house into the streets. Without making himself known to his wife, *Denver* gives, through old *Faikes* (the servant, who in the meantime has devoted himself and his means to his mistress), the money for the rent. *Denver* chats with his own half-starved child, and learns from her that her father is dead and her mother is in want. Almost heart-broken at learning this, and he so wealthy, he does not yet reveal himself. He has sent remittances regularly from America, but they have not reached his wife. By means of a suppositious uncle, *Faikes* tells *Nellie Denver* that he has a large fortune, and all is hers; he buys back the estate, and makes her again mistress. Suspicions are aroused, and *Nellie* believes her husband lives, and it is he who is doing all this. In the meanwhile, *Denver*, by a clever piece of strategy, disguises himself as an idiot, and obtains work of *Coombes*, the marine store dealer, to be about the place. In his shed the "Spider" and his accomplices meet to arrange and share the proceeds of burglaries. There is a quarrel, and one of the party threatens he will let out about the Hatton Garden mystery, and expose the real murderer. *Denver* is now made happy. He himself has for long been assured he did not do the deed. We think in this act an alteration might well be made. It is unnatural that four men should let this one escape from a room, of which the door is locked. *Denver* is represented in the fourth scene of the fourth act as making himself known to them in his true character, after he has found out that the "Spider" is the murderer, and with little show of resistance these four ruffians permit his escape. *Denver* is now free to make himself known to his wife and children, and a pretty scene is the meeting, with old *Faikes* wringing his hands with delight. So beautifully acted is the "Silver

King" that nowhere does it become tedious. Mr. Wilson Barrett, as *Denver*, shows to greater advantage than in any of the previous dramas. The contrast between *Denver* of the first two acts and *Denver* of the last acts is marvellous. *Miss Eastlake*, of course, is what she always is, and makes much of her points. Mr. Willard, the villain *Skinner*, is received with mingled cheers and hisses. Mr. George Barret, as old *Faikes*, plays a part agreeable to all, and by his well-meant "lies" brings many tears of joy into the eyes of his audience. Mr. Clifford Cooper, the marine-store dealer, Mr. Coote, the embezzling clerk, Miss Dora Vivian, Mr. Speakman, and little Miss Clitherow all play their respective parts in a natural way, and deserve great praise. We must say a word about the scenery. Messrs. Beverley, Stafford Hall, Walter Hann, and Bruce Smith have painted the scenes in harmony with the excellence of the drama. "Nellie Denver's Home in Winter" and "The Grange, Gardenhurst" specially should be mentioned. The shifting of the scenes is wonderful; by the dropping of the curtain for a second or two the stage continually undergoes a transformation. Every one should see "The Silver King."

"Jane Eyre," by Bro. James Willing, jun., has taken the place of "For Ever" at the Surrey Theatre, with a good cast, including Miss Lizzie Claremont, Miss Raynor, and Mr. Cruikshank. The pantomime, "Puss in Boots," will be given on the 23rd inst., written by George Conquest and H. Spry. There is no doubt those living on the Surrey side of the water have a treat in store for them. The management is sparing no expense in producing this entertainment.



More than once lately Mr. Gwyllym Crowe has included in his programme at the Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden works by English composers. The experiment has proved satisfactory, and on Wednesday Mr. Walter Macfarren's "Pastoral" overture, conducted by the author himself, "the Graceful Dance" from Mr. Arthur Sullivan's incidental music to "Henry VIII," as well as his "Willow Song," were given in a manner which the audience appreciated. The other selections included Mr. Ealyn Fanning's overture, "The Holiday," Mr. Cowen's, "The Language of Flowers," which he himself conducted, a song by Moir entitled "Best of all," an orchestral selection from "Pinafore," Mr. Cowen's march, "Maid of Orleans," an arrangement of Balfe's airs and of old English melodies by Bro. F. Godfrey, &c. The vocalists were Madame Isabel Fassett and Mr. Redfern Hollins.

The programme of the second Ballad Concert at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday week, was exceptionally interesting, among the principal features being three new songs: "For Pity's Sake," by Stephen Adams, which was so sweetly sung by Miss Mary Davies that she had to repeat the last verse; "Courage, dear Heart," by Frederick, a very beautiful song, exquisitely rendered by Mr. Edward Lloyd; and Molloy's "Kismet," by Bro. Santley, the last two verses having to be repeated. Bro. Maybrick also delighted the audience with the musical tale "The little Hero," and on being encored, gave "True Blue." Madame Antoinette Sterling sang "The Three Ravens" splendidly, and Miss Santley and Madame Norman-Neruda severally did their parts of the programme well, and greatly enhanced thereby the value of the entertainment.

The programme of last Saturday's Popular Concert included several works of known classical excellence, and great accordingly was the satisfaction experienced by the audience. The selection included Schubert's string quintet in C, Beethoven's "Waldstein" sonata, and Mozart's pianoforte trio in E, each of which has its strong array of admirers, and drew accordingly. Madame Norman-Neruda and Messrs. Ries, Straus, Pezze, and Piatti were the executants in the quintet, and Miss Dora Schirmacher, Madame Neruda, and Signor Piatti in the trio. Miss de Fonblanque was the vocalist of the evening, and did her part with taste and refinement, as she invariably does.

The appearance for the first time this season of Herr Joachim was alone sufficient to ensure an overflowing audience on Monday evening, when, it is needless to say, the talented violinist met with a most enthusiastic reception. Beethoven's quartet in C, and Bach's concerto in A served to show the artist's powers had lost none of their force and expression, the performance of the latter being so successful that the concluding allegro had to be repeated. Mendelssohn's ottet and his Scherzo a Capriccio in F sharp minor, for pianoforte alone, completed the programme, Miss Schirmacher achieving a genuine success in the second of the two. Miss Carlotta Elliott, the vocalist, greatly pleased the audience by the rendering of the songs she selected.

To day (Saturday) Gounod's "Redemption" will be repeated at the Royal Albert Hall, and on Saturday next, at St. James's Hall, there will be a performance of the "Messiah" given, under the auspices of Mr. Cousins.

A meeting of the guarantors for the next Leeds Musical Festival was held in the Town Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday afternoon, under the presidency of Major Woodhouse. The Secretary read the report of the Provincial Committee, from which it appeared that three new works had been secured, namely, "King David," an oratorio by Professor Macfarren; "Sardanapalus," a secular cantata, by Mr. Frederic Clay; and the "Ninety-Seventh Psalm," by Mr. Joseph Barnby. Signor Verdi, Herr Joachim Raff, and Herr Niels Gadi had also been communicated with in view to the production of some new work of theirs; but Signor Verdi and Herr Gadi had written to express their regret, the one that he had almost given up writing, and that he could not undertake to write anything within a given time, and the other that his engagements precluded him from attempting anything. Herr Raff had died in the interim. The report was adopted, and fifty gentlemen were

elected on the Committee. The guarantee fund has already reached the sum of £17,000.

The programme at St. James's Hall this (Saturday) afternoon at the customary "Pop" will include Mozart's quartet in C major, Beethoven's quartet in G major, and his sonata in A flat, for pianoforte alone, with adagio (Spohr) and caprice (Paganini), for violin, with pianoforte accompaniment. Herr Joachim (violin), Miss Schirmacher (pianoforte), and Mr. Abercrombie (vocalist) will take part in it. On Monday, Mozart's quartet in G major, Schubert's pianoforte trio in B flat, Tartini's "De Triliodel Diavolo," for violin, and Chopin's impromptu in F sharp minor for pianoforte, will constitute the programme. Pianist, Madame Haas; vocalist, Bro. Santley.



The annual meeting of the Royal Society took place at Burlington House on Thursday week. Mr. Spottiswoode, the President, occupied the chair, and delivered his inaugural address. The medals were afterwards distributed as follows: The Copley medal to Professor Cayley, of Cambridge, for his numerous researches in pure mathematics; the Rumford medal, awarded biennially, value £60, with the balance in money (about £80), to Captain Abney, R.E., for his photographic researches, &c.; a Royal medal, value fifty guineas, to Professor Flower, LL.D., of the College of Surgeons, for his valuable contributions to the morphology and classification of the mammalia and to anthropology; a Royal medal, value fifty guineas, to Lord Rayleigh, for his papers on mathematical and experimental physics; and the Davy medal, value thirty guineas (in duplicate), to D. Mendelejeff and Lothar Meyer, for their discovery of the periodic relations of the atomic weights. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year, namely: W. Spottiswoode, President; John Evans, Treasurer; George G. Stokes and Professor Michael Foster, Secretaries; and A. W. Williamson, Foreign Secretary, &c.

At the banquet given last week at the Continental Hotel, Paris, by the Central Association of Decorative Art, M. Carnuschi, who is of Italian origin, but a naturalised Frenchman, announced his intention of bequeathing the whole of his magnificent collection of Chinese and Japanese bronzes and his fine house in the Avenue Velasquez, to the city of Paris. His collection was exhibited in the Palais de l'Industrie, in 1874.

On Saturday last the exhibition at the Technical School, Bradford, which was opened in June last by the Prince and Princess of Wales, was brought to a close. Over 300,000 persons have visited it, the receipts being £16,000 and the net profits £9000.

It has been decided by the Pavilion Committee of the Brighton Town Council to light the ground floor of the Royal Pavilion with electricity, the cost, including the working expenses of the first year, to be £3000.

Professor Challis, Plumian Professor of Astronomy and experimental philosophy at Cambridge University, died on Sunday last, after a long illness, at the advanced age of seventy-eight. The late Professor graduated from Trinity College in 1825 as Senior Wrangler and first Smith's Prizeman. In 1836 he was appointed to the Plumian Professorship of Astronomy in succession to Sir George Airey, late Astronomer-Royal.

Further experiments were made on Monday at Aberdeen, with a view to testing the effect of oil pumped on the waters in stormy weather, the result being, that after the pumps had been at work for some twenty minutes, the waves became far less violent and the entrance to the harbour was considered safe. Capt. Ibrice, one of the inspectors of the Board of Trade, was present and watched the proceedings. Since the experiments were first begun, alterations have been made in the pipes, and these have added greatly to the efficiency of the system.

The annual soirée and distribution of prizes in connection with the Working Men's Club and Union Institute, took place at Exeter Hall, Strand, on Monday evening. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., the Rev. Thornhill Webber presided, and Mrs. Sands distributed the prizes.

On Tuesday a deputation of representatives from the corporations of many towns in the United Kingdom waited upon the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, in connection with electric lighting, and to explain that the corporations, though in many cases owners of gas works, were not blind to the benefits of the proposed new system of lighting, but at the same time they did not wish to have companies compulsorily within the boroughs. Mr. Chamberlain, after remarking among other things that there was no possibility of a monopoly under the act, promised to give the subject his further consideration.

The Marquis of Ripon, Viceroy of India and High Steward of Hull, has declared his intention of subscribing £250 towards promoting the establishment of a free library in that port.

On the evening of Thursday next, the 14th inst., Dr. C. W. Siemens, F.R.S., will distribute the prizes and certificates gained by the successful candidates at the different Metropolitan centres at the recent Technological Examination, and by the students of the City and Guilds of London Technical Art School. The meeting will be held in Goldsmith's Hall, Foster-lane, E.C.

Mr. Mundella, M.P., has announced that during the session of 1883 he will do his utmost to pass a measure through Parliament which will make better provision for intermediate education in Wales.

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

By an inadvertance, which, from the similarity of the names may be thought not inexcusable, but which is none the less to be regretted, we announced last week the death of our worthy and respected Bro. Samuel G. Homfray, who is Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire for both the Craft and Mark Degrees. The announcement should have been that of our brother's father, Mr. Samuel Homfray, who died on the 16th ult., at the advanced age of eighty-seven. We beg publicly, as we have done already in private, to express our regret to Bro. Homfray for the error into which we were led by imperfect and, as it has proved, erroneous information, conveyed to us at a period of the week which gave us no time to make further inquiries.

Bro. R. B. Croft, P.G. Registrar Herts, was installed, by the R.W.P.G.M., T. F. Halsey, M.P., W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, 403, at the Town Hall, Hertford, on the 20th inst.

In our report of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, last week, it was stated the Board of Installed Masters was opened in the absence of certain ex-companions, it is scarcely necessary to say that the word should have been presence.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was on Saturday last elected Master of the Brixton Lodge No. 1949, for the year ensuing.

The laying down of the Highgate Hill tramway will, it is expected, be commenced immediately after Christmas, and the line will be opened by next March.

The four hundred and forty-second anniversary of the foundation of Eton College was celebrated last Wednesday by the time-honoured banquet in the Ancient Hall.

Stanfield Court, an old Worcestershire mansion, has been destroyed by fire. The valuable MSS. and library were nearly all lost. The family plate was saved.

The Pavilion at Brighton is to be lighted by electricity. Swan's incandescent lamps are to be used.

Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, arrived at Salisbury on Wednesday afternoon last, and lunched with the Mayor and Mr. Coleridge Kennard, M.P. His Royal Highness afterwards proceeded to a sale of work in connection with the Fisherton Home Mission, at the Maundrel Hall, and later in the afternoon presided at a meeting in the council-chamber on behalf of the Royal College of Music.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice will, it is understood, leave Windsor for Osborne on the 19th inst., and remain in the Isle of Wight until February.

The Prince of Wales during the present week has been the guest of Col. Tomline, at Oswell Park, Ipswich, and on Wednesday His Royal Highness shot over the estates, among the party present being, Lord Colville of Calross, Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Lord Calthorpe, and others.

Bro. Col. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the Lady Constance Stanley have left town for Witherslack Hall, Lancashire.

An estimate of the cost of the City of London Police Establishment for the year 1883 has been issued. The income, which is reckoned at £106,992, includes £7393 for men on private service, and £68,106 from the produce, at 5d. in the £1, on the assessable rental. The expenses are estimated at £101,349, and include £70,729 for the maintenance of 842 constables, sergeants, &c.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley and Lady Wolseley have left town on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Lovelace at Horsley Towers, Leatherhead.

The *Central News* states that General Wood has been offered the command of the Egyptian army, but has not yet definitely decided to accept the appointment. In the event of his taking up the appointment he would at once give up the command of the Chatham district, and proceed to Egypt almost immediately.

A CURIOUS TASTE.—The Malagasy taste for tomb-building was another frequent cause of delay. Among the Hovas large sums are spent on their tombs, which are a kind of vault, made of immense slabs of undressed blue basalt rock. A man will live in a house which has not cost more than from ten to twenty dollars, but he will cheerfully expend 200 or 300 dollars upon his tomb. As soon as a young man marries and settles in life he begins preparations for building his family vault; and all his spare time and most of his spare money are spent upon this work. The basalt slabs are often brought for two or three miles distance, dragged by hundreds of people, all the family connections and friends going to assist. Although the portions underground in these tombs are of undressed stone, above ground a massive, and often elaborate structure of dressed stone is erected, with bold mouldings, and sometimes with a good deal of carving.—*The Quiver* for December.

On Wednesday evening last General Sir Drury Curzon Drury-Lowe arrived at Chirk Station, North Wales, on a visit to Lord and Lady Trevor. He was accompanied by Lady Lucy Lowe, his brother (Captain Lowe), and Lord Scarsdale, and was met by Lord and Lady Trevor and Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, at the entrance to the station, and an address of welcome was there presented.

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

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Wednesday evening at the sixth annual meeting in connection with the Working Lads' Institute, The Mount, Whitechapel. The object of this and the kindred establishment in Shoe-lane, Fleet-street, is to provide premises where working youths may profitably spend the evening hours, and so be saved from the snares and temptations of the streets and questionable places of amusement. Healthy recreation, good and useful reading, and educational and moral improvement are promoted on unsectarian principles. The committee have entered into arrangements for the erection of a large and commodious institution in the main road, Whitechapel, at a cost of £5000, towards which not quite £1000 has been received. Here they intend to have reading-room and library, class-rooms, gymnasium, refreshment-rooms, dormitories, and housekeepers' apartments, and also, if funds allow, a lecture-hall and swimming bath.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Clarke, mother of Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., which occurred at her son's residence, Huntingdon Lodge, Peckham, on the 28th ult.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, distributed the prizes to the Plymouth Rifle Volunteers, and stated that the War Office has given permission for the formation of a Mounted Infantry Corps in Plymouth, which will be the first corps of that kind. They will be armed with the Martini-Henry Rifle. After this, we may expect others to be raised. The Transvaal and Egyptian campaigns have proved the need and usefulness of this arm of the service.

Bro. the Earl of Suffield was amongst the distinguished guests entertained recently by Bro. the Marquis of Bath, at Longleat, Warminster.

Bro. the Earl Granville, Bro. Lord Carrington, G.S.W., Lord Monson, and Lord Kimberley were the Commissioners appointed by the Queen to prorogue Parliament last Saturday. Amongst the few peers present were Bro. the Earl of Limerick, Earl De La Warr, Lord Sudeley, and Lord Rosebery. In the House of Commons Bro. Lord Kensington and Bro. the Right Hon. Shaw-Lefevre were amongst those on the Government benches. At the close of the reading of the Queen's speech, the members, headed by the Premier, shook hands with Bro. the Speaker.

The first concert to be given by Bro. Willing's choir will take place at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday next, the 12th inst., when the programme will consist of Handel's "Acis and Galatea," and Gade's "Psyche." Among the principal artists announced are Mdme. Marie Roze, Miss Coward, and Miss J. Rosse, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Albert James, Mr. Budson, and Mr. Frederic King. Mr. Alfred J. Eyre will preside at the organ, and Bro. Willing will act as conductor.

The International Electric and Gas Exhibition at the Crystal Palace will be opened on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who, with the Sheriffs, will attend in state on the occasion.

On Monday, what remains of the palace of the Tuileries, which was burnt during the period of the Commune, was put up for sale and disposed of for the modest sum of 32,000 francs (£1250), a few fragments of fine art being reserved for the state.

Bro. S. C. Hall, F.S.A., whose health remains good and his spirits ardent (as becomes an abstainer from ardent spirits) is giving his principal time to the composition of his reminiscences, under the title of "Retrospect of a Long Life." The work is so far advanced that it may be expected to appear in the first quarter of next year. As Bro. Hall's active public career has extended over fifty years, and as he has been brought into personal intercourse with many of the most distinguished persons of his day, his Retrospect will be full of interest and instruction; abounding in anecdote, yet far above the level of gossip and chitchat. I should not be surprised if it were to become one of the most popular works of the kind ever published. To the Temperance reformer it will certainly offer not a few points of attraction; and, like all that Bro. Hall has written, it will contain a moral element often little recognisable in books of "ana" and such like. Bentley will be the publisher. Bro. Hall's recent poetic contribution to the Blue Ribbon movement is a token of that vital juvenescence which will never suffer him to grow old.

The City Corporation has just acquired, at a cost of £7000, the manorial and other rights over about 347 acres of common land in the neighbourhood of Croydon and Caterham, known as Coulsden, Kenley, Riddlesdown, and Farthingdowns. They are within easy access of the metropolis, and are open and breezy spaces, commanding extensive and picturesque views. There was great danger of their being yet more encroached upon than has been the case of late years, but the prompt and generous intervention of the City authorities has had the effect of securing them to the use of the public for ever.

The first anniversary of the William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, (moored to the Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 19), will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Monday, December 11th, at 7 o'clock, p.m., precisely. W. Bro. Miles J. Walker, W.C.N.; W. Bro. John Thomas Thorp, J. and W.C.N. elect.; Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, S. The ceremony of enthronement will be performed by the W.M. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Grand Assistant Mark Secretary, P.G.M.O. England.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or IONIC 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.]

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.]

Among the representatives of the City of London who were present at the grand ceremony in the Hall of the Royal Courts of Justice, on Monday, were Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Alderman Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, P.G.J.W., Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart. G.J.W., Alderman Staples, the City Marshall, and Sir J. B. Monkton (Town Clerk), President of the Board of General Purposes.

Columbia market, having undergone many vicissitudes, has just been let by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts to the firm of Cope and Hignett, of Liverpool, who are transforming it into a cigar manufactory.

At the evening meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, to be held on Tuesday next, at the Grosvenor Gallery, a paper will be read by the Bishop of Saskatchewan, on the "North-West Territories of Canada." His Grace the Duke of Manchester will preside.

The opening ceremony of the City of London Schools will take place on Tuesday, the 12th, and not on Monday, the 11th inst., as previously reported. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, will perform the opening ceremony, and will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales.

On Monday, the opening day of the Agricultural Hall Show, the exhibition was visited by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Prince of Wales has kindly sent a present of game to the patients of Brompton Hospital for consumption.

On Wednesday evening, at the Goldsmiths' Hall, the Sheriffs, Bro. Alderman de Keyser and Mr. Savory, gave their inaugural banquet, some 240 guests being present on the occasion.

The annual Christmas sale of fat stock, the property of the Queen, took place on the Prince Consort's Farm, Frogmore, on Wednesday, and attracted a large number of buyers from all parts of the country. The catalogue also included ten fine shorthorn bullocks, fed on the estate of Bro. the Duke of Connaught, at Bagshot. As usual a lunch, at which the Queen's bailiff presided, preceded the sale.

At the Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, as at the Birmingham show at Bingley Hall the previous week, the Queen and the Prince of Wales were among the prize winners.

Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., goes the Midland Circuit for the ensuing Winter Assizes, in conjunction with Lord Justice Cotton.

Bro. G. W. Knight, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, attended the funeral of the wife of Bro. C. Scales, P.M. 1507, at Nunhead Cemetery, on the 6th inst., and presented, as a mark of respect on behalf of the lodge of instruction, a handsome floral wreath.

Bros. Sir John Bennett and E. F. Storr, P.M. 22, 1679, P.Z. 1044, Z. 192, formed part of the deputation of the "Longfellow Memorial" to the Dean of Westminster, last Wednesday.

Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge last week, on the retirement of Bro. Isaac Wilcox, after twenty-six years' service as Treasurer to his mother lodge.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie and Capt. Edwards, C.B., the Lord and Groom in Waiting respectively, were in attendance on Her Majesty on the occasion of the holding of the Privy Council, for the purpose of appointing the Royal Commissioners to prorogue Parliament.

Bro. his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, K.G., has appointed the Rev. K. A. Collier to be the Rector of Stonesfield, Oxon.

Bro. the Rev. K. Hirsh, of St. Michael's, Wood-street, has issued a list of special preachers for Advent. Dr. Baker, head master of Merchant Taylors' School, was the preacher on Thursday.

Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough has licensed the Rev. C. Ellwood to the curacy of Blissworth, and several other gentlemen to curacies in his diocese.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., who married the step-daughter of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, entertained a large party at Eaton Lodge this week to celebrate the coming of age of Lady Brooke.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was amongst those who attended the festival on St. Andrew's Day of the Scottish Corporation.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M.M.M. Berks., and Oxon, hunted with the Bicester hounds last week, and was entertained with other gentlemen at breakfast by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

Bro. the Right Hon. Cecil Raikes, the new member for Cambridge University, late M.P. for Preston, was introduced to the House by his colleague, the Right Hon. J. B. Beresford-Hope and Lord John Manners.

Comp. H. S. Goodall was installed First Principal of the Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, by Comp. William Stephens, P.P.G. Soj. Kent, and P. Prov. Grand Scribe N. Middx, on the 4th inst.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie was invited to dine with Her Majesty at Windsor, on Wednesday last week.

"Sapo Carbonis Detergens" is a physician's name for a remedy prescribed for the past quarter-century for every variety of skin disease. The public have also adopted the same as a preventive of smallpox, scarlet fever, and measles. Purchasers should see that the Latin Brand is on every tablet, and WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP on each wrapper, without which none are genuine.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, December 16, 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 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.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.
Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. Johns, Albion Tav.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
" 222, St. Andrews, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington.

Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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 12.
Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 185, Jerusalem, F.M.T.
Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.
Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 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 13.
Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.

Lodge 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms H., St. John's Wd.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart H., Upper Norwd
" 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurian, Regent M.H., S. Air-st.
" 1766, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot.
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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
Creston, 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 14.
Lodge 19, Royal Athelston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in German.)
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles,
Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, E. Finchley.
" 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
K. T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-
st., at 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.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
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 Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, 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 15.
House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
Mark 176, Era, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
K. T. Precept. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime
house, 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 16.
Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, Kings Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 16, 1882.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.
Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
" 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
" 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Man-
chester.
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12.
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
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" 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-
Sands.

Chap. 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
" 73, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14.
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H. Liverpl'.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
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