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WE believe that we are betraying no secrets when we say, that owing to the enormous number of amendments as suggested for the Revised Constitutions, it is deemed utterly impossible to dispose of the questions necessarily raised thereby at a special Grand Lodge, at any rate at present. It will then be proposed, we understand, to refer *all* the amendments with the revised draft back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report thereon fully at the Quarterly Communication in March. We think that such is a very seasonable and prudent suggestion, and one that will commend itself to all members of Grand Lodge. For this course of procedure may simplify the matter greatly before Grand Lodge and be the saving of a vast amount of valuable time. It will probably be the case, that the Board of General Purposes will adopt several of the amendments suggested, and introduce some of their own where blots have been hit; and at the same time no one will be precluded at the proper time from putting any favourite idea, or ventilating any proposed amendment, if he still thinks either worthy of deliberate discussion. There are of course "amendments and amendments," but we are bound to give the Board of General Purposes and its distinguished chairman full credit for an honest and impartial desire to render this revision of the Book of Constitutions alike clear and condensed, satisfactory and lasting.

OUR readers will note with pleasure Bro. JOSHUA NUNN's announcements at the Board of Benevolence last week, that some of those who had received liberal grants from the Board of Benevolence had returned thanks for the same; that the Grand Lodge of Illinois had passed a vote of thanks for grants to distressed brethren under that Grand Lodge; and that a brother at Chicago, United States, had sent a letter of warm recognition for the £10 granted to him to enable him to go to America, and had returned the £10 when at Chicago. All this is very pleasant and noteworthy, and creditable to all concerned.

TWO notices of amendment of the Book of Constitutions on a very important point have been announced. One is a proposal by Bro. WOODFORD, P.G.C., sent in a week ago to the GRAND SECRETARY, to increase the minimum of qualification lodge subscription for the Board of Benevolence to "four" years instead of "two." The other is notice of a proposition by Bro. JOSHUA NUNN to increase the "two" to "five." That there must be an increase we think is clear; what that increase ought to be, must be left to the wisdom of Grand Lodge.

BRO. SMALLPIECE has given notice of an intended increase to the Board of Benevolence Funds, by making all registered members pay four shillings alike in metropolis and provinces to the Fund of Benevolence. But Bro. SMALLPIECE seems to forget that then the provincial brethren will pay compulsorily six shillings per annum to the central and the provincial funds. "Prima facie" it would seem fair, that if the provincial brethren obtain benefits from the Fund of Benevolence, they should pay an equal amount towards it; but then this proposition is counter balanced by a fact which stands out clear and certain, that the net contributions of the provinces far exceed the amount paid by the metropolitan brethren, and that relatively to the number of Freemasons in the metropolis and provinces respectively, the proportion of applicants relieved from the provinces is not in excess of what

they might reasonably claim from their own contributions sent up to the Fund of Benevolence. For all these reasons we think the matter, at present at any rate, had better remain where it is. If we are to have an alteration we think some contribution ought to come from colonial lodges, as just now we have many claimants from them. And, therefore, as it is always better to avoid raising complicated questions, we think that the wisest policy will be to leave well alone. We have no sympathy with those who seek by increasing the means of the Lodge of Benevolence to keep up the late too high standard of grants. We are quite sure that with the best intentions in the world, many recent grants during 1882 and 1881 have been out of proportion to the rightful claims of the case, and only served as an inducement to draw out a large number of very questionable claims indeed. We are equally persuaded that if our worthy brethren will put a restraint on their generous and kindly tendencies, and reduce carefully the standard of giving, they will not only bring about easily an equilibrium in the finances of the Board of Benevolence, but they will check the influx of a large class of the very shadiest claims, and prevent that dreadful tendency to a mere benefit order-idea, which has taken possession of the minds of so many in Masonry and out of Masonry just now.

H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, will install Lord BROOKE, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Essex to-day (Friday), at Colchester. A large gathering is expected. We shall give a report of the meeting in our next.

THE Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has a very great claim on all the lodges and brethren of the English Craft. It gives to the Worshipful Masters of lodges certain official privileges, which are very valuable, and to our brethren generally it commends itself very greatly by its wise and liberal management, its practical and commendable utility. We say boldly and distinctly we know of no existing Charity in England which is better managed, more simple and yet more effective, or does more real good than that excellent Institution of our Order, which often is such a needful help and such a long blessing to many poor brothers of ours and their widows. We who live in the metropolis, have in one sense a clearer perception, a more abiding sense of its need and utility than others, that is to say, it is nearer to our doors, it is in our very midst. Owing to the serious and imperative claims of distance and the like, the great majority of its Managing Committee necessarily live in London, and the metropolitan brethren have a full share of its remarkable benefits. A good deal has lately been said, though in a very proper and kindly spirit, of the exertions of our metropolitan and provincial brethren on behalf of the Charities. Such a pleasant and praiseworthy contention is but an honest rivalry as to who can do the most and the best on Masonic principles for a good cause, may the noblest cause in the world, Charity. It has occurred to us, and we beg most respectfully to commend the idea to our excellent London brethren, those who have supported the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution so well in the past, and we doubt not will do in the future, that it would be a very grand fact in itself, and might materially reduce the terrible list of vainly applying candidates, if every metropolitan lodge would endeavour to send up this year a Steward for the Festival. We venture to say that it would be the proudest day in Bro. TERRY's active life, if he could announce at the Festival that every metropolitan lodge was represented by a Steward for this very useful and benevolent Charity. That the provinces will do their duty in this respect, we also assume and feel convinced before hand. We write, as all are aware, in sincere regard for our Order and the Charities of our Order, and because we believe in Masonic profession, and stand by Masonic teaching. We are proud to range ourselves under the tolerant and gracious banners of Freemasonry in its hourly contest, so to say, with intolerance, injustice, fanaticism of every kind, and therefore as we feel we write, what we put forth we honestly entertain. Let none therefore hastily assume that we seek to be dictatorial or dogmatic in what we now venture to suggest. We write simply as "amicus curiæ" in its fullest meaning and widest extent, and trust that the "idea" we have thoughtfully and deliberately put forward may commend itself to many loyal and sympathetic minds amongst us, and in some form bear fruit for the good of that great Charity we wish honestly to serve. If so, our unpretending and fraternal words will not have been penned in vain.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 7th inst :

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th October, 1882, to the 16th January, 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| To Balance, Grand Chapter ... | £507 8 9 | By Disbursements during the | |
| " Unappropriated | | Quarter ... | £196 5 3 |
| " Account ... | 201 19 11 | " Balance ... | 681 0 7 |
| " Subsequent Receipts ... | 400 11 7 | " " in Unappropriated | |
| | | " Account ... | 232 14 5 |
| | £1110 0 3 | | £1110 0 3 |

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Reuben Williamson, as Z.; Thomas Barber, as H.; Clark Turner Kaye, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, to be called the Chapter of Industry, and to meet at the Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Edward Loftus Roche Thackwell, as Z.; John Clement Cobbe, as H.; William Munro Jack, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Goodwill, No. 465, Bellary, to be called the Goodwill Chapter, and to meet at Bellary, Madras, East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Woolley Brooke, as Z.; William Alfred Malony, as H.; George Frederick Smith, junr., as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London, to be called the Duke of Cornwall Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Comps. William Henry Skinner, as Z.; Charles Moseley Nelson, as H.; Frederick William Edmund Dawson, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, Auckland, New Zealand, to be called the Auckland Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

5th. From Comps. William Lodder, as Z.; William Pollock Moat, as H.; William Henry Cooper, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Remuera Lodge, No. 1710, Remuera, New Zealand, to be called the Remuera Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Remuera Auckland, North Island, New Zealand.

6. From Comps. Nathaniel Goodchild, as Z.; Henry Slyman, as H.; George Clark, jun., as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London, to be called the Camden Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P. Pr. G. Soj., Grand Treasurer,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
17th January, 1883.

CONSECRATION OF THE URMSTON CHAPTER,
No. 1730, AT URMSTON.

This new addition to the already extensive roll of Royal Arch chapters was consecrated on the 18th ult., at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, and is attached to the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, which has been in existence since 1878. The promoters of the chapter who signed the petition were Comps. Wm. Goodacre, J. R. England, William Greatorex, J. B. Seel, E. L. Littler, W. Dobson, William Aldred, J. Shepherd, and Henry Galloway. At 3.45 the following companions assembled to take part in the proceedings :

Comps. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.P.G. Supt. West Lancashire; H. S. Alpass, P.G. S.E.; Thos. Tunstall, P.G.S.N.; Jas. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; Robt. Wylie, P.P. G.H.; John Bladon, P.P.G.S.E. East Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.A.S.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire; John Wells, Z. 1085, P.Z. 580, P.G.D. of C.; Hy. Vollmer, P.Z. 1375, P.P.G.J.; William Dumville, H. 103; W. J. Wakefield, S.N. 1045; William Greatorex, P.Z. 287; E. L. Littler, 317; Davies, Z. 1387; J. R. England, H. designate; John Dewhurst, J. 1387; Walter Vaughan, H. 287; Alfred Lewtas, 1387; L. Warburton, 1375; and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

When the R.W.P.G. Supt. attended by his officers had entered the chapter and been duly saluted, the petition for and the warrant itself was read, after which

The Right Hon. the Earl of LATHOM addressing a few words to the companions said they had met there that day to consecrate a further addition to the already large list of chapters, which would be named after the lodge and called the Urmston Chapter, No. 1730. His lordship continuing said that notwithstanding the continued depression in many branches of commerce there had been a steady increase in the formation of lodges and chapters, for during his tenure of office as Deputy Grand Master of England he had signed no few than 70 warrants, and had only that day before leaving his residence signed one which would number 1990 on the already extensive roll. In conclusion his lordship wished the new chapter every success.

The consecration was then proceeded with, and the chapter dedicated by the R.W. Prov. Grand Superintendent to Masonry, charity, and virtue. The following companions were installed Principals, viz., William Goodacre, Z.; J. R. England, H.; William Greatorex, J.; and Comp. E. L. Littler, was invested as S.E. The remaining officers not being present were consequently not invested, but were however elected in the usual manner. After hearty good wishes had been expressed by the visitors the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The new banners gave to the room a picturesque appearance, and were supplied with other paraphernalia by Comp. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

A *recherché* banquet was provided by Mrs. Holliday, the hostess, for the companions, and which gave general satisfaction. The newly-installed Z., Comp. William Goodacre, presided, supported on either side by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom and Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E.

When the banquet was finished Comp. W. Goodacre, after proposing "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in England," next proposed that of "The Earl of Lathom, 2nd G.H., and Grand Superintendent of the Province of West Lancashire," and in doing so said he felt great pleasure in proposing this toast for the acceptance of the companions, because on the present occasion they had the honour of his lordship's presence amongst them. He had no doubt that his lordship's numerous engagements prevented him from very often coming to that remote corner of his province and he would therefore ask the companions to accord him a hearty welcome expressive of their appreciation of the high honour conferred upon them.

Comp. the Earl of LATHOM in reply thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the hearty welcome given to him, and said the province had a considerable number of arms and legs, and consequently it was sometimes difficult for him to penetrate to the fingers and toes. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present to consecrate the new chapter, which he wished every success.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand H., J., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers" was proposed by Comp. ENGLAND, H., and responded to by Comp. H. S. ALPASS, Grand Standard Bearer of England, and P.G.S.E. W.L., who said he thanked the companions for their cordial response to the toast. He found that when he visited various parts of the province he sometimes had occasion to reprove lodges and chapters for some shortcomings or deviation from the landmarks. This, however, was not at any time a pleasant duty for him to perform, and as a consequence he had not been looked upon as the most amiable person in the world. Comp. Alpass went on to say that from long acquaintance with Comp. Goodacre, the newly-installed First Principal of the chapter, who had shown much energy and wisdom in connection with the Urmston and Prince Leopold lodges (of both of which he was the first W.M.) he had no doubt as to the future of the Urmston Chapter. Comp. Alpass concluded his remarks by proposing "The Healths of the Newly-installed Principals."

E. Comp. GOODACRE in thanking Comp. Alpass for the good wishes and confidence expressed by him, and to the companions for the cordial reception given by them to the toast, said it might not be out of place if he said a few words respecting the lines he intended to pursue as First Principal of the new chapter. Comp. Goodacre continuing said it might be within the recollection of some of the companions present that when four or five years since at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Liverpool his lordship had occasion to reprove a lodge for having spent a large sum on a picnic and given very little to charity, he (Comp. Goodacre) pledged himself that the Urmston Lodge (then the youngest in the province) should raise a sum of not less than £50 during the first year of its existence for one of the Masonic Charities. This promise was more than kept owing to the generous support of the brethren, who sent him up as their W.M. with a list of between £60 and £70 to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Comp. Goodacre went on to say that he did not for a moment presume to expect the chapter to do as much as that, but he would promise that the same principle which influenced him as the W.M. of the lodge should guide him as Z. of the chapter, and with the support of those acting with him he trusted to do something towards that virtue which had been happily described as the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by E. Comp. DAVIES, 1387, and that of "The Officers" by Comp. E. L. LITTLER, S.E. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out both during the ceremony and at the festive board by those well known and skilful executants, Comps. William Dumville, Mark Stafford, and Alfred Lewtas, whilst Comp. J. Skeaf, P.P.G. Org. West Lancashire, officiated with his customary ability at the harmonium and piano.

HIGHEST HILLS.—A term used in some of our old lectures, and commented upon by Oliver and Hutchinson. Freemasons' lodges of old were said to be established on the highest hills or lowest valleys, but upon "holy ground," whether on the "hill of the Lord," or in the "Vale of Jehoshaphat"—the point apparently aimed at being secrecy and seclusion from the approach of man. Dr. Oliver quotes the so-called "York Lectures" as declaring that if the brethren were asked why they met so high, so low, and so very secretly, they replied, the better to see and observe all that might ascend or descend; and in case a cowan should appear, the Tyler might give timely notice to the W.M., by which means the lodge might be closed and the jewels put by, thereby preventing any unlawful intrusion.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949.

The first festival of this young and prosperous lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when a goodly number of the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, served in good style, the viands being smoking hot and the staff of waiters very attentive.

The Worshipful Master of the mother lodge, Bro. Hy. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., presided, and Bro. Harling, P.M., and Hy. Stokes, as S.W. and J.W. respectively, ably supported him. The following brethren, among others, were present: Bros. Thomas Poore, P.M., and E. A. Francis, joint Preceptors of the lodge; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Sec.; H. Hooper, R. W. Pooler, S. Richardson, R. Poore, W. H. Williams, P.M.; W. Maitland, E. Bye, jun., John Cotton, E. Newby, H. Durham, G. W. Knight, W. Cawley Letchford, Lee, Jones, and Wickes.

On the cloth being removed the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts of "The M.V.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. T. POORE, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated how pleased he was to find the W.M. of the mother lodge in the chair that evening.

Bro. LOVEGROVE thanked the brethren for their good wishes. He hoped the lodge of instruction would go on as it had begun. It had already done good service to the brethren of the neighbourhood.

Bro. THOS. POORE, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Preceptors" said the honours should fall to Bro. E. A. Francis, who was the real Preceptor of the lodge. He (Bro. Poore) had promised to assist Bro. Francis whenever necessity compelled his absence, and had had great pleasure in doing so on one or two occasions.

Bro. FRANCIS also thanked the brethren for coupling his name with Bro. Poore as one of their Preceptors. He was proud of his connection with the lodge and so many of the brethren working with him so earnestly and well. He should continue to promote the prosperity of the lodge by devoting himself to its interests on all occasions.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Phillips, and Bro. H. M. Williams, the Secretary," warmly eulogised them for all their efforts in founding the lodge and carrying on their departments so successfully.

The TREASURER and SECRETARY in responding thanked the W.M. for his too flattering remarks; what they had done in the past was an earnest of what they desired to do in the future.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "Officers of the Evening," "The Musical Brethren," and "The Host, Bro. Monk," all being suitably proposed and duly responded to.

Several of the brethren displayed their musical talents, viz.: Bros. K. N. Johnstone, Lee, Poore, Monk, Cotton, and Wickes, while Bro. Thomas Poore recited "The Beadle" by Dickens, imitatively, and Bro. Lee gave "Look at the clock" in a most telling manner.

Bro. S. Williams, the Secretary, presided at the piano. The meeting closed with "Auld lang syne," after a most pleasant evening.

MASONIC BALLS.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 1671.

This ball was held on the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, and being the first this lodge has undertaken, great interest in its success was evinced by the brethren of the lodge. We cannot but congratulate the brethren on the great success they achieved in bringing together so large and distinguished a company; indeed, we understand that they were unable to accommodate all their Masonic friends, very wisely preferring a comfortable meeting to a crush. Notwithstanding some consternation being caused by the non-appearance of the band at the appointed hour (through their having gone to Cannon-street by mistake), the party commenced dancing to the tunes of the piano, at which Bro. Bergmann kindly presided until the band arrived, when dancing commenced in good earnest and relieved a good many anxious feelings on the part of both ladies and gentlemen present. The supper was ably presided over by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. R. A. Morgan, in the principal dining-room, and by Bro. H. H. Wells, S.W., in an additional room which had to be called into requisition owing to the large number of visitors present. After the customary toast "The Queen, Craft, Grand Master and Royal Family," the W.M. rose to propose "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged by our well known Bro. Briggs, P.M. Carnarvon Lodge, in his usual excellent style. "The Health of the Ladies" was given by Bro. Henry White, 1671, and acknowledged by Bro. Geo. Lewis, S.D. 1671. Bro. Bergmann then rose to propose the future continued success of the Mizpah ball, and took the opportunity of coupling the name of the W.M. with the toasts, which was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. in returning thanks referred to the services rendered by the Stewards, and in proposing their healths coupled the name of Bro. Warden, J.W. 1671, who had been acting as Secretary to the Ball Committee, and to whose exertions the success of the evening was mainly attributable. This toast was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Warden having returned thanks, dancing was resumed and kept up until nearly six a.m., when the company separated, congratulating each other on a happy night, and with the expressed intention of meeting again in 1884 under (if possible) even more favourable circumstances. We may say that we have seldom seen a more unanimous and harmonious company on a similar occasion, and we take the opportunity of wishing the Mizpah Lodge every success to their next venture, not doubting their first ball will have inaugurated a long series of equally satisfactory and enjoyable gatherings. Great praise is due to Bro. Dawkins for the admirable arrangements.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

The second annual subscription ball in connection with the Gallery Lodge was held at Brixton Hall on Monday, and was attended by a considerable number of journalists and their lady friends, among the company being Bro. H. F. Bussey (W.M.), Miss Bussey, Mr. Armstrong, Miss E. Bussey, Bro. H. Massey (I.P.M.), Mrs. Massey, Miss Massey, Miss A. Massey, Master Massey, Mrs. E. C.

Massey, Miss G. Massey, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Darke, Bro. Minstrell (S.W.), Mrs. Minstrell, Miss Wood, Bro. Wilson, Mr. R. H. Dunning, Bro. D. Moffat, Bro. McCallum, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Pullan, Mrs. Pullan, Bro. F. H. Gale, Mrs. Gale, Mr. Pottle, Mrs. Pottle, Miss Pottle, Bro. R. Chant, Bro. J. H. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. S. H. Smith, Mr. J. Moore, jun., Miss Moore, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mr. A. Paul, Mrs. Paul, Bro. W. M. Duckworth, Treas.; Mrs. Duckworth, Bro. Pardon (S.D.), Mr. S. H. Pardon, Mr. E. S. Pardon, Miss Miller, Mr. S. G. Brealey, Bro. H. Wright (W.S.), Mrs. Wright, Miss Wright, Bro. W. T. Perkins, W.S. (Hon. Sec. Ball Committee), Mrs. Perkins, Bro. W. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Atkinson, Bro. Seabrook, Mrs. Seabrook, Bro. J. C. Duckworth (D. of C.), Mrs. Duckworth, Mr. W. Brown, Mrs. Brown (Watford), Bro. Welsh, Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Harris, Mr. S. Pallant, Mrs. Hallett, Miss Bell, Mr. C. Edsall, Mrs. Edsall, Mrs. Blackburne, Mr. P. Hugh, Mr. T. Riach, and Mrs. Sibold.

Mr. J. D. Shaw, Mr. Duff, and others were unable to be present in consequence of professional engagements. Bro. Sibold's City of London Band occupied the orchestra, and played an admirable selection of music.

Supper was served by Mr. Griffiths at 12 o'clock, the chair being occupied by Bro. Bussey, W.M. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen," "The Ladies and the Gallery Lodge Ball," and "Bro. Perkins, the Secretary of the Ball Committee." Dancing was continued until five o'clock in the morning, and the ball was in every respect as successful as the one held last year.

BLAIR LODGE, No. 815, Hulme.

The annual social party of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hulme, on Friday, the 12th ult. Previous to the assembling of the guests the lodge was opened by Bro. E. Harris, W.M., with a fair attendance of brethren, considering that many had to bring their ladies later on. The principal business of the lodge was the raising of Bro. J. E. Moat, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The officers then partook of a light tea to prepare them for their livelier duties soon to commence.

Arrivals enabled dancing to commence in the large hall, which was very prettily decorated, at nine o'clock, and the plan adopted last year of sitting down to supper at pleasure from 10 to 12 o'clock was again managed, leaving those remaining or those returning enjoyably entertained with humorous harmony by Mr. Harry Antonio, who gave some really good songs and sketches. About 12 o'clock dancing was resumed and kept up with great spirit till "Sir Roger de Coverley" closed the programme.

The lodge was represented by Bros. Harris, W.M., and Mrs. Harris; W. K. Sowler, I.P.M.; J. Sheldrick, S.W., and Mrs. Sheldrick; J. F. Anderson, J.W.; A. Bickley, Sec., and Mrs. Bickley; J. St. P. Riley, S.D.; W. Fell, J.D., and Mrs. Fell; Bryce Blair, S.S., and Mrs. Blair; D. Foulks, J.S., and Mrs. Foulks; H. W. Riley, J.S.; N. Rowley, Mrs. Rowley, two sons, and Mrs. Wilding; S. C. Lowe, Mrs. and Miss Lowe; W. Kelly, and B. B. Binns.

Among the visiting company were Bros. R. Davis, P.M. Chorlton, and Mrs. Davis; J. J. Lambert, S.W. Chorlton, Mrs. and Miss Lambert; J. E. Steward, P.M. 336, Mrs. Steward, and Miss Poyntz; Burslem, J.W. 1496, and Miss Royle; McGrath, W.M. 1496, and Miss McGrath; Biggs, and Miss E. Royle; W. Nicholl, P.M. 317; Mr. and Mrs. Kay; Bros. Partington and Mrs. Partington; Hy. Cardwell; Mr. Lowenhampt; Mrs. and two Misses Twigge; Mr. and Mrs. Peel; Mr. Cawthorne and Miss Bayliss; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Greenwood; Mr. Frith; Mr. and Mrs. J. Helsby; Mr. Tierman and lady; Bros. Dr. Barrow, Mrs. and Miss Barrow; J. Lawson, Mrs. Lawson and two sons; Jno. Allison, Mrs. Allison, and two friends; J. R. Blair and Mrs. Blair; R. G. Walker and Mrs. Walker; W. B. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers; Stanley, Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Thatcher; Mr. W. G. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. F. V. Mitchell, and two Misses Mitchell; Mr. Burney and Miss Morris.

PENGE LODGE, No. 1815, Anerley.

The annual ball took place at the Vestry Hall, Anerley, on Friday week. There was a large gathering of Masons and their friends. The Masonic insignia blending with the delicate dresses worn by the ladies present and aided by the effective decorations of the room, consisting of shields painted by Bro. Williams, of Lodge 72, and floral decorations formed a most pleasing spectacle. The band and an excellent programme of dance music under the direction of Bro. W. Lloyd, M.C., Lodge 72, and assisted by Bros. Harman and Barnard, contributed to a most agreeable evening, the dancing throughout being entered into with great spirit.

A capital supper was provided by Bro. Lassam, of the Thicket Hotel, with his usual success, after which the customary toasts were given by Bro. Bird, W.M., and Bro. West, I.P.M.

The whole of the proceedings reflect much credit on Bro. Cox and his co-workers on the committee.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 360, GLASGOW.

The members of this lodge held their annual festival in their hall in Hope-street on Friday, the 26th ult. As they were honoured with the presence of a large number of lady friends dancing was commenced at once, and after "tripping the light fantastic" for a short time the brethren conducted their fair friends to the banqueting hall, which was gaily festooned with bunting. When the company were all seated supper was placed on the table, after which the toast list was briefly gone through. The R.W.M., Bro. Walter Neilson, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts.

Bro. Dawson, D.D.G.M. British Burmah, proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," which was responded to by Bro. J. M. Oliver, P.M., P.G.S.W. Glasgow.

The other toasts which were given and responded to very briefly were "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Brown, responded to by Bro. Priddy; "The Guests," proposed by Bro. A. D. Newlands, J.W., responded to by Bro. J. W. Larter; "Commercial Lodge," proposed by Bro. Stewart, responded to by the R.W.M.; and "The Committee," proposed by Bro. J. M. William, R.W.M. 103, responded to by Bro. W. J. Donaldson, S.D.

After supper the company returned to the dancing hall, where they spent a few hours in a very agreeable manner. Great care had been taken by the worthy Secretary, Bro. M. Lofthouse, and the Festival Committee to make every-one feel at home, and their efforts were completely successful.

THE MASONIC CRAFT.

From the Gloucester Journal, Jan. 20th.

Freemasonry has become a factor of great power in the social economy of the comity of nations. It is a tree the branches of which spread over the habitable globe. Where is it unknown? And it is also a great factor for its charities. Besides its Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the hospitals for indigent Masons and widows of Masons, and annuities outside the hospitals, the executive in the metropolis have for some years dispensed in gifts to poor and distressed brethren ten thousand pounds per annum, and still ask for more.

The history of the craft in this city and county has yet to be written. Whether there be an affinity to the school of Masons which Professor Willis says was attached to our cathedral has to be shewn. The Masons' marks in that fabric are an interesting study, and have yet to be interpreted.

Your columns some years ago contained an interesting correspondence, in which I took part, on the Mason's square over the door leading to the crypt. Who was John Gower? Was he related to Peter Gower, "a Grecian, journeyedde ffor kunnyng yn Egypte and in Syria." Preston, in his history, labours to prove that Peter Gower was but a synonym for Pythagoras, and he lugs in by the head and shoulders the French pronunciation, Pythagore—that is Petagore. He shot wide of the mark.

What means the young gentleman exercising himself in gymnastics hanging on the groin of the Mason's square, and what does the old man underneath signify with left arm uplifted, except hailing to the youngster above that when he is secure to give his poor and distressed brother beneath a helping hand.

Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, was Grand Master of the Order one hundred and fifty years ago. Later a descendant of his resided in the old mansion in the lower Westgate-street in this city, familiarly known as the "Old Spa." There is some misty record that his Grace, being a Mason, founded a lodge in an old hostelry adjoining his house, now known as the White Swan.

This is known, that the Duke of Beaufort, who was installed as Grand Master in the year 1767, was very partial to this city, and had his town residence here, and often attended the Royal Gloucester Lodge at the Bell Hotel. He had a faithful coadjutor in Brother Thomas Dunckerley, who was Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire and several other counties.

Thomas Dunckerley was so popular here that he was presented with his portrait in oil, and which, in a massive gold frame, so late as the year 1802 adorned the ball room of the Bell Hotel.

But Masonry waned here, and Brother Thomas Dunckerley, who had a residence in the Isle of Wight, and was, moreover, Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, removed the Royal Gloucester Lodge and its belongings to Southampton, which lodge exists and flourishes in that town to this day. What of its records, and how many old Gloucester names may be found therein?

Later there was a Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, which had its rise and fall. It was but the other day that Brother J. P. Wilton handed over to the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne and the present Provincial Grand Lodge the jewels and badges of the old Provincial Grand Lodge which he had found among the effects of his father, who had held Provincial Grand Lodge rank.

Not very long ago a brother passing in a wherry through the locks which connect our canal with the river found some Masonic emblems carved on the walls. It puzzled him. It was afterwards explained that the late Brother Shadrach Charleton, Sheriff and Mayor of the city, a captain in the South Gloucester Militia and secretary of the Gloucester and Berkeley Canal Company, had these emblems carved to immortalize the Craft.

Later in this city Brother Joseph Page, an uncle of Brother J. J. Powell, Q.C., leader of the Oxford Circuit, represented the old Lebanon Lodge. The lodge would have become defunct long before it did, but Brother Joseph Page held the warrant and paid the Grand Lodge dues, and locked up the furniture safely in a room and waited patiently for better days.

There was a young enthusiastic Mason in this city, Charles Gilbert Ladkin by name, who acted as lieutenant to Joseph Page. Joseph Page was gathered to his fathers, and then to the delight of Brother Ladkin the Royal Lebanon Lodge was resuscitated, and of which he was its treasurer for some years. Poor Brother Ladkin succumbed to death after a long and weary illness on Friday last, and he was interred at Hempstead churchyard yesterday. A few brethren out of respect to his memory attended the obsequies of the Nestor of Masonry in this city. Brother Richard Shilstone, a Past Master of the old Lebanon Lodge, was there. Brother H. Jeffs, Worshipful Master of the Zetland Lodge, presented a wreath on behalf of the brethren over whom he presides, and there were also present Past Masters S. H. Hayward, F. W. Fisher, and E. G. Woodwood, and Brothers Portlock and W. C. Ferris.

The brethren, in strewing sprigs of fir on the coffin, did but perform a ceremony known amongst the Heathens as well as amongst Jewish and Christian communities.

The Jews, as they returned from the grave, plucked grass and threw it behind them, fulfilling the words of the Psalmist, "They shall flourish out of the city like grass upon the earth."

Durant tells us the ancient Christians after the funeral used to scatter flowers on the tomb; and, says Shakespeare, "Our bridal flow'rs serve for a buried corpse." And so Brother Ladkin, who never spoke ill of another, and performed his functions as a good citizen, was not left without the remembrance of his brethren at his funeral. He always had a good word for his neighbour, and was a faithful friend. Peace to his ashes.—PAST MASTER.

The ceremony of cutting the first sod of the new dock at Newport, to cost £400,000, was performed on Tuesday by Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. G.M. South Wales (E. Div.) Sir George referred to the fact that nine millions sterling is invested or authorised by Parliament for docks on the Bristol Channel, and said when Swansea, Cardiff, and Newport completed their contemplated docks the exporting power from Welsh coal fields, great as it already was, would be doubled. Geographically the position of Newport rendered it the best in the kingdom for the export of steel and iron as well as for the importation of iron ore and timber.

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To Correspondents.

P.M.—Under consideration.

The following reports stand over till next week:—
Victoria Lodge, 1056; Langthorne Lodge, 1421; St. Mary Abbotts Lodge, 1074. Confidence Lodge of Instruction; New Concord Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Keystone," "Masonia," "The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Court Circular," "Tapis," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Le Monde Maconnique," "The Freimaurer Zeitung," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Ohio," "The Freemason's Chronicle (Sydney)," "La Revista Masonica," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Masonic Record," "Monthly Notes Y.M.C.A."

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

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can anyone explain the exact force of a portion of the verbiage employed in Section 141? It is as follows:

"When a Warden rules the lodge he shall not occupy the Master's chair, nor can initiations take place or Degrees be conferred unless the chair be occupied by a brother who is a Master or Past Master in the Craft."

What do these words really mean? Are they intended to convey to us that the Master in the chair is to perform the ceremony though the Warden rules the lodge? or do they mean that the Warden is both to rule the lodge and perform the ceremony though a Past Master occupies the chair?

Is not the real meaning somewhat involved and dubious? and what is the true construction? CURIOUS.

ELEUSINIAN MYSTERIES—PAPAL BULLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

I have to thank you for the *Freemason* that you have been good enough to send me, in which I see you have published my letter which appeared in the *Times* of January 12th, relative to the Greek inscription which I found at Eleusis.

The inscription was on a marble column, probably the base of a statue set up at Eleusis at the command of the Athenian Government in honour of a citizen named Cassianos, who, in spite of his Roman name (Cassianus) was an Athenian. He may be identical with the one mentioned in "Corpus Inscriptionum Atticarum," vol. iii., part 1, No. 1194—"Ἐπι ἀρχοντος Κασσιανῶν ἱεροκέρυκος κ. τ. λ.—and if so he belongs to the third century A.D. The family of the Κασσιανῶν of the deme Στεριστῆς is well known from "Attic Inscriptions of Imperial Times," see C.I.A., vol. iii., No. 810, 1024, 1063. He had been as a boy initiated ἀφ' ἑστίας—a phrase which is not yet entirely understood, though it frequently occurs. The best discussion of it known to me is in Boeckh's "Corpus Inscriptionum Græcarum," vol. i., pp. 445-6. At all events it was an honour for which one child every year of noble Attic birth was selected at the Eleusinian Mysteries consisting of some point of ritual. He had afterwards been ἱεροκέρυξ of the Eleusinian Deities. He had also gone on an embassy to Britain, probably at his own expense, for Athens. He had also borne the office of ἀγωνοθετής—an expensive one—at the games in honour of Hadrian. He had held the office of στρατηγός, &c., but the man's "cursus honorum" and further services to the State here end, the latter part of the inscription being lost. For a description of the Eleusinian Mysteries, I would refer you to Lobeck's "Agiaphamus." The lesser Eleusinia were in reality only a preparation for the real mysteries, and the Mystæ had to take an oath of secrecy, which was administered to them by the hierophant.

There can be no question that this Eleusinian inscription, relating as it does to England, suggests the thought that the relationship which unites Freemasonry with those mysteries is a closer one than has sometimes been supposed.

With regard to those more mysterious Papal Bulls and Indulgences said to have been granted to German Masons in 1502-17, but which are not yet forthcoming, your correspondent, Mr. Speth, will make a search in vain for them in the muniment room of Strasburg Cathedral. In 1773, during the Pontificate of Clement XIV., a search was made for these Bulls or Indulgences, or any records of them, by command of his Holiness, at the request of Governor Pownall, in the Vatican Archives and elsewhere, but without result. Under the circumstances, I should not myself consider it necessary to revert to the Scotch verdict of "not proven," if asked whether the Popes had published such Bulls, but should answer most emphatically "No."—I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

HARTWELL D. GRISSELL.

Brasenose College, Oxford,
January 27th.

THE ELEUSINIAN INSCRIPTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Wheelhouse, I beg to say that the inscription unfortunately is too mutilated to make it at present read connectedly, and the allusions to the "Sacred Herald," the "Mustes," or Mystagogue, and "Eis Britannian," to Britain afford a fair and reasonable presumption that, found at Eleusis, the inscription actually alludes to the introduction of the Eleusinian Mysteries into Britain.

I refer Bro. Wheelhouse to Mr. Grissell's very interesting letter elsewhere, as he kindly gives him all our present available information.—Fraternally yours,
MASONIC STUDENT.

VOLUNTEERING AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My reply to "Doubtful's" first letter on this subject was given more particularly as a Freemason. I should like briefly to answer his last as a volunteer. My opinion is not in any way authoritative and I may be wrong, but for whatever it may be worth here it is.

A volunteer should appear in a lodge formed in connection with a corps in the military or volunteer service, whether as a member or visitor, in uniform. It is a respectful duty to both corps and lodge that he should do so.

But to don the uniform for purposes of parade or show in lodges which are not connected with the royal or auxiliary services is to my mind, though not prohibited, in exceedingly bad taste. I know of instances where such a mistake has been made, and regretted that whispered comments on the vanity and folly of the wearers had not been thundered into their ears as a warning not to repeat the pompous exhibition.

Will you permit me to ask your correspondent "Doubtful" to forward me his address in confidence? I want to write to him.

I should like also to be allowed to inform "A. M. D." that there is no question whatever as to "the validity of the bye-law of Lodge 1216" which refers to uniform. He should know that every lodge has a right to make its own bye-laws so long as no infringement of the Constitution laws of the Craft is caused thereby.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, January 30th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some correspondence having appeared in your paper respecting the wearing of uniform in lodges not attached to a military body, I think a very good answer to the question as to its being Masonic so to do might be given if you will allow some member of the Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, to answer it. I saw in your last issue the report of the installation meeting, but no mention was made of uniform being worn. Did the members do so or were they simply in evening dress.—Yours fraternally,
January 31st. A. J. F.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been drawn to a report in your last issue of an after-dinner speech at a lodge meeting, in which a well-known brother in responding to the toast of "The Charities" is represented as having referred to this Institution as "the Girls' School, which did not know how to spend its money;" and, again, as saying "he was told they (the Committee) had 25 spare places after every candidate had been taken in."

Now, the first of these statements, taken in conjunction with the remainder of the report, implies that the Girls' School does not require the active support and assistance of the Craft, and the second that if the Committee saw fit they could even now extend the benefits of the Institution to at least an additional 25 children.

Having regard to the official position of the brother from whom these remarks emanated, I hasten officially and in the most unequivocal manner possible to say that they are absolutely and entirely incorrect, and are totally without the least justification in fact.

As such reports have done and must do incalculable injury to the Institution I feel obliged to ask you to give this letter the same publicity which you have given the statements referred to.

As to the remarks of the same speaker that very little is seen of the Secretary of the Girls' School, I would only observe that the supporters of the Institution will I trust always find him attending to his duties.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
January 31st. F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

CITY MASONIC CLUB.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I believe a good non-proprietary City club for the use of Freemasons only would be a success as a club and a convenience and a comfort to its members. Will those brethren who think with me kindly communicate their ideas through these columns?—Yours fraternally, C. M. C.
January 29th.

THE SONS OF GEORGE THE THIRD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly state in your next issue the names and ranks in the Craft of the five sons of George III. whom you state in to-day's paper in a book review were Masons.

—Yours fraternally, S. D.
January 27th.

[The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cumberland, the Duke of York, the Duke of Kent, and the Duke of Sussex.—ED. F.M.]



REVIEWS

DAPHNIS AND OTHER POEMS. By H. G. HELTON. Kegan Paul & Co., 1, Paternoster-square.

This is, to a great extent, a mystical volume of poetry which seems to deserve notice in the pages of the *Freemason*. On the cover the writer has imprinted in gold the Hexapla or Solomon's Seal, a mystic and Masonic symbol of high age and great importance, and in his poem the "Seers" he adopts some old world hieroglyphs and tokens, as well as Masonic tradition, which he incorporates in the following verses. Like Tennyson, he loves to dwell on all the wonders that shall be "in some golden age to come" and thus holds up before us an inevitable future remarkable discoveries some day.

"Soon shall Atlantis come to light,
Rise from the sea in giant might,
Her cupolas of marble bright.

"Whose race the elements could sway,
Who more than mortal in their day,
Time's cycle now has swept away.

"With them 'The Lost Word' passed away,
The secret signs and symbols grey,
Which Plato sought in his own day.

"The 'Royal Arch' may pierce the night,
But curtained still is to the sight
The Sacred Word, the 'Lamp of Light.'

"Know that the Pyramids conceal
A chamber Time will yet reveal,
Where Menes set the sacred seal."

* [This sign and symbol is known only to the Initiated.—H. G. H.]

This long poem of the "Seer" deserves perusal especially by Freemasons, and there are some other very pleasant and promising verses in the little volumes.

HUMANITY AND THE MAN. A Poem. By WM. SHARPE, M.D. Hodges, Figgis, and Co., Dublin.

We have reviewed previously in the *Freemason* one or two of the brochures of Dr. Wm. Sharpe, and we are glad to-day to have received and to be able to speak favourably of his poem called "Humanity and the Man." Bro. Dr. Sharpe seems to us skilfully, effectively, and poetically too, to deal with the great problem of human existence, as described and developed in his new offering. Blank verse is always, even under the most favourable circumstances, rather trying and monotonous to the general reader, but certainly, we must say, that Bro. Dr. Sharpe seems to possess an ear for harmony of words, as well as a mind which education has strengthened and expanded, able to contemplate those remarkable truths which ever underlie the normal and formal life of man. We congratulate Bro. Sharpe on a very effective poem, readable in the highest degree, abounding in thoughtful sketches, kindly imaginings, truthful views, and poetic touches. It may interest some of us to read the following lines, with the writer's note appended, as they will both give our readers an idea of the volume itself, as well as perhaps lead them to purchase the work itself:

"Knowledge there handed down,
By symbols slowly, and by secret rites,
And words of mouth after fit trials passed:—
Trials, and ceremonies, and types imposed,
The tests alike of intellectual power,
Force, courage, and integrity of mind;
To Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty still allied,
Or the prerogative of these combined;—
These the great pillars of the universe
Of import vast a mystic meaning bear;
And in contradistinction stand to evil,
Characterised in turn by ugliness,
Unwisdom, weakness, and deformity.
For by the trial ceremonies enforced,
The worldly-minded are excluded still
From knowledge of the higher truths, which they,
Seeing in part, see not:—truth which displayed
In clearer form, they would corrupt and change;
Till finally the whole obscured and quenched
Should in oblivion sink, or shadow-like,
Stand lingering in some fantastic show,
Like the disjointed fragments of a dream!"

[When these lines were written the author did not belong to the Masonic Order, though he has since joined that ancient society.—NOTE BY THE WRITER.]

This educating of Freemasonry from the history of the past is, curiously enough as our readers will note, brought out in the two volumes of poems we review to-day. We might select several other passages of force, meaning, and reality, but our space is limited, and our notice must come to an end.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

113] ECKERT—PAPAL BULLS.

If Bro. Bookworm cares to take stock of Eckert's "Tempel Salomonis" he will find it in the British Museum. Press mark 4783 d. Prague, 1855, 4to. He will find it more curious than instructive and withal terribly dry. He is undoubtedly right when he draws my attention to the fact that the exact dates of the papal bulls are not proved by the allegations of the Steinmetzen; but I think that their allegations do render the dates more or less probable. The South German Masons formed a brotherhood in 1459, not earlier, despite Fallou and his followers (vide Gould, chap. iii). No papal bull could therefore have been issued on their behalf previously. Shortly afterwards they obtained imperial confirmation for their statutes. What more likely than that they petitioned for papal confirmation also; and considering that the petitioners would be, amongst others, the Master Masons of Strasburg and Cologne Cathedrals, not to mention smaller ecclesiastical edifices in course of construction, what more likely than that they succeeded in obtaining these confirmations. The North German Masons did not immediately join the brotherhood and the consequent quarrel culminated in the beginning of the 16th century. We have proof that the Strasburg fraternity strained every nerve during these 50 years to force the outsiders to join the union. This desire to exercise a strong trades coercion was probably the very reason why they applied to the Pope. Any way in 1518 and 1519 we find them referring to the papal bulls. We thus see that the papal bulls could not have dated before 1459 nor after 1518; so that the alleged dates 1502 and 1517, especially the latter, would appear very probable. One fact remains clear: either the Strasburg Masons lied most shamefully, or they were in possession of some sort of charter from his holiness. G. WM. SPETH.

114] LEWIS.

Ernest Bosc in his valuable little "Dictionnaire Generale de l'Architecture," tells us that "Louve" is identical with "Forfix" as used by Vitruvius, and that "Forficula" was a "Louveteau." He throws no light however on the use of "Louve." If I remember rightly Vitruvius uses the words "forpices" and "forfices;" the latter represent the "Lewis," &c., as we term it; the former an iron clamp or clasp. BOOKWORM.

115] What are the privileges of a Lewis? Amongst others, is it the fact that he may be initiated at 18 years of age, whereas all others must wait the full age of 21 years? Where can I find authorities on the subject? ENQUIRER.

116] MASONIC HISTORY.

That there is such a thing as "Masonic History and Masonic History," Bro. Gould will I think agree with me in holding and asserting. Certainly for a long time I have never been so struck with anything as with a speech of Bro. Duscher, 1687, recorded in the *Freemason* of the 27th ult. Is he not the same brother who made that astounding speech about the charities not long ago? I say nothing here about his figures, but his "history" is certainly very much "mixed up." 1. I am not aware that the Lodge of Antiquity, *qua* that famous old body, had anything to do with the well known provision contained in the Harleian MSS., namely, the admission of speculative Masons, but which provision loses much of its importance, (as it is probably only the record of a "fait accompli," by the record of Elias Ashmole's initiation in 1646. 2. The statement that Masonry opened its portals to Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, Helvetius, and Holbach is slightly misleading and if a fine passage very incorrect. Voltaire as we know was made in "Les Neuf Sœurs," at Paris, only in the last 12 months of his life; indeed only four months before his death in 1778, in his 83rd year, previously to which he had often openly laughed at Freemasonry. Helvetius, who died in 1771, was also a member of the "Neuf Sœurs" in Paris, but I am not aware of any evidence so far which connects Diderot, Holbach, and Rousseau with Freemasonry. I should be glad to see it. 3. Where Bro. Duscher obtains any evidence on that moot point, a Templar connexion, or any link with the "Albagesis," (?) I am at a loss to conceive. Of those mysterious and mythic bodies, "Parantines and Bulgares and dissenting lodges," I have never even heard. How chronologically they can be brought in after the end of the eighteenth century is a thing a "fellar can't understand." It seems such a happy confusion of ideas and times that it is worth noting. 4. I beg to deny distinctly, for the honour of Freemasonry, that it had ever in any shape anything properly to do with Cagliostro or the Illuminati, and that it became philanthropic and humanitarian, (*sic*), renovated, and young again in consequence of the alleged decision of the middle of the seventeenth century. It is a very pretty after-dinner peroration, but it rests on no solid basis. Cagliostro was originally a Freemason I admit, but finding it too narrow for his sublimer ideas he left it, and proceeded to concoct his Egyptian Masonry (Androgynic), which he professed to have obtained in England, and in his hands it soon ended in charlatanism and libertinism. Freemasons repudiated him long ago, just as they repudiate him to-day. Adam Weishaupt, the founder of the "Illuminati," was a Roman Catholic professor, some say a Jesuit, and he started his system of Illuminism with a remarkable use of Jesuitical terminology. He was initiated at Munich apparently in 1777 in the Lodge "Brüdersamkeit, of the Strict Observance," but left Freemasonry, too, it would appear as an Apprentice. There are many works upon the Illuminati, but none earlier I believe than 1784. In 1785 came out the Bavarian edict against them; and 1786 Weishaupt fled to Gotha, where he remained until his death in 1830. He had long apparently given up his own system, and wrote works on philosophy, metaphysics, and political economy. Freemasonry has nothing to do with the Illuminati, whose principles and practice, under a most Jesuitical pretence of liberty, were alike destructive and dangerous to true liberty. Certainly if Masonic history is to be written in this fashion, however talking as an after-dinner speech, Masonic students had better give up their researches and Masonic criticism must in future hold its tongue. MASONIC STUDENT.

117] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

"Dryasdust" argues his case very nicely, nor am I surprised at his expressing a doubt as to the identity of the Carolus Sackville of Natter's medal with Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, eldest son of Lionel, first Duke of Dorset. Many will be inclined with him to pass a judgment of "not proven." But though there is as yet no direct evidence of this identity, the circumstantial evidence in its favour is so strong that with every respect for "Dryasdust's" opinion, I am inclined to think they are one and the same person. I will briefly state my reasons for thus thinking. What may have been his style and title before 1720, when his father was created Duke of Dorset and he himself was a mere boy, is immaterial, but from that year forward till his accession to the dukedom the said Charles Sackville, eldest son of the said Lionel, first Duke of Dorset, was known by the courtesy title of Earl of Middlesex. In the extract from the public journals which I quoted in my former note, we are told that after having "received the first rudiments of his education at Westminster school" he visited France and Italy, "with the latter of which he was particularly delighted." Horace Walpole, both in his "Letters" and his "Memoirs of the last ten years of the reign of George II.," frequently speaks of him in connection with Italian operas in London. In a letter dated "Calais and Friday, and here I have been these two days, 1741," and addressed to Sir Horace Mann, British Minister at Florence, he refers to a certain "Abbate Vaneschi," who, we are told in a footnote—Cunningham's edition of the "letters"—"directed and wrote the operas under the protection of Lord Middlesex." Under date "Arlington-street, April 14, 1743," he tells the same correspondent, "There is a new subscription formed for an opera next year, to be carried on by the *Dilettanti*, a club for which the nominal qualification is having been in Italy," excessive indulgence in habits of conviviality being the real one, and "the two chiefs are Lord Middlesex and Sir Francis Dashwood." Bridgeman, in his "Sketch of Knole," in referring to the taste of Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, and second Duke of Dorset, for "poetry and the fine arts," notes especially a song of his "Arno's Vale" which directly connects him with Florence. On the other hand we have the medal of Natter with "Carolus Sackville" inscribed on it, which, in Findel, is said to have been struck at the instance of the Florentine brethren in honour of "Bro. Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex"—for "Duke" must of course be read "Earl"—who called together the first lodge in Florence in 1733, which is also the year of the medal. Moreover, in those days Florence as the capital of Tuscany was an important political centre, as it was and still is renowned for its art treasures and love of art. We had a minister accredited to the Grand Duke's Court, and what more natural than that a young English nobleman of high rank and with a well-cultured mind should visit a city where he might obtain an insight into politics at the same time that he was gratifying his taste for poetry and the fine arts? Is it, again I ask, at all likely that a medal would have been struck in honour of a mere nobody—nobodies did not make the grand tour in those days—even though, as we are invited to believe, he was the first to introduce Freemasonry to the inhabitants of an important political and art centre? We read of no simple Charles Sackville who lived about the time in question and visited Florence, and on whom could have been conferred so great a distinction as that of striking a medal in his honour; but we do know however that there was a Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, eldest son of Lionel, first Duke of Dorset, who did visit Italy as a young man and was especially delighted with the country, and who, according to Bridgeman, was the author of a song entitled "Arno's Vale." On his return to England from foreign travel he gave free rein to his passion for directing Italian operas, and had associated with him in this work an Italian Abbé named Vaneschi. Moreover, he was a member of the *Dilettanti* Club, the nominal qualification for which was the having been in Italy. Lastly, we have Natter's medal of 1733 to testify to the fact that one "Carolus Sackville" had rendered a Masonic service at Florence of sufficient importance to warrant its being struck in his honour. I imagine these facts which are known constitute a sufficiently strong chain of circumstantial evidence to justify the presumption that the Sackville of Natter's Masonic medal is one and the same person with Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, afterwards Duke of Dorset. I attach no importance to the error in describing him as "Duke" of Middlesex—no doubt it is attributable to the general ignorance of foreigners as to the titles of our English nobility, and may have arisen from their confounding the son's title of "Earl" with the father's of "Duke." I do not consider my theory is impelled by the fact that in 1733 Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, was only two and twenty years of age—the Duke of Wharton was installed Grand Master when he was only a few weeks over twenty-three; nor am I inclined to view it as of moment that there should be "no trace of any subsequent interest on his part in English Freemasonry," even though his friend, Frederick Prince of Wales, was initiated four years after the date of the medal. It is to be regretted there is no such trace, but the absence of any mention of his name even as a member of an English lodge does not surprise me when it is remembered how little care was taken in those days in the compilation and preservation of our Craft records. Walpole, writing to Sir Horace Mann on the 4th May, 1743, remarks *apropos* of what he calls the "low repute" into which Freemasonry had then fallen in England, "You know, as great as our follies are, we even grow tired of them, and are always changing." Mention is made in this very letter of Lord Middlesex and his operatic speculations and losses, which will account for his lordship, presuming him to have been a member of our Order, not taking any great interest in its concerns. In conclusion, I hope "Dryasdust" will kindly understand that while I do not regard what I have stated as conclusive of the identity of Natter's Sackville with Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, it is curiously impressive as a chain of circumstantial evidence in favour of that proposition. G. B. A.

118] BRO. THOMAS HINDERWELL.

Mr. Joseph Brogden Baker, who for many years has been industriously collecting and digesting everything in his power relating to the Queen of Northern Watering Places has now published, in a handsome volume of over 500 pages, "The History of Scarborough, from the Earliest Date," in which I am glad to find him throughout speaking in the kindest terms of his predecessor, our late Bro. Thomas Hinderwell, of whom he also gives the follow-

ing pithy memoir:—Thomas Hinderwell was born at Scarborough, in 1744, and was the eldest son of a family of four children. At a suitable age he entered the merchant service, under the command of Mr. Robert Burn. In 1773 he became master, and was engaged in the transport service; in 1775 he retired from sea. His natural talent for observation in his intercourse with different nations, their manners, customs, acts, &c., enabled him to store his mind with much valuable information. In 1778 he was elected a member of the Corporation of Scarborough, and filled the office of magistrate in 1784, 1790, and 1800. He was never married. His connection with the public institutions of the town was extensive, and he was remarkable for the warm, energetic, and continued support and interest he gave to the educational, benevolent, and various philanthropic measures brought forward for the moral and spiritual advancement of the inhabitants of the borough. In 1790 he issued his very excellent work the "History of Scarborough" of which a second edition was published in 1811. This was a work that had been a pleasure to him in the preparation, extending over several years, and which posterity has acknowledged as ably and faithfully written, and quite as extensive as the material within his reach at the time. As a local work, and the first topographical history of the borough, it was a valuable acquisition, and this was in due time acknowledged by his contemporaries. His death took place in 1825, in the 81st year of his age, and his remains were interred in the burial ground of St. Mary's, Scarborough. It is sadly too much the evil habit of local historians to cavil at their predecessors, instead of honourably acknowledging their debt of gratitude to them, correcting any of their errors they may discover in a kindly spirit, and gathering to the facts collected before them all the useful and entertaining matter within the compass of their cable tow. I am very glad to find Mr. Baker markedly avoiding this error in the able and comprehensive history with which he has just favoured us; and long after his aged head is laid beneath the sod—it may be appropriately enough near his predecessor, Bro. Hinderwell—his memory will be all the more lovingly cherished for the genial manner in which he has completed his arduous and useful labours.

GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDLE.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY.

A dinner was given by the above distinguished company on Wednesday last, the guests numbering nearly 300. Among those present we noticed Bros. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Raymond H. Thrupp, A. T. Layton, F. G. Faithful, H. Pigeon, jun., and George Kenning as Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

The usual toasts were given by the master and responded to in a most enthusiastic manner. The master drank to his guests in the loving cup.

"The loving cup is a splendid feature of the Hall feasts of the City and Inns of Court. The cup is of silver or silver gilt, and is filled with spiced wine, immemorially termed 'Sack.' Immediately after the dinner and grace, the master and wardens drink to their visitors a hearty welcome; the cup is then passed round the table, and each guest, after he has drunk, applies his napkin to the mouth of the cup before he passes it to his neighbour. The more formal practice is for the person who pledges with the loving cup to stand up and bow to his neighbour, who, also standing, removes the cover with his right hand, and holds it while the other drinks."—*F. W. Fairholt, F.S.A.*

"To drink from the large stoups or cans in use by the Anglo-Saxons, it was necessary to lift these with both hands, and in this posture a man offered to his foe an excellent opportunity for stabbing him. As a protection against this custom, a system of 'pledging' was introduced—relics of which remain in our familiar custom to the present day. A man, when about to drink, asked his neighbour to be his 'pledge' or 'guardian.' If he consented to do so he rose, drew his sword, and guarded the drinking man, who afterwards in his turn 'pledged' or guarded his companion while he drank."—(Thrupp's *Anglo-Saxon Home*, p. 296).

This company is celebrated for its collection of wines, the wines served on this occasion was Madeira, O.E. 1; Sherry, Rautenthal, Vintage 1868; Champagne, Irroys' 1874; Port, Taylors' 1861; Claret, Chateau Lafite 1862.

The string band of the Royal Engineers performed a selection of music during dinner, under the direction of Herr J. R. Sawerthal, B.M.R.E. After dinner an interesting programme of vocal music was gone through under the management of Bro. Lawler, assisted by Miss Effie Clements, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Marie Schumann, and Mr. Sidney Tower.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that the National Anthem, written in 1822 by Richard Clark and published by him, upon the authority of the records of the Merchant Taylors' Company, of Sion College Library and of the old cheque book of his Majesty's Chapel, shows that the words of "God save the King" were written at the particular request of the Merchant Taylors' Company by Ben Jonson, and that the music was composed by Dr. John Bull for an entertainment given by the company to King James I. on the 16th July, 1607, to congratulate his Majesty on his escape from the Gunpowder Plot. The National Anthem was first sung in Merchant Taylors' Hall on that occasion by the gentlemen and children of the Royal Chapel.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee was held on Friday evening, the 26th ult., at the head quarters of the local Fraternity, Hope-street. Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. 241, W.M. 1502, P.P.G. Reg., occupied the chair and there was a large attendance. The accounts which have already been given were taken as read and passed. On the motion of Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.P.G. S. of W., seconded by Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1082, it was unanimously resolved to borrow £1000 to complete the furnishing and decoration of the hall. Thanks were conveyed to the Chairman and officers of the Committee for their services during the year. Bro. John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., proposed by Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. John Ballard, was elected Chairman. Bro. John Ballard was appointed Vice-Chairman, and Bro. H. Tobias was re-elected Treasurer, and Mr. J. T. Callow, Secretary. Bros. T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; M. Hart, P.M. 1502; and R. Martin, 1182, were chosen Auditors, and the representatives of the Committee are Bros. Robinson, Beesley, Whitehead, Hart, and Mackenzie.



Craft Masonry.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when there were present among other brethren Bros. John Harper, W.M.; George Britton, I.P.M.; J. Charles Slater, S.W.; Henry Povey, J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Coulcher, S.D.; Wm. Cook, J.D.; Joseph L. Corbett, I.G.; Thos. P. Collings, P.M., D. of C.; and visitors: Bros. H. Beckersdorff, 1329; Wm. Francis, 34; Thomas Cohu, P.M. 192; C. Morgan, 108; Jas. B. Dauncly, 1821; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.P.G. S.B. Herts, 869; A. McDowall, P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, 948; F. D. Cates, 453; Stephen Hayworth, 101, P.M. 15; Horace F. Bonner, 1287; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; P. Smith, 73; B. Coulson Robinson, 136; Sir John Bennett, 1; W. J. Bishop, 180; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1580, W.M. 1964, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; George Russell, 180; W. F. Green, 561; J. Watney Watson, 1558; C. Bailey, 1445; W. C. Greaves, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Worshipful Master raised Bro. Richard King to the Third Degree, after which Bro. George Britton, P.M., installed Bro. Henry Povey, J.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the current year. The brethren appointed and invested as officers were Bros. John Harper, I.P.M.; John C. Slater, S.W.; Robert W. Coulcher, J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas.; George Britton, P.M., Sec.; William Cook, S.D.; Joseph Corbett, J.D.; Allen Hedderley, I.G.; Thomas P. Collings, P.M., D. of C.; W. Neats, W.S.; and Joseph Parkinson, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses Bro. Harper, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and a handsome illuminated vellum, elegantly framed and glazed, was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge to Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M. and Treasurer. The vellum bore the following inscription: "Neptune Lodge, No. 22. Presented to Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., upon his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of fraternal regard and of the high appreciation by the brethren for the valuable services he rendered to the lodge in that capacity during a period extending over a quarter of a century. Initiated January, 1850, Master 1855, Treasurer 1857. Bros. John Harper, W.M.; J. J. Slater, S.W.; Henry Povey, J.W.; Edward F. Storr, P.M., Hon. Sec.; George Britton, I.P.M.; Robert Walpole Coulcher, S.D.; William Cook, J.D.; and Joseph Corbett, I.G." There was also a massive silver salver added to the above, but which was afterwards presented at the banquet table. The salver bore the inscription: "Presented to Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., by the members of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, in grateful recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer for 26 years. January 7th, 1883. Bros. J. Harper, W.M.; J. J. Slater, S.W.; H. Povey, J.W.; and E. F. Storr, P.M. (Hon. Sec.)."

In presenting the illuminated vellum in lodge the Worshipful Master said: Bro. Past Master Wilcox, it is 26 years to-night since you first had the collar of Treasurer of the Neptune Lodge placed upon your shoulders by our Bro. Goodwin, P.M. Many and varied are the changes you have seen take place here. Very few of the brethren remain who witnessed that interesting ceremony; they are gone—gone let us hope to that bright sphere above. But still you are with us, and now after such a lengthened service as 26 years you feel the time arrived to no longer continue to hold the office. That being so the brethren have unanimously resolved to present you with this testimonial in recognition of your long and faithful services; and in asking your acceptance of the same every brother in the lodge will join me in expressing the hope that long may your life bespared and that the evening time of it may be calm and pleasant. In the words of Longfellow I would say,

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

You in your departure from this office have left your footprints on the sands of the Neptune Lodge, and I trust this will encourage every succeeding Treasurer to as faithful a discharge of the duties of the office as you have exhibited in the past. In the name of the Neptune Lodge I ask you to accept of this testimonial.

Bro. Wilcox, P.M., in reply said: You have been very kind, Worshipful Master, in the observations you have been pleased to make with regard to myself. I thank you and the brethren very sincerely for this kind recognition of my humble services during the 26 years that I have discharged the office of your Treasurer. I assure you it is with feelings of regret that I have felt it a duty to ask you to relieve me of that duty. I am sorry to leave the office, because I have been a worker in the lodge for 33 years. I have never had relaxation of two years, and during the whole of the time that I have worked in the lodge, both as an officer from Inner Guard upwards to W.M. and then Treasurer, I do not think I have been absent from my duty more than three or four times at the utmost, which is saying a very great deal, and I thank God that He has given me health to be able to continue among you. I hope I may be spared for many years to have the kind friendly feelings of association with every brother that I have had during the past 32 years. It is a long time, and I am sorry to say that I am the only member of the lodge of all those who were in existence at the time I joined, in 1850. There are two brethren I believe, Bro. Townsend and our late Secretary, Bro. Eames, who are alive, and those are the only two to the best of my recollection, but we have a brother belonging to us a great invalid and not able to be with us to-night, Bro. Norman, who joined us very early indeed, and a more kind and affectionate letter it is impossible for one man to write to another than the letter he has written to me greatly regretting that he is not able to be with us this evening. Many changes have taken place during the time I have been connected with this lodge, but I am pleased to say (I don't mean to say it in praise of any exertions on my part) that I as you know have endeavoured to instil into the brethren the necessity of good

working. Without good working a lodge loses its position, and Masonry sinks. I have during 26 years endeavoured to keep the lodge in a position which I trust it will always maintain, that is to keep itself free from debt. I have held it one of the most essential points with a Treasurer that he should keep the lodge free from debt, especially as far as the tavern is concerned, that the brethren may receive from the proprietor that attention and respect which they ought to receive. I believe during the whole of the time we have always been treated wherever we have gone in the most kind and friendly and I think most princely manner. Allow me to say that I feel deeply sensible of the great compliment this lodge has paid me in presenting me with this recognition of my humble services in the position of your Treasurer. As I said I regret the circumstances that compelled me to resign. At different periods of life one's time is encroached upon in many ways. That happens to be my case. I felt I could not consistently hold the office of Treasurer without being present, and that you know is not always possible when you have other duties to perform. That is the only reason I had in asking you not to re-elect me this year. I thank you very much for the kindness and courtesy you have shown me.

Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M., Treasurer, said the Lord Mayor had promised to be present at the meeting of the lodge in March, an announcement which was received with marks of great satisfaction.

Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" the W.M. said the Masons of England were loyal men—loyal to the Queen they served and honoured and loyal to the Craft they loved. In giving the toast of "The Grand Master" he said their loyalty as Masons was not limited by the toast they had just celebrated; they also owed allegiance to their illustrious chief, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, who for the past eight years had ruled the Order so wisely and so well.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master," &c., was next given. There were no Grand Officers present to reply, but in compliance with the W.M.'s call Bro. Edgar Bowyer, a Past Grand Officer of Herts, and Bro. Walter McDowall, Past Grand Officer of Berks and Bucks, said a few words in acknowledgment.

Bro. Harper, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M." said however much he might flatter himself that he had shed some rushlight ray over the lodge during his year of office, the brethren knew it was expunged and driven into the shade by the brightness of the sun which had just risen in the Masonic firmament, and he should have to hide his diminished head and pale his ineffectual fire. But seriously, he assured the brethren that he rose with a great deal of pleasure to propose the W.M.'s health, and he did not use the words which were so often used, that he wished it had fallen into better hands to do more justice to it, because he did not believe any one was better able to do justice to it than he. To explain what he meant, the brethren when they elected a Warden to the chair of Master naturally liked to know how he performed his duties. None of the brethren sitting at the table knew how Bro. Povey could perform his duties, but as he (Bro. Harper) had known him many years and had studied hard with him he considered he was the only one who could tell them that Bro. Povey was perfect in the duties of his office from beginning to end. Two years ago when he (Bro. Harper) considered himself an inefficient, and feeling he did not know the ritual completely, he made up his mind to resign any pretensions to the office of Master. Bro. Povey however assisted him, and he wondered how that brother could acquire the knowledge he had. It was on those grounds he considered himself better able than other brethren to let the lodge know that the prestige of the Neptune Lodge would not be lessened in the hands of Bro. Povey. He knew of no one who had worked harder than he from the lowest grade upwards, and therefore it was with the greatest delight he found the members had voted Bro. Povey into the chair of K.S. Bro. Povey had given them some inkling of how he could act at the social board, but as they of the Neptune Lodge were so particular and considered that no one should take the office of W.M. unless he could perform the duties properly, and equal if not surpass those who had preceded him, he was sure the brethren would be glad to hear from him that they were perfectly justified in electing Bro. Povey.

The Worshipful Master in reply said: In tendering you my sincere thanks for your great kindness allow me to say I shall do my utmost for the interests of the lodge, and although I feel I have many shortcomings I can with confidence appeal to the brethren to be lenient with me and give me all the aid they can. I sincerely trust this year may be a very enjoyable one to every brother in the lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors" the Worshipful Master said: This perhaps is the most important toast of the evening. We all know that without the guests the feast cannot take place. To-night you have placed me in the chair of King Solomon, and without the Queen of Sheba even Solomon would have been shorn of half his glory. To-night the Neptune Lodge would have lost a great deal of its pleasure were it not for its visitors. I believe we have the honour of entertaining 20 visitors, and if charity is one of the great principles of Freemasonry, hospitality I think must be its sister virtue.

Sir John Bennett said he felt it with his brother visitors a most distinguished honour to be present in the heart of the City at this ancient Neptune Lodge. Whatever they thought on other matters in public, attending as they did sometimes gorgeous ceremonies and on great occasions, he looked with the most profound reverence and respect upon the Masonic Craft and a Masonic lodge like the Neptune. The history of the human race could not be written without attributing to the Craft a most remarkable career during the last 300 years. They had run through every phase of human existence century after century; whatever had changed Masons had not changed. Empires had risen and fallen; dynasties, kings, and princes had come; they had done their work and they had passed away. Even religions had changed. But Freemasonry stood the same from its origin 3000 years ago. We little knew—history could not tell us (as from the very character of the Masonic operations history could not tell us)—how much the world was indebted to the Craft. Whatever was done in tyranny, whether in Church or State, in all their forms, kingcraft and priestcraft, the Craft of Freemasonry stood. Lodges after lodges, wherever civilisation was doing its work there always stood the Craft in its various forms. Yes, through-

out the dark ages while the great mass of the people were in intellectual darkness, Masonry was doing its work quietly and silently even under the regis or authority of the church itself. We knew the church fostered it when we saw those magnificent cathedrals, the external and visible signs of theological times, and therefore we knew how much they were indebted to the Craft. But there had resided in Masonry some of the brightest spirits for which the world stood indebted for its liberties, civil and religious. But even now we found them when they were no longer so essential to the formation of high character, they were distinguished for their charity and the care they took for the education and improvement of the young Masonic generation. For all this they took credit to the Craft. He as a humble visitor felt how honoured they must be, seeing all this great progress and how much they were indebted to the Craft, how much they were honouring themselves and glad to do honour to so remarkable and grand an institution.

Bro. Serjt. Robinson said the brethren saw he was very reluctant to come after Sir John Bennett, and he really was, for he could tell them that Sir John Bennett and he had been quarrelling all the evening. He did not think there was one point they had agreed upon, and yet he did not think they thought one whit the worse of each other than they did when they began. He had not the least idea what Sir John Bennett might mean, and yet he assured them on his honour as a man he had not the remotest objection to any opinion Sir John Bennett or any other man had if he would let him have his; and he would do Sir John Bennett the justice to say that with the deepest humility he had told him "of course you are right and I am wrong." Well he knew what that sort of humility was. It was a great pleasure to visit this lodge. It was nearly forty years since Bro. S. Potter and himself (Bro. Robinson) used to come down to the City and learn Masonry, and at one time Bro. S. Potter went infinitely beyond him in Masonry. But he (Bro. Robinson) had more to do than Bro. Potter had, and although he went through the office of Master of his lodge with some little credit to himself it was quite impossible he should do it well. But when one got as old as he, nearly 70, he was afraid he forgot a good deal he had learned in his youth—the formula, not the precepts, brotherly love and affection to one another—and the quarrelling with one and another political foe, but looking upon him as a dear friend, he had no hesitation in saying that Masonry taught us to follow out that principle, and he trusted sincerely that with regard to that Masonry at all events had done him no harm. He did not know how the lodge was situated with regard to spending its money, but considering how strongly disendowment was going on he advised them to spend as much of it as they could; the only mode of keeping their money was to spend it. He strongly advised them to do that, because some commissioner might come down at the instigation of some self-constituted flatterer of the working-classes, and if the lodge had some property which it did not cost him one single sixpence to take away from them they would have it taken, and they would be worse off than if they spent it as fast as they could. The learned brother concluded by thanking the brethren for a very pleasant evening.

Bro. H. Beckersdorff also replied, and said that he had prophesied that the W.M. would be one of the shining lights in Masonry.

In proposing "The Health of the P.Ms." the W.M. said: You know what zeal and assiduity the P.M.'s have displayed in the past, and what a great support they are to the Master during his year of office, who naturally looks to them for advice and assistance. To-night you have placed another P.M. on the roll of the Neptune Lodge in the person of our esteemed Bro. Harper. Every brother knows how anxious Bro. Harper has been that his year should be one of success, and you know the result. I can testify to the great amount of time and attention he has for years past given to making himself perfect in the ritual, and to-night he meets with the reward. I sincerely congratulate him and beg to couple his name with the toast.

Bro. Harper, I.P.M., said the P.Ms. were looked upon as the props of the lodge. They had all the interest of the Neptune Lodge at heart as he had, and they always would have. The brethren had been delighted with the musical performances of the brethren, and some of those he had introduced to the lodge. He never lost an opportunity of telling the brethren to perfect themselves in Masonry. The main object was the interest of the Neptune Lodge, and while this spirit was kept up the lodge would maintain its status. There were many members who had not a chance for many years of getting into the chair. Three or four years ago that was not the state of things, but now there was a greediness for office; whenever that was found to be the case they might be sure the brethren knew the ritual. Those who had been initiated in his year intended to come forward, and nothing would please him more than to welcome them among the P.Ms. It was a hard road to travel, for there was nothing like beginning early. If a chance offered, accept office at once. They had had many examples of brethren having refused office and regretting it afterwards. He thanked the brethren for the toast, and felt very proud to be amongst the P.Ms.

In proposing "The late Treasurer, Bro. Wilcox, P.M.," the W.M. said: Undoubtedly this is the last time the name of Bro. Wilcox will be associated with that of Treasurer of this lodge, and I feel some of the brethren will agree with me it would have been a great omission to have left it out to-night. But before we drink his health I have another exceedingly pleasurable duty to perform in asking, Bro. Wilcox, your acceptance of this salver as a further mark of esteem and affection from the brethren; and in presenting it to you we all join in the hope that you may live many years to enjoy the use of it, and when time with you shall be no more may it be handed down to your children's children.

The W.M. then handed to Bro. Wilcox the salver mentioned above.

Bro. Wilcox in reply, after thanking the brethren for the handsome gift, gave a history of the Neptune Lodge since he had known it, first at the King's Head, in the Poultry; then at the George and Vulture, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill; then at the London Tavern; afterwards at Radley's where they were always admirably treated by Bro. Hart; and now at the Guildhall Tavern, where they were equally well treated. He advised the brethren to keep up the old reputation of the lodge, for what was worth doing at all was worth doing well.

Bro. Harper reminded the brethren that the engraving on the salver was the present of Sir John Bennett, and Bro. Storr told them that the illuminated vellum was produced by Bro. Coulcher, J.W., without a farthing of profit.

Bro. Wilcox said he should be sorry to let the opportunity slip of acknowledging the great energy bestowed by Bro. Storr on the presentation.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" the Worshipful Master said: I consider the officers whose health we are now about to drink are the hardest worked members of the lodge, both of whom appear before you for the first time in their respective appointments. With regard to our new Treasurer, I congratulate the lodge upon its choice, feeling certain that in Bro. Storr they have the right man in the right place. Personally I can say that after an intimate acquaintance with him extending over 22 years a more sincere friend I never met with. We can say much of him, especially as "Charity Storr." With regard to Bro. Britton, P.M., he comes before us in a twofold capacity, first as that of Installing Master. Well, brethren, it is not always lodges can boast of having its own Installing Master. You have seen to-night how ably he has discharged the ceremony, and personally I thank him very much. And then he comes in the new position of Secretary, and from a knowledge of Bro. Britton's business capacity I know he will perform the duties of Secretary in such a manner as I know the lodge will feel proud of him.

Bro. E. F. Storr said he first knew the lodge in 1870 at Radley's Hotel, and since that time he had never missed a single meeting, either emergency or regular. He had held almost every office in the lodge and worked his way up to the chair. To-night they had put the crowning point on his ambition by making him Treasurer, an office that had been so successfully, ably, energetically, and faithfully filled by his dear friend, Bro. Wilcox, for 26 years, and whose mantle he could not have hoped would have fallen on his shoulders. He felt himself highly flattered that the lodge had unanimously elected him to fill the important post of Treasurer, and he could assure them that as heretofore he should take a deep interest in the prosperity of the lodge and look after its funds. As regarded the appellation of "Charity Storr," he was very proud of being associated with the Charities, and the Neptune Lodge should never lack a Steward while he was a member. He had served now 10 times for the various Charities, this year he was serving for the Benevolent, and with three more servitudes he should be a Vice-President of all the three Institutions. He was proud to be associated with Bro. Britton as Secretary. He (Bro. Storr) had held the office of Secretary 12 months and had found it no insecure. If he had performed the duties of the office to the brethren's satisfaction that was his reward. If T.G.A.O.T.U. spared him 26 years to be the Treasurer he thought he should be entitled to a piece of plate, even though it was a willow pattern. But they did not work for that but for the love of the thing and to see the lodge flourishing.

Bro. Britton, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for appointing him and hoped he should give satisfaction.

"The Officers and Prosperity to the Lodge" was the next toast, in proposing which the Worshipful Master said: This toast is one particularly interesting to the Master, who feels that upon good officers depends very much the success of his year of office; but, brethren, I sincerely trust my officers will earnestly endeavour to emulate the officers of the past, and at the end of my year I shall be able to congratulate the lodge upon the excellent manner in which it has been served. I trust we shall meet with much prosperity here during the next 12 months.

The S.W. thanked the W.M., and the Tyler's toast was then drunk. During the intervals between the toasts Bros. George Russell, J. V. Walker, J. R. Taylor, W. Francis, Greaves, and E. S. Hopper, sang some beautiful songs, Bro. W. Francis gave some recitations, and Bro. H. Savidge played charmingly on the violin.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 17th ult. at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, under the presidency of Bro. Linn, W.M., who after a long and severe illness was much congratulated by the members and brethren on his resumption of the working of the lodge. He was supported by the following: Bros. Past Masters Delves, Hodges, Millington, Searell, Carnaby, Treas.; C. W. Smith, Sec.; Stewart, 898; and Bros. G. Smith, S.W.; Stapleton, J.W.; Morrison, J.D.; Raiker, I.G.; Clark, Leggett, Marsh, Pitt, Duckham, Nye, Martin, Sanders, Penniston, with several others.

A long list of business was on the agenda, including the initiation of Bro. Linn's youngest son (J. S. Linn), which ceremony was worked by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Five brethren were passed and two raised, and the lodge was closed.

A very pleasant hour was afterwards spent, the usual toasts being given and responded to.

In response to the toast of "The Initiate" Bro. J. S. Linn expressed much gratification at being admitted into the Craft, and had a great ambition to follow in the footsteps of his esteemed father, and never disgrace the honour that had been conferred on him.

The toast of "The W.M." was ably given by Bro. Millington, I.P.M., who said he felt that words from him were quite unnecessary judging from the enthusiasm with which the W.M. was greeted on his return to the lodge. He hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health to be long amongst them.

The W.M. in reply said he could not find words adequate to express his feelings to one and all for the cordial and kind manner in which he had been received. At one period of his illness he certainly felt that he should never have the opportunity of presiding, which he felt to be a great honour. He trusted as had been mentioned that he might be spared to be amongst them for a long period, and see the Corinthian Lodge prosper as it had hitherto.

Several speeches and songs followed, after which the brethren separated.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—This prosperous lodge celebrated its seventh year of existence on Thursday, the 25th ult., upon which occasion Bro. Charles Lorkin, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Edward Dignam, the retiring W.M. Lodge was opened by the W.M. assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Charles Lorkin, S.W.; Charles W. Smyth, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Payne, S.D.; A. Ferrar, J.D.; F. Bonner, D. of C.; W. Simpson, Org.; R. Polak, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; Neville Green, P.M.; Thos. C. Chapman, P.M.; F. Brasted, P.M.; Henry Gustavus Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; G. W. Hart,

R. George, G. J. Baker, A. Loeffler, A. R. Olley, E. A. Collin, J. T. Larter, James H. Rich, Chas. Busbridge, R. Dallas, E. Harding, Jno. Robinson, Robt. Fisher, John Varney, Charles Edwardes, F. A. Kelly (Freemason), and the following visitors: Bros. Walter Mitchell, P.M., Sec. 1558; Fred. Walters, P.M. 1300, P.G.D. Middx.; W. Fieldwick, P.M. 1364; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; R. Forge, W.M. 1950; W. T. Darnell, W.M. 1679; S. Burbridge, 1914; M. Christian, S.D. 860; Henry Taylor, 177; D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Geo. W. Larter, I.G. 1602; A. Eldridge, 1585; and A. Sawyer, 122 (U.S.A.)

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Langman and Busbridge were passed to the Second Degree. The next business was that of installing the W.M., which ceremony as we have already remarked was performed in an admirable manner, reflecting the highest credit upon Bro. Edward Dignam for so ably discharging the arduous duties of Installing Master. The following brethren were then appointed and received their collars and jewels of office, with the exception of Bro. Watkins, who was unavoidably absent: Bros. C. W. Smyth, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.D.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; A. Ferrar, S.D.; R. Polak, J.D.; F. Bonner, I.G.; G. Ferrar, D.C.; W. J. Watkins and A. R. Olley, Stewards; J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Robert Dunn, which being unanimous in that gentleman's favour he was subsequently introduced and was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master, Bro. Lorkin, who during the ceremony gave excellent proof of his ability for the office.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a most recherché banquet, which was well served by the Bros. Clemow.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, proposed in brief terms by the W.M. and responded to similarly.

The I.P.M., Bro. Dignam, in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master" observed that he did so with a great degree of pleasure, as Bro. Lorkin was so well fitted for the office; they could not possibly have a better Master. He spoke earnestly, knowing him both privately and Masonically.

Bro. Lorkin after thanking the brethren for receiving the toast of his health so kindly presented his predecessor with a handsome Past Master's jewel, accompanying the presentation with a few complimentary remarks.

The Immediate Past Master having replied, the toast of "The Initiate" was given, eliciting from Bro. Dunn a neat and sensible response.

Bro. F. Walters in replying on behalf of "The Visitors" congratulated the lodge upon having such a Worshipful Master. From the manner in which he had performed his first ceremony he thought a most successful year was before them. In conclusion Bro. Walters made some highly complimentary remarks concerning Bros. Lee and Brand.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," to which Bro. Brand was the first to respond, who said that since his first connection with the lodge and more so perhaps since his appointment as Treasurer, he had done his best for the lodge and would continue so to do.

Bro. Lee assured the brethren that the Past Masters watched keenly everything for the best interests and welfare of the lodge. He trusted the same hearty good and kindly feeling that existed among them would continue. He felt confident that under the reign of Bro. Lorkin the lodge would continue to prosper and he hoped that the balance sheet would at the end of his term of office present a more favourable result even than that now before them.

Bros. Chapman, Brasted, Green, and Dignam also replied.

The remaining toasts were given and duly responded to.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Dr. J. F. Haskins, among the artistes being two daughters of the W.M., Miss Lorkin and Miss J. Lorkin, of whom special mention is due for their really very clever performance on the piano-forte.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This highly successful lodge held a meeting at the Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. Struggell, W.M.; Goodenough, S.W.; H. B. Marshall, C.C., V.P. of the Masonic Institutions, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Young, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; Clark, P.G.P., I.G.; Lister, D. of C.; Longley, A.D. of C.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Rawlinson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Lott, P.P. G.W. Jersey; Rest, W.M. 1288; King, P.M. 173; and Freeman, 1623.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. S. Suskind and E. Schultz, and it proved to be unanimous. Bro. E. Kahn was then passed to the Degree of F.C., and the two first-mentioned gentlemen initiated into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being well performed. On the proposition of Bro. Lardner seconded by Bro. Walls, Bro. E. Lott was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The W.M. then appointed Bro. Lott as Assistant Organist.

Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Lardner gave a notice of motion that the present joining fee be reduced to five guineas.

The members then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly honoured. Bros. King, Rest and Freeman, responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

"The Health of the Initiates" having been warmly received, Bros. Suskind and E. Schultz, ably responded.

"The Past Masters" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Lardner, Jackson and Walls.

The toast of "The Officers" came next in order, and was responded to by Bros. Young, Simpson, and others. The pleasure of the brethren was considerably enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Lott, Lardner, Freeman, and others.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week at the East Dulwich Hotel, when a goodly number of the brethren assembled to greet their W.M., Bro. Dr. L. Nicod, who was supported by all his officers, viz., Bros. W. Hook, I.P.M.; Bellis, S.W.; Burnett, J.W.; Campbell, Treasurer; Powles, S.D.; Marcus, J.D.; Musserd, I.G.; Grainger, Organist; Bullimore, W.S.; and Anderson, W.S. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Collins, Rowan, Lightfoot, Wimple, Anderson,

Gauntlett, Eagles, sen. and jun., Campbell, Gurney, sen. and jun., and others. The visitors were Bros. J. Paige, 1572; W. S. Harvey, 1658; T. Dilley, P.M. 147; W. E. Dilley, 147; G. S. Mansell, W.M. 1329; and Fowler, 1619.

The Secretary having read the minutes they were duly confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Scott Campbell and William Wills, two candidates for initiation. The voting proving unanimous, the W.M., Bro. Dr. L. Nicod, proceeded with the ceremony in a manner for which he has already earned a name. The candidates were evidently much impressed with the solemnity and dignity of the occasion, and when this feeling is induced in the mind of initiates the W.M. gives best proof of his ability. There being no other business before the lodge the room was cleared for the banquet which followed, supplied by Mr. Robinson, of Rye-lane.

Bro. Dr. Nicod, W.M., was again supported by all his officers, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Bro. T. Dilley, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors" took occasion to compliment the W.M. upon the careful working of the ceremony he had that evening witnessed, which was unusual in so young a lodge, and he could see that several of the subordinate officers were preparing for their future elevation, and that there was every promise of a good supply of able rulers of the lodge. He had been also much struck with the elaborate and complete character of all the Masonic appliances; in this respect they were better off than many lodges which had attained a mature age.

Bros. Campbell, Hook, Grainger, and others enlivened the evening with various songs, and Bro. Phillips in responding to a toast very eloquently gave his impressions of Freemasonry, having recently been raised to the Sublime Degree. In pointed and terse language he pictured the influence Masonry had exercised over the past history of the world, and described in glowing terms the benefits which would accrue to modern society if the principles of Masonry were faithfully carried into practice. Masonry in the past had built many stately fane which still existed as monuments of a former age, evidence of the faithful workmanship which was then a labour of love to the operative; and now Speculative Masonry was building up and edifying many still more noble monuments in the shape of good and true Masons.

We cannot refrain from congratulating this lodge on their greatly improved working, and we are glad to learn that a Benevolent Fund has recently been formed.

BURNLEY.—Silent Temple Lodge (No. 126).—The installation of Bro. A. Weir took place and the Festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the Exchange Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. Oldmer, W.M.; B. Whitaker, I.P.M.; A. Weir, S.W.; J. Sharracks, J.W.; R. W. Waterson, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Radcliffe, S.D.; P. C. O'Malley, J.D.; William Richmond, I.G.; George Robinson, Tyler; Horatio Harrison, Cephas Pollett, Richard Nelson, P.M.; W. Thornton, and James Hopwood. Visitors: Edward Bird, S.W. 316 (Colne); Andrew F. Hargreaves, Thomas Milner, I.P.M. 178; James Jackson, P.G.A.D.C. West Lancashire; William Nicholl, P.M. 317; William Mossop, W.M. 1064; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 3.40 and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. James Ballard, P.M., officiating as Installing Master. After being presented and the customary formalities observed, the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Weir, was with due rite and ceremony installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and proclaimed to and saluted by the brethren. Bro. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C. West Lancashire, then invested the following brethren as officers, viz.: Bros. J. Sharracks, S.W.; Thomas Radcliffe, J.W.; Rev. Robinson, P.P.G.C., Chap.; B. Whitaker, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Waterson, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); P. C. O'Malley, S.D.; William Richmond, J.D.; W. Thornton, I.G.; J. Ballard, P.M., Org.; Horatio Harrison, Steward; and G. Robinson, Tyler.

Bro. Jackson also delivered the three addresses, which terminated the ceremony. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Rev. Bro. Robinson replying on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. John Ballard, P.M., in eulogistic terms.

Bros. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (who were at this stage of the proceedings obliged to leave), responded.

We congratulate the lodge on possessing so able an exponent of Masonic ritual as Bro. Ballard, who executed the duties of installing Master with ease and correctness, and at the same time we have much pleasure in expressing our thanks to all the brethren for their kindly reception and hospitality.

We had almost omitted to mention that our notice was attracted by a very handsomely bound volume of the "Liber Musicus," on opening which the following inscription came to view: "Presented to the Silent Temple Lodge by Bro. Hargreaves Bell." The volume is in constant use in the lodge for musical ceremonies and is much appreciated and valued by the brethren.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The annual installation meeting of this, the oldest lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, on the 25th ult. Bro. James Henry Hogg, W.M., P.G.S. of W., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. F. W. Watson, I.P.M.; W. Middleton, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Turner, J.W.; J. C. Braithwaite, Sec.; J. Coupland, S.D.; J. Coward, I.G.; G. Taylor, P.M. 1051; G. J. McKay, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Talbot, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; Titus Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. G. Potter, P.M. 1532, P.G.S.D.; Bayley, S.W. 281; R. Stanton, J.W. 281; and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of last lodge confirmed, the Auditors' report was read and received. Bro. G. J. McKay then assumed the chair of K.S. and installed the W.M. elect in his customary able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Hogg, I.P.M.; G. Turner, S.W.; J. H. Braithwaite, J.W.; J. Coupland,

Sec.; J. Coward, S.D.; R. O. Pennington, J.D.; J. Fleming, I.G.; W. Ion and W. Rishton, Stwds.

The installing Master addressed each officer when invested on the duties of his appointment, &c., and concluded the installation with the address to the W.M., the addresses to the Warden and brethren being given by Bro. J. Talbot.

Bro. Talbot proposed and the W.M. seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. McKay for his valuable services, which was ordered to be placed on the minutes.

The routine business having been disposed of the lodge was closed with the usual formalities, after which the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where an ample repast was provided by Bro. Hilton.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. and responded to, several of the brethren contributing songs in the intervals, when a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent.

RYDE.—East Medina Lodge (No. 175).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was a large attendance of visitors and other brethren, among whom were the following: Bros. Ernest Groves, W.M.; Bernard Marvin, S.W., W.M. elect; Tension Smith, J.W.; Francis Newman, P.M., W.M. 1884; H. E. Stobbs, Sec.; H. E. Matthews, S.D.; James Lowe, P.M., D.C.; O. B. Cabell, Steward; M. Willis, Tyler; W. L. Nicholls Clayton, I.P.M. 698; J. K. Stewart, S.I.; C. E. Lock, W.M. 151; C. Mursell, 151; S. S. Pearce, P.M. 310 and 1780, &c.; Edmund Derryn, 151; Stephen Salter, I.P.M. 1399, P.P.G.D. Oxon; Alfred Scot, 551; F. S. Wright, 551, I.P.M. 546, P.P.G.J.D. Stafford; Charles Moorman, 1884; Francis Cooper, Treasurer 1884; J. Bailey, J.D. 1884; Ernest Hall, W.M. 237; Arthur Jolliffe, J.W. 237; G. R. King, 151; G. Rudland, Org. 35; F. T. Jones, S.D. 551; Charles Taplin, W.M. 487; J. Buckell, J.W. 151; G. A. Murvell, Sec. 35; A. C. Jones, P.P.G.O., 151; E. H. Trodd, 151.

Bro. William Andrews (Ryde Superintendent of the Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Co.) having been raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., Bro. B. Marvin was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the installing ceremony being performed by Bro. Francis Newman, P.M., in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters consisting of 18 P.Ms.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a very massive P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Ernest Groves, by Bro. Newman, who said it was 27 years since a similar presentation had been made in this lodge, and those who had passed the chair meanwhile would not consider themselves slighted at not having a similar mark of respect paid them. There had been exceptional circumstances justifying this departure. Bro. Groves had been most assiduous in his duties, and his untiring zeal, great judgment, kindness and attention to all fully justified him in saying that his year of office deserved some special mark of recognition. The most pleasant duty that he had performed during his Masonic year was to make this presentation, at the special wish of the members of the lodge, and he hoped sincerely that Bro. Groves's life would be long spared to prosecute further acts of Masonic charity and benevolence, and that wearing this jewel on his breast would be an incentive to him in continuing the course that had been so fraught with good. The jewel bore the following inscription: "Presented on January 17th, 1883, by the members of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, to their I.P.M., Bro. Groves." It was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London.

The following is a list of the officers appointed by Bro. Marvin for the ensuing year: Bros. Smith, S.W.; Stobbs, J.W.; Durrant, S.D.; Carter, J.D.; Newman, Treasurer; Matthews, Secretary; Echoll, J.S.; T. Moyer, D.C.; G. Davis, Steward; and Asbridge, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the regular business the brethren adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, Union Street, which celebrated house has just come into the hands of Bro. G. Pack, P.M., and we remark that this his first attempt at catering for the brotherhood gave thorough satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and some excellent songs enlivened the proceedings of the evening.

TAUNTON.—Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge (No. 261).—The Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 24th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren from Taunton and neighbouring lodges in the province. The lodge was opened at high twelve, and after singing the Anthem the minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Vile, then proceeded with the business, viz., to ballot for a joining member, Bro. Haddon, of 1906, who was duly elected, after which three candidates were initiated and shown the light, when the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, Grand Deacon of England, with his Officers of the province demanded admittance, and were received with all honour due to their rank. The W.M. tendered his gavel to the W.D.P.G.M., who returned it with a few appropriate words.

The lodge was then called off for refreshment, and again called on to labour, and with the usual formalities the W.M. elect, Bro. J. G. Price, was then presented for installation by the W.M. of lodge 1906, and Bro. Villar, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Bro. Price having assented to the ancient charges, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Vile. The ceremony was received with great attention, and very well carried out. The usual salutes and greetings in the three degrees were given, and the working tools then presented by the Installing Master. The W.M. elect appointed and invested the following officers: Bro. F. T. Elworthy, S.W.; W. Bigood, J.W.; A. Stevens, Chap.; J. Showers, Treas.; T. G. Williams, Sec.; Henry Allen, S.D.; J. Saunders, J.D.; G. C. Strawbridge, D.C.; T. H. Chaffin, Org.; R. H. West, I.G.; R. U. Hartnell, S.S.; W. H. Wake and A. Hammett, Stwds.; Cozens, Tyler; and R. Hawkins, Assistant Tyler.

After the ceremony a *recheché* banquet was served up in the hall by Bro. Wickenden. Bro. J. G. Price, W.M., presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The alms were devoted to the relief of brethren and their families who have suffered by the late disastrous fire in Jamaica. A sum of £2 2s. was voted towards the Somerset Flood Relief Fund. Among the company were the R.W.P.P. Grand Master, Col. Adair. A very pleasant day was spent and all left with the most fraternal and hearty good wishes for the future.

STONECLOUGH.—Lodge of Charity (No. 350).—The annual installation meeting was held and St. John's Festival celebrated at the Church Inn, Farnworth, near Bolton, on the 25th ult. The home of this lodge is at the Grapes Inn, Stonecough, but in consequence of the very serious illness of the proprietress (who died shortly after the circular announcing the change of meeting place had been issued) the brethren had to hold their meeting at Farnworth.

The following were present: Bros. Edward Farrar, W.M.; Jacob Barlow, S.W.; J. L. Wood, J.W.; W. Coope, Treas.; J. Holland Watson, Sec.; Titus Fletcher, S.D.; W. T. Haworth, J.D.; J. T. Shepherd, I.G.; Ralph Brooks, Tyler; R. O. McIlwrick, P.M.; E. Pickstone, P.M.; Robt. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Isaac J. Whittaker, P.M.; W. Horrocks, P.M.; James Varley, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Geo. Galloway, P.M.; Pilling, P.M.; Thos. Ball, Enoch Stott, John Entwistle, S. J. Hodson, Jas. Garside, R. Cooke, Henry W. Jex, John Richardson, R. W. Sutton, W. H. Ballard, Henry L. Whitehead, and R. J. Dearden. Visitors: Bros. George Parker Brockbank, W.M. 37, P.P.G.S.W.; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; J. R. Lever, P.M. 317; Wm. Nicholl, P.M. 317; T. Martin, P.M. 678; Jas. Bromley, 730; Robt. Warburton, P.M. 678; Geo. Nabb, S.W. 678; R. L. McMillan, 163; John Collins, 678; Phillip Morris, W.M. 678; J. A. Hardman, J.W. 678; Alfred Beattie, P.M. 343; T. Shorrocks, W.M. 204; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 2.55 and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Bro. Hodson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Prior to the commencement of the installation ceremony the election of Treasurer was proceeded with and resulted in favour of Bro. William Coope, who thanked the brethren for again confiding the duties of that office to him.

The Tyler, Bro. Ralph Brooks, was again elected to that office for the fifteenth time, after which Bro. Dearden, one of the auditors, presented a favourable report of the lodge funds as compared with former years, and testified to the satisfactory and correct manner in which the books had been kept by the Secretary, Bro. J. H. Watson. The report was adopted. The ceremony of installation was then gone on with, Bro. Horrocks, P.M., officiating as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Edward Farrar, W.M. Bro. Jacob Barlow, the W.M. elect, after being presented to the installing Master was inducted into the chair of K.S., with due rite and ceremony, and proclaimed and saluted. Bro. Edward Farrar next invested the following brethren as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. L. Wood, S.W.; J. H. Watson, J.W.; William Coope, Treas.; Titus Fletcher, Sec.; W. T. Haworth, S.D.; J. T. Shepherd, J.D.; W. H. Ballard, Dir. of Cers.; R. W. Sutton, I.G.; Robert Coope and R. J. Dearden, Stwds.; and Ralph Brooks, Tyler.

The Installing Master gave the address to the W.M., Bro. E. Farrar to the Wardens, and Bro. E. Pickstone to the brethren, whilst Bro. Farrar concluded the ceremony. Bro. Farrar was appointed representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee, and when "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned while the lodge room was being cleared and prepared for dinner, after which the toast list was rapidly gone through.

Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., replied on behalf of "The V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor; and Present and Past P.G. Officers."

Bro. Horrocks, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Newly-raised Bro. Hodson" in a neat and appropriate speech, which that brother suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Edward Farrar next proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a few aptly framed sentences, which was heartily drunk by the brethren.

Bro. Thos. Shorrocks, P.M., then sung with his accustomed dash and vigour "Here's to his health in a song." The Worshipful Master responded, remarking that he should feel very glad if at the expiration of his year of office he could hand to his successor the collar and jewel he had been invested with as untarnished as when he received it, and this he hoped to do with the assistance which might be afforded him by his officers.

Bro. Coope, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Masters, Bros. Horrocks, P.M., and Farrar, P.M., and Past Masters of the Lodge," said he felt sure everyone who was present at the installation ceremony must have been like himself pleased with the manner in which it had been performed by Bros. Horrocks and Farrar, and he had been especially gratified because it was the first occasion that any officer of the lodge had installed his successor. With reference to the rest of the Past Masters, Bro. Horrocks said they had all rendered valuable service to the lodge, and concluded by calling on the brethren to heartily drink their healths.

It is scarcely necessary to say the invitation was promptly and cheerfully responded to, after which a goodly array of Past Masters rose to respond, Bro. Horrocks, P.M., replying as Installing Master, and Bro. Stott, P.M., on behalf of the Past Masters.

Bro. Farrar, as I.P.M., stated that during the past year he had initiated, passed, and raised four brethren, in addition to performing three other ceremonies that stood over from the previous year, and this prosperous state of affairs had been further augmented by the purchase of new regalia for the W.M. and his Wardens and other officers, together with a remission of a part of the fees paid by the lodge. Bro. Farrar further stated he felt pleased to know there was a balance of funds in favour of the lodge, which was for them a novelty, and expressed his regret that his tenure of office had expired, as he had always taken great interest in the lodge, feeling it a pleasure to do everything he could for its welfare, and therefore it seemed to him that no sooner did a W.M. get thoroughly into harness than he had to retire. He concluded by thanking the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant though somewhat short evening was spent, the enjoyment of the brethren being enhanced by some capital songs from Bros. Thos. Shorrocks, Haworth, Sutton, and Lisenden, and recitations from Bro. Ballard, whilst Bro. Varley presided most efficiently at the piano.

WITHINGTON.—Ashton Lodge (No. 1140).—The annual meeting and festival were celebrated on Wednesday, the 10th ult., at the Victoria Hall, at half-past three p.m. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Wood, assisted by his officers and supported

by a full assemblage of the brethren, including Bros. W. Ashton, J. H. Aldred, John Oswald, and W. W. Wilson, Past Masters of the lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the following distinguished visitors, viz., Bros. Horace, S. Allpass, G. Standard Br. and Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; G. D. Pochin, P.P.G. Reg.; and W. Goodacre, P.G. Cheshire; accompanied by Bro. G. H. Vollmer, P.M. 1140, and P.G.S. W. Lanc., then entered the lodge, and were received in the customary manner. Bro. Arthur Radford, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. H. Aldred, P.M., and having been obligated according to ancient usage, a Board of Installed Masters was duly formed under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Wood, W.M. 1140, and he was installed in the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in due form by the brethren present. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge: Bros. Joseph Wood, I.P.M.; E. T. Everett, S.W.; A. B. Chettle, J.W.; W. W. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; Henry Ison, Secretary; H. T. Everett, S.D.; W. E. Harwood, I.D.; J. A. de Bussy, Organist; A. Rottmayer, I.G.; J. W. Kenyon, S.S.; M. A. Jacobs, S.; and H. Heap, Tyler.

Bro. W. W. Wilson, P.M., was the Investing Officer and performed his duties in a most praiseworthy manner, and the work of the Installing Master was done in a very perfect and artistic way. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A banquet of a very substantial nature followed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

In responding on behalf of Grand Lodge, Bro. H. S. Allpass, G.S.B., expressed himself highly delighted with his visit to 1140, and complimented the lodge upon the very satisfactory state of the balance sheet and also upon the working, which he said reflected great credit upon all concerned. During the evening, Bro. John Oswald, P.M., on behalf of the brethren of the Ashton Lodge, presented a very handsome jewel to Bro. J. H. Aldred, P.M., as a mark of their appreciation of the very great interest that that brother has taken in the affairs of the lodge and for the many truly valuable services rendered by him to it. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London.

Bro. Aldred, P.M., in a very neat and appropriate speech, thanked the brethren for the honour that they had conferred upon him.

The brethren were entertained and delighted by the vocal contributions of Bros. Aldred, P.M., Vollmer, P.M., H. F. Everett, S.D., and Heap, Tyler. Two cornet solos by Bro. Jacobs, S., and a pianoforte solo by Bro. de Bussy, Organist, were admirably rendered. The J.W. then gave the last toast and the brethren separated, after having passed a most enjoyable evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 23rd inst., business being fixed for three o'clock. Punctually at the appointed hour proceedings were commenced by the W.M., Bro. W. Savage, and his officers and chiefs included Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. McKenzie, Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; J. O. Marples, I.G.; H. Round, S.S.; W. Addis, J.S.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; J. J. Monk, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The names of members on the Tyler's book list were Bros. T. Rogers, E. Graham, J. F. Hincow, H. Bennett, J. Chambers, J. Rawthorne, I. Jacobs, D. Fleming, J. Keet, E. H. Allen, W. Morgan, F. Macpherson, J. B. Macpherson, E. J. Dottridge, H. Williams, J. Ballard, A. Beddoe, P. Buck, J. F. Bramley, J. Boardman, and W. Hemming. The visitors included Bros. A. S. Ramage, 607; J. Hodorn, 667; W. Arrowsmith, 220; S. Wylde, P.M. 1403; W. Atheston, 823; J. Williams, 203; Lewis Peake, S.W. 1035; W. J. Newman, P.P.G.R.; R. Jones, 1675; G. Maxwell, 594; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Shrops.; and R. Williams, S.S. 216.

Bros. Beddoe and Hordorn, 667, were passed to the F.C. degree, and Bros. J. B. Macpherson and H. Bennett to the S.D. of M.Ms.

A banquet followed, Bro. S. Woodhouse catering. After dinner choice music was given by Bros. F. Macpherson, J. B. Macpherson, Edgar Wilson, J. Ramage, J. J. Monk, J. Chambers, W. Morgan, W. W. Sandbrook, and others.

BRIGHTON.—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the afternoon of the 30th ult., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. Bro. E. Broadbridge, W.M., presided, the remaining officers of the lodge present being Bros. W. H. Gibson, S.W.; W. R. Wood, J.W.; G. Cole, Sec.; H. Payne, Treas.; H. S. Gates, S.D.; W. Smithers, J.D.; W. Roe, Org.; J. Leleu, Steward; G. L. Fenner, I.G.; T. Hughes, Tyler; and H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler. The majority of the members of the lodge were also present. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Scott, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Sussex; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.S.W.; A. King, W.M. 271, P.P.G.O.; W. Newsome, W.M. 1821; W. D. Stone, W.M. 311; W. T. Hughes, W.M. 851; F. W. Grugger, W.M. 38; S. H. Soper, W.M. 732; J. T. Musson, W.M. 1797; H. Kembal Cook, W.M. 811; A. Holman, P.M. 311; T. Packham, P.M. 315 and 1829, P.G.S.; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, Prov. G.D. of C.; G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821, P.G.S.; J. Harrison, P.M. 804, W.M. 1829; W. A. Tooth, Chaplain 1821; J. B. Hannay, Sec. 1821; R. Allison, S.W. 1821; with several brethren from the Brighton and county lodges.

Apologies were received from the R.W. Bro. Sir. W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., and other brethren who were unable to be present.

The report of the General Purposes Committee was received and adopted. The principal business of the afternoon was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. W. H. Gibson, W.M. 315, and the investment of his officers. By a special dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Gibson, although holding the office of W.M. of the Royal York Lodge, was allowed to take office in the St. Cecilia Lodge. The ceremony of installation was most efficiently carried out by Bro. E. Broadbridge, the retiring W.M. The officers invested by Bro. Gibson were Bros. W. R. Wood, jun., S.W.; G. Cole, J.W.; H. S. Gates, Sec.; H. Payne, Treas.; W. Smithers, S.D.; G. L. Fenner, J.D.; W. Roe, D. of C.; J. Tidmarsh, Org.;

W. Balchin and J. H. Stephens, Stwds.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. Bros. J. Jeffries, D. T. Bostel, and W. Halford were elected on the General Purposes Committee; Bro. E. Broadbridge, I.P.M., as Steward on the Prov. Charities' Committee; and Bro. W. H. Gibson, as member of the Masonic Rooms' Committee.

Bro. E. Broadbridge was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his services during the past year. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a banquet under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Gibson, W.M. The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and during the evening the lodge fully maintained its musical character with an excellent programme arranged by Bro. W. Roe, Prov. G. Organist. Songs and duets were sung by Miss Ada Moore, Miss Darlington, Bros. S. H. Soper, E. Broadbridge, R. Nicholson, and G. Cole, while Bro. W. Kuhe contributed one of his favourite pianoforte solos. Bro. W. Roe accompanied with marked ability and a pleasant evening was spent.

The banquet was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks in their usual good form.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge (No. 1895).—The usual monthly meeting of this young lodge was held on the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. T. Hodge, M.A., P.P.G.S. of W., W.M., assisted by Bros. B. Hunn, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; J. W. Rhodes, J.W.; G. W. Rolfe, Chap.; G. E. Brakspear, Treas.; C. A. Robinson, as Sec.; F. Marsh, S.D.; A. D. Brooks, as J.D.; A. Brakspear, P.G.S. of W., M.C.; W. H. Harrison, I.G.; and several members were also present.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, a successful ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation. Bro. W. N. Diggle was also elected a joining member. Bro. W. A. Simmons was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Harrison announced that he had accepted the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed and the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 26th ult., was presided over by Bro. Richard Poore, as W.M., who was assisted by the following officers, viz.: Bro. A. J. Style, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; H. H. Wiltshire, S.D.; J. N. Bute, J.D.; J. Sarjeant, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Bute delivered the charge in the Third Degree. The lodge having been duly lowered, Bro. J. A. Style was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The resignation of Bro. Terry, P.M., as Secretary, was received with regret and honorary membership was unanimously voted to him for past efficient services. Bro. Richard Poore was elected to supply the vacant office, and accepted the appointment. The lodge was then closed and the meeting adjourned until the 2nd of February.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The members of this lodge celebrated the first anniversary of its establishment by a supper, which was held at the lodge house, the Crown and Cushion, London-wall, on Thursday last, the 25th ult. Bro. Goodchild, M.D., the W.M. of the parent lodge, presided on the occasion, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. Gibson, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction. An excellent supper was provided by the host, Bro. Medworth, and the enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocal and elocutionary contributions of the members and visitors.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—In response to the quaint notice which appeared in our issue of the 13th ult. a large gathering of the members of the Craft assembled at this lodge on Saturday, the 27th ult., to hear the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Walter Martin, S.D. 870, was the W.M., and performed his task in a clear and striking manner; Bro. George Andrews, P.M. 871, Preceptor, occupied the chair of S.W., and was ever ready with the word when any brother required assistance; Bro. H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531, J.W.; and Bro. Woolley discharged the difficult duties of I.G. to everyone's satisfaction. The W.M. was assisted by the following brethren:

First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Tullett, 1326; Second, Bro. Shaw, P.M. 834; Third, Bro. Metcalf, P.M. 1671; Fourth, Bro. Brown, P.M. 169; Fifth, Bro. Sellis, 1744; Sixth, Bro. Davidson, P.M. 299; Seventh, Bro. Smith, 1744.

Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531; Second, Bro. Hutchings, P.M. 147; Third, Bro. Pennefather, P.M. 879 and 1623; Fourth and Fifth, Bro. Andrews, P.M. 871.

Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Waterman, P.M. 147; Second, Bro. Bellis, S.W. 1901; and Third, Bro. Davidson, P.M. 299.

Where so much good and careful working was displayed it would be difficult to single out any one brother in particular, but the signs were unmistakable as to what the brethren thought of the way in which Sections Four, Two, and Six in the First, and Two and Four in the Second Lecture were rendered.

Bros. Bennison, 1782; Carpenter, 169; and Moss, 1339, were proposed and accepted as members. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties, and in response he thanked the brethren in a few graceful words, and proposed a similar vote to those brethren who had assisted him.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The usual weekly meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, on Friday evening, the 26th ult., and was presided over by Bro. Wood, W.M., there being also present Bros. Smith, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; Smout, sen., S.D.; Poulter, J.D.; Bellifant, I.G.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; S. Smout, jun., W.M. 1642, Sec.; His Highness the Raja Rampal Singh; Atkins, P.M. 990, P.P.G.J.D. South Wales; and 14 other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of

the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., and the First and Second Sections of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. S. Smout, jun., W.M. 1642, re-elected Secretary.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Parkhouse and seconded by H.H. the Raja Rampal Singh to the Preceptor, Bro. G. Davis, for his able services during the past year, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Davis responded, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and intimated that as this was one of the largest lodges in the metropolis so might it ever be one of the best for its working.

Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and the lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—

The members of this lodge held their annual dinner at the lodge house, the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-road, E.C., on the 23rd ult., presided over by the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. T. McClure Butt, assisted by his S.W., Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745; and J. Howse, S.D., acting J.W.; and supported by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. T. Butt, 1623, P.M. 907; Davison, P.M. 765; Mallet, Sec. 1623, P.M. 141; Pennefather, P.M. 1623, Preceptor; Knight, S.D. 1326; Lawrence, I.G. 1326, Sec.; King, S.D. 1929, D.C. 1623; Day, 862; Kerton, 1056; Ewin, 1326, H. K. Clisby, 1623; P. K. Clisby, 1623; C. J. Smith, 1623; Key, 1038; Flint, 1287; also Bros. Gooch, Scurr, and Egbert Roberts, Org. 1623.

Full justice having been done to the banquet and the cloth cleared, the Worshipful Master proposed all the loyal and Masonic toasts, the same being duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction," entering into the particulars of its origin and the great benefit he had himself derived from the instruction taught in the lodge, in fact he had obtained all his knowledge by attending there and fitted himself for the proud position he now held as the W.M. of the mother lodge, and would enjoin on all brethren who were desirous of progression in Freemasonry to attend lodges of instruction, it being the only true source of Masonic knowledge and correct working. He therefore asked them to join him in drinking continued prosperity to "The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction," coupling the name of Bro. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor.

After excellent fire Bro. Pennefather responded, and said that never during the many years that he had had the honour of being their Preceptor did he feel a deeper interest in its welfare, and he trusted the members would continue their attendance and support, and help him to sustain the reputation and success of the lodge which they had now arrived at. For himself he would strive to do his best to that end.

"The Health of the W.M. presiding" was next honoured, in response to which he expressed the gratification he felt at presiding over them that evening and the manner in which the toast had been received by them, and wished them all a cordial greeting.

Bro. Pennefather next proposed "The Health of their esteemed Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., S.W. of the Parent Lodge," and said during the whole of his Masonic career he had never met with a brother who had in so short a time so thoroughly overhauled and mastered correctly Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry as Bro. Lardner had done, who had in the short space of six years passed the respective chairs in all those Degrees. That alone spoke for itself, and being also the Treasurer of this lodge they all knew how ably he discharged that duty and all other duties he had been called upon to perform. They knew the brother as well as he (Bro. Pennefather) did, so he would therefore say no more but ask them to rise to show their estimation of him.

The toast was heartily drunk and received with musical honours.

Bro. Lardner in reply thanked the brethren for the cordial reception of the toast, and expressed his fear that Bro. Pennefather had eulogised him beyond his merits, but would say that ever since he had become a member of the Craft he had always taken deep interest in its working. He had at all times also received the greatest support from Bro. Pennefather and that lodge of instruction, for having on one occasion announced his intention to stand Steward for the Benevolent Institution the lodge at once voted from their funds £5 5s. to his list. The St. James's Lodge of Instruction had also voted him a similar amount, and he hoped to take up to that Charity nothing less than £100. Having further dilated on the deserving support of the Masonic Charities and the great knowledge he had gained by attending the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction under Bro. Pennefather's tuition, who now held the position of Preceptor, and had done so from almost its formation, the worthy brother resumed his seat amidst applause.

The toast of "The Visitors," was next on the list and was most enthusiastically received. Bros. Gooch, Key, Day, and Flint ably replied to same. Bro. Lawrence, Secretary, came next, and received full honours, and that brother replied in a humorous speech, and finished by telling the brethren that he would like to see their faces much oftener at instruction.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. E. Roberts for his excellent harmony and for presiding at the piano; also a vote of condolence to Bro. W. Pennefather in his sad bereavement on the sudden death of his wife. During suitable intervals songs were freely dispersed and ably sustained by Bros. Roberts, Mallet, King, Lardner, Smith, Butt, Rumball, Davison, and the visitors, also a fine recitation by Bro. J. F. Rumball.

The dinner proved a great success and was well and substantially served with excellent attention, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by all uniting in singing the National Anthem.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—

An interesting meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult. at Bro. George Sims's, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when the ceremonies of consecration and installation were most impressively rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I. The oration and invocation were splendidly delivered and the ceremony throughout elicited unqualified tokens of appreciation from a large assemblage of brethren, representing all the principal metropolitan lodges. Bro. Cross presided at the harmonium and greatly contributed to the success of the evening by his able accompaniment to the hymns and anthems. Bro. Anthony Runacres, W.M. of

the Earl of Lathom Lodge, was installed W.M. for the evening and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Witts, P.M., S.W.; Chapman, J.W.; S.W. Taylor, Treas.; Milsted Spencer, Sec.; G. Evans, S.D.; C. Evans, J.D.; and C. Simms, I.G.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. James Terry for his great kindness in attending, and particularly for the perfect manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. John Mason for his assistance, and to Bro. Cross for his kindness in conducting the musical portion of the ceremony, and these votes were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

These brethren having suitably replied the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Supper was then served, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured and some excellent songs given by Bros. Cannon, Chapman, and others, the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Among the brethren present were Bros. John Mason, P.M.; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; J. R. Gallant, P.M.; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; G. L. Moore, P.M.; Markland, W.M. 144; Cross, P.M.; M. Cobham, P.M. 141; R. J. Taylor, P.M., and many others of standing in the Craft.

Royal Arch.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Comps. H. Shaw, M.E.Z. elect, was installed as Z.; J. Scott-Mutch, as H.; and J. Wilkins, as J. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. E. Lock, as Scribe E.; G. Kennedy, as Scribe N.; W. Wedding, as P.S.; T. Ovenden, 1st Asst. S.; and G. Spinks, 2nd Asst. S. The 1st and 2nd Principals were installed by Comp. E. West, I.P.Z., and the 3rd by Comp. Mutch.

Comp. West was then presented with a valuable and handsome P.Z.'s jewel for services rendered during his year of office, and returned thanks. Five guineas was then voted to his list, he intending to stand as Steward at the forthcoming Girls' School Festival in June next.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, Comp. H. De Gray's comfortable hostelry, opposite the Dockyard station, where a superbly appointed banquet awaited them. Amongst those present were Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 913, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., 13 and 913, and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. Weston, P.Z.; W. Ritchie, P.Z. 13 and 51; W. Gamble, P.Z.; W. B. Lloyd, M.E.Z. 913; W. Rees, P.S. 913; R. J. Warren, R. Gooding, J. Purnell, J. Bilton, R. Hodgkinson, 358; E. Spinks, 358; T. Wylie, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts having been honoured, Comp. West, I.P.Z., in appropriate terms proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who he said was known and respected by every Mason, whether Arch or Craft, in the district. The many services Comp. Shaw had rendered to Freemasonry were known and appreciated, and the manner in which he had worked himself to the highest position not only in his own lodge, of which he was a P.M., but also in that chapter, augured well for the proper working, and indeed the prosperity of the chapter during his year of office. Knowing this, and knowing Comp. Shaw even better than he (Comp. West) did, he felt sure they would drink his health with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Comp. Shaw in reply said he really did not deserve the flattering remarks made by Comp. West concerning him. He knew his weakness as well as most of them, and had so many irons in the fire that some of them were getting burned every day, and the fact of it was that he should be compelled presently to let some of them cool off altogether. He knew that he had not attended the chapter so often during the past year as he would have liked, but sickness had caused that, but he had been with them in spirit. They had however shown their good brotherly feeling by electing and installing him as their First Principal, and they might depend upon it that nothing should be wanting on his part to cause them to regret that good feeling. He cordially thanked them for the toast, and wished them all a prosperous new year.

The next toast was that of "The Past Principals." There were, said the M.E.Z., so many excellent Past Principals present that it would be invidious for him to mention any especial one, and superfluous to mention them all, but he would couple with the toast the name of their esteemed I.P.Z. It required no words of his to say how they had done their duty, but they all knew how honestly, creditably, and large-heartedly they had done it, and how well they deserved at the hands of the companions. They must not speak about politics, yet he felt proud to say that during the past year two of them, Comps. Penfold and West, had by large majorities been placed as members of the Woolwich Local Board, showing that they were as respected and honoured in their other walks of life as they were in Masonry. He wished every chapter had such excellent Past Principals as they had.

Comp. West responded and said he felt proud of the position acquired by him that day. He had been a member of the chapter for the last 17 years, and now that he had reached the apex his ambition was fully satisfied. He paid a high tribute of praise to Comp. Lock for the many valuable services rendered both to him and the chapter during his (Comp. West's) year of office.

"The Visitors" was the next toast.

Comp. Lloyd responded complimenting Comp. West upon his excellent working in installing the two First Principals, and giving all a cordial invitation to the next convocation of the Pattison Chapter, of which he was proud to be the First Principal.

Comps. Spinks and Hodgkinson also returned thanks. The toast of "The Two Principals, H. and J.," was next proposed, to which Comps. Mutch and Wilkins replied in suitable terms.

"The Health of the Officers" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Kennedy and Lock, whose names were coupled with the toast.

"The Masonic Press," "The Host," and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some good songs.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The installation of the Three Principals and their nvestment with the other officers took place at the Free-

masons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 18th ult., when there were present Comps. John Roberts, Z.; Nathl. Dumville, H.; W. W. Dawson, J.; S. H. Needham, S.E.; R. Hartley, Treasurer; A. B. Whittaker, P.S.; Henry Paulden, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Sly, Janitor; J. F. Sutton, P.Z.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; F. N. Naphtali, F. N. Molesworth, James Kelly, W. Willes, F. Lever, W. B. Russell, C. T. Schofield, C. S. Allott, Jas. Andrew, H. R. Slatter, John Rogers, J. Davies, R. A. Eldershaw, and Charles Swinn. Visitors: Comps. Frank A. Huet, 645; Robt. Holland, 325; J. N. Squirrell, 1387; J. W. P. Salmon, P.Z. 163; F. J. Hardy, 1157; W. Turner, P.G. Asst. Soj. Dorset; and R. K. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (*Freemason*).

The chapter was opened in the usual manner at 5.50, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed Bro. John Allison, I.G. 204, was balloted for and elected a member of the chapter, and was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., Comp. John Roberts, assisted by his officers, with their usual care and correctness. The installation of the Three Principals then took place, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, 645, 1387, P.P. Asst. Soj., acting as Installing Master, the result of his labours showing Comp. N. Dumville, as Z.; W. W. Dawson, H.; and A. B. Whittaker, J. These worthy companions were duly proclaimed and saluted, and the following companions were invested by Comp. Sillitoe as officers for the year: Comps. C. J. Schofield, S.E.; John Rogers, S.N.; Henry Paulden, P.S.; Ishmael Davies, 1st Asst. P.S.; Robert A. Eldershaw, 2nd Asst. P.S.; Richard Hartley, Treas.; and James Sly, Janitor. Comp. A. H. Jefferies was elected Organist.

The delivering of addresses was postponed until the next meeting owing to want of time. The balance sheet was reported upon by the Auditors and adopted. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting companions, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. Previous to the closing of the chapter a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe for his great kindness in coming to initiate the Three Principals, which after having been seconded was carried unanimously.

The companions subsequently sat down to supper, which the usual toasts were honoured. The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe," said he personally was very much obliged to him for performing the ceremony that day, and he did not see how they could better show their gratitude than by drinking his health.

The companions responded to the invitation very willingly, after which Comp. Sillitoe in returning thanks said it was the duty of every Mason to do all in his power to further the interests of Freemasonry, and consequently he was very proud of being serviceable to the Caledonian Chapter that day. As most of them were aware he had attended the consecration of the Urmston Chapter that afternoon, but was glad he had been able to be present with them also. In conclusion Comp. Sillitoe said he would willingly at some future time give the lectures to the companions, and they might rely upon him doing any service for them when required.

"The Health of the Three Principals, Comps. Dumville, Dawson, and Whittaker," was proposed by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, and after they had responded,

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the P.Zs.," and referring to Comp. John Roberts particularly said no Z. of the Caledonian Chapter had ever performed his duties more efficiently to the satisfaction of all; in fact, he had worked so well that scarcely anyone else had the ghost of a chance of distinguishing themselves, and he (Comp. Dumville) felt sure that every companion thoroughly appreciated the services that Comp. Roberts had rendered to the chapter.

Comps. Roberts and T. J. Hooper replied in suitable terms.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the enjoyment of the companions was much increased by the appearance of Comps. W. Dumville, Mark Stafford, and Alfred Lewtas (all of whom had just arrived from officiating at the consecration of the Urmston Chapter), and who sang several glees and songs with their well-known ability.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—

The January meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 17th ult., at the Freemason's Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The members present were Comps. W. Armstrong, M.E.Z.; A. Walters, H.; T. Mandie, P.Z., as J.; J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. Gardiner, P.Z., P.P.G.R., as S.E.; J. Smith, Organist; G. W. Thompson; and J. Messenger, Janitor.

The minutes of the chapter were read and confirmed. Comp. Nicholson, P.Z., read a letter he had received from Comp. F. R. Sewell offering to the chapter as a gift a complete set of new silk Royal Arch banners, worthy of the room in which the chapter meets, and painted by Mrs. Sewell. The handsome offer was gratefully and enthusiastically accepted. The letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and the Scribe E. was directed to inform Comp. Sewell and Mrs. Sewell of the same. A more formal vote of thanks will be passed at the next regular meeting of the chapter, which is expected to be a red-letter day in the annals of this young chapter.

M.E. Comp. Armstrong, Z., read a letter he had received from Comp. Dodgson, P.S., resigning his membership of the chapter. The companions present expressed the regret they felt at losing Comp. Dodgson's services. The election of Principals was then proceeded with, when M.E. Comps. Walters, H.; Banks, J.; and Sewell were unanimously elected as First, Second, and Third Principals respectively. Comp. E. G. Mitchell was elected S.E. The office of S.N. was left open until the next meeting. Comp. G. W. Thompson was unanimously elected P.S. Comp. Collin was elected Treasurer of the chapter, this being his third election to that office. Comp. Smith was appointed Organist, and Comp. Messenger, Janitor. Comp. Gardiner proposed that the three Principals with Comp. Nicholson be appointed the Audit Committee, which was seconded by Comp. Thompson and carried unanimously. It was decided to have a banquet in conjunction with the installation at the next regular convocation. There being no further business the chapter was formally closed.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913)

The usual quarterly meeting of the above excellent chapter took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the High School for Boys at Fox-hill, when Comp. W. B. Lloyd, M.E.Z., was supported by a rare gathering of the

companions of the chapter and visitors, among whom were Comps. Capt. Eugene Sweny, H.; H. Mason, J.; H. J. Butter, P.Z. and P.G.P.S. Kent; C. Coupland, P.Z. and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas., and P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z. and P.P.G. P.S. Kent; J. McDougall, P.Z. and P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.Z.; W. Myers, P.Z. 820, 913; W. Musto, P.Z. 248, 913; W. Stwd.; R. Edmonds, S.N.; W. Rees, 1st Asst. S.; E. B. Hobson, 2nd Asst. S.; H. Shaw, 913, and H. 13; E. B. Saunders, T. R. Richardson, J. T. Randal, G. H. Letton, D. C. Capon, J. R. Roberts, D. Campbell, G. Frost, Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.Z. 829; E. West, M.E.Z. 13; J. G. Chillingworth, 278; G. Kennedy, S.N. 13; G. Tedder, 554; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The business before the chapter was the balloting for of Bros. W. Harris, 913, and C. Barth, 913, which proving unanimous they were with the full and elaborate ceremonial usual at this chapter exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masons. Comp. Richardson presided at the harmonium, and the magnificent ceremony was rendered both by the Three Principals and the P.S. without a single hitch to mar its beauty and impressiveness. Bro. Chillingworth then by permission of the M.E.Z. and through Comp. Coupland, M.E.Z., asked the companions to support his list as Steward on behalf of the Saye and Sele Lodge, of which he is W.M., at the forthcoming festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in June next, but subsequently M.E. Comp. Mason, H., and W.M. 913, announced that he had determined to stand Steward for the same festival on behalf of the lodge, and Bro. Chillingworth then withdrew his application.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an elegantly served supper, and afterwards adjourned to the social board, where the M.E.Z. in appropriate terms proposed the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts.

The toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of Kent," was received warmly, the M.E.Z. in putting it dwelling in felicitous terms upon the genial yet withal zealous manner with which our distinguished companion carried out the duties of his exalted position, and of the pleasure they all felt at being associated with him in Masonry.

In response to the toast of "M.E. Comp. Eastes, G.H. Kent, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," Comp. Butter in the course of an eloquent speech regretted that he was absent just at the time the toast was proposed. He however thanked them very much indeed for it and for the honour done him in coupling his name with the officers of Prov. Grand Chapter. In referring to the work done that night he must express the most unbounded gratification at the eloquent and masterly manner in which their M.E.Z. had worked the ceremony of exaltation. It was in his opinion as near perfection as it was possible to be, and it would have pleased their esteemed G.S. and indeed every officer of Grand Lodge had they been present to hear and see it. Nor must he forget the admirable manner in which H. and J. had filled the arduous positions they held, and as for the impressive working of Comp. Rees as P.S. he felt sure nothing could surpass it. He did not say this for the especial purpose of exalting those excellent companions in their own estimation, but simply to point out that the Pattison Chapter still kept up its reputation in the person of their M.E.Z., and further that that reputation was not likely to die out while they had such excellent officers to follow him. The enormous amount of study necessary to fill the positions of these companions might daunt a great many good W.Ms. and a good many clever Masons, and therefore he said more honour to them for their attainments. It was a source of gratification to the companions to have such officers, and it was a source of gratification to him as an officer of Grand Chapter to represent such a chapter and such companions.

Comp. Coupland briefly responded. M.E. Comp. Hayes, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of M.E. Comp. Lloyd, M.E.Z.," and after complimenting him upon the work done that night, referred with pride to the promise given by Comp. Lloyd while W.M. of the lodge, as to his quality when he should be, as he now was, at the head of the chapter. His splendid working of the ritual was beyond all praise. He trusted Comp. Lloyd would long be spared to go in and out amongst them, and give them the benefit of his wonderful knowledge of Masonic working. There had been a good many good Masons in the chair of both lodge and chapter, but none more energetic and zealous than Comp. Lloyd.

Comp. Lloyd in returning thanks said he certainly had prepared himself for the position he now held, and had held as W.M. for two years in the lodge, by hard study. Directly he found that he might some day arrive at those positions he set himself to work to be worthy of their choice, and he trusted, indeed he believed, not only from the very flattering eulogies passed upon him by such exalted Masons as Comps. Coupland, Butter, and Hayes, but from an inner consciousness that he had succeeded in so doing. With respect to his two Principals, Comps. Sweny and Mason, he had no doubt but that they would carry out the duties entrusted to them in the future as well as they had in the past. The latter especially had had an arduous duty to fulfil, as at the very time he was H. of their chapter he was W.M. of the lodge, and none but those who had passed the chair knew how taxing and arduous those duties were. After complimenting Comp. Rees, he concluded by thanking them for the toast.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and in response Comp. Chillingworth complimented the chapter not only on its working but on its hospitality. It reminded him of a certain Dean of Durham who was noted for his parsimony. Upon one occasion when he (the dean) had a number of his poor and less fortunate brethren to dine with him he drew the attention of those nearest to him to one of the company, a man of good parts and great ability, who certainly was not an enemy to the good things of this life, and observed, "Mr. ——— sees nothing and looks at nothing but that bottle on the table." One of the minor canons in reply remarked, "There was nothing particularly surprising in that, for none of them saw more than that bottle on the table." Now that was not the way with the Pattison Chapter, for if they were to partake of the liberality of the chapter fully they would soon be enabled to see two bottles for every one on the table.

Comp. Kennedy also responded.

The other toasts were "The Exaltces," "The Second and Third Principals," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and the Janitor's toast.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The annual installation gathering of the companions of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Comp. John Pemberton, P.Z., Treas., acting as presiding officer, duly installed Comps. R. B. Burgess, as Z.; N. Robinson, as H.; and S. Schönstadt, as J. The newly-elected M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Philip S. Levy, S.E.; F. E. Boustead, S.N.; Henry A. Tobias, P.S. (who appointed as his assistants S. Gordon and W. Reeve); Peter Ball was elected Janitor.

Bros. W. Ellis and W. White, 1325, were duly exalted by the M.E.Z. in a most impressive and efficient manner. Comp. Pemberton, P.Z., then presented a P.Z.'s jewel on behalf of the chapter to Comp. D. A. Davis, I.P.Z., in recognition of his services, the presentation being suitably acknowledged.

The companions then adjourned to the banqueting room where supper was provided by Comp. Woodhouse, and a most enjoyable and harmonious evening was spent. The visitors present were Comps. the Rev. Hugh Stowell, Maurice Hart, P.Z. 1502; Alexander Levy, S.E. 1502; and others. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. Haynes, P.G.S., W.M.; Goodall, S.W., W.M. elect; Lawson, J.W.; Page, S.O.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., P.M., Sec.; John Mason, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; A. Tisley, P.M.; J. Taylor, I.G.; Rickwood, E. Gilbert, P.G.S.; Potter, Tyler; and W. Bros. D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec., and Frederick Walters, P.G.I.G., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Sims, S34, and it proving to be unanimous he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the Secretary. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Goodall into the chair of A. was then performed by Bro. Haynes, ably assisted by W. Bro. D. M. Dewar. The officers invested were Bros. Lawson, S.W.; Page, J.W.; Millis, M.O.; Harris, S.O.; Taylor, J.O.; Skinner, S.D.; Rickwood, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; and Potter, Tyler.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett; J. Stevens, P.G.O.; Pearson, and others.

Several minor matters having been disposed of the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Gilbert, the caterer.

Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the various toasts with point and humour.

W. Bro. Dewar acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers" in a speech of great interest.

W. Bro. J. Mason responded to "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and was replied to by Bro. Goodall, who then gave

"The Past Masters," coupled with the name of the I.P.M.

The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the latter brother then took place. Bro. Haynes in a few well-chosen sentences having acknowledged the toast and the gift that accompanied it, "The Health of the Advancee" was cordially drunk.

Bro. Sims having replied, the toast of "The Officers" brought this highly successful meeting to a close.

LEICESTER.—The Fowke Lodge (No. 19).—The election meeting of this time honoured Mark lodge, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 25th ult. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Young, 18^o, Prov. G.D. of C., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Wm. Kelly, Prov. G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. of Eng.; C. E. Stretton, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Worthington, I.P.M.; R. Taylor, S.W.; Rev. C. H. Wood, J.W.; M. J. Walker, M.O., W.M. 21; G. Odell, S.O.; T. S. Knight, J.O.; S. A. Marris, Treas.; J. Harrison, Sec.; F. Griffith, Reg. Marks; W. Collins, S.D.; T. G. Charlesworth, J.D.; W. T. Rowlett, Org.; E. Watson, I.G.; W. Bream, Stwd.; J. Tanser, Tyler; W. H. Bastick, A. Hiscox, T. Spearpoint, R. S. Toller, W.M. 194; Rev. F. H. Richardson, I.P.M. 194; J. Barber, W.M. 50; W. S. Black, S.W. 21; Dr. R. S. Hawks, M.O. 21; A. Marsh, J.O. 21; E. Jeeves, Sec. 21; W. J. Freer, Reg. Marks 194; S. Cleaver, M.O. 194; W. A. Fielding, 194; W. T. Dagwell, 194; and several others.

The usual preliminary lodge business having been transacted, and the "veteran" R.W. Prov. G.M. greeted with grand honours, a ballot was taken for the following candidates for advancement viz: Bro. Samuel Slack Stallard, formerly of lodge No. 523; also Joseph Herbert Marshall, Stwd. No. 279, and S.D. of No. 1007; and the result proving unanimous these two brethren, together with Bro. Clement Pretty, of No. 523, who had been previously elected, and in attendance, were regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., the ceremony and the subsequent lecture on the tracing board of the Degree being efficiently rendered by the W.M., the final address being given by the I.P.M., the musical services of Bro. W. T. Rowlett on the organ adding much to the ceremony.

A petition of the widow of the late Bro. W. Weare, P.M., on behalf of her daughter as a candidate for the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund, having been approved and signed the lodge was closed in due form.

After a substantial supper had been served and partaken of, the usual loyal and Masonic Mark toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. and honoured by the numerous brethren assembled at the festive board, which was enlivened by some excellent singing by the musical brethren, and a recitation from Milton's "Paradise Lost" by Bro. Collins, given with fine effect.

A presentation was then made to W. Bro. T. Worthington, I.P.M., of a gold Past Master's jewel in testimony of the ability with which he had presided over the lodge during his year of office.

A ballot was taken for the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the Rev. Bro. C. Henton Wood, J.W., being unanimously elected for the chair of A., and Bro. S. A. Marris, re-elected Treasurer.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEICESTER.—St. Margaret's Chapter (No. 92).—The fourth convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The chapter was punctually opened at five o'clock by the Ill. Bro. Sam. Steads Partridge, 30^o, M.W.S., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Ill. Bros. J. T. Thorp, 30^o, 1st G.; T. Worthington, 30^o, 2nd G.; Ex. and P. Bro. J. Young, Recorder, as H. Prelate; Bros. F. J. Baines, Treas.; W. L. Ball, G. Marshal; W. A. Fielding, Raphael; J. H. Thompson, C. of G.; M. J. Walker, W. Kelly, H. Deane, Dr. Hammond, R. Taylor, P. Griffith, S. Cleaver, T. G. Charlesworth, J. D. Harris, and others.

The minutes of the last chapter held 23rd October having been read and confirmed, Bro. Edwin John Foxwell, J.W. 50, who had been previously elected and was now in attendance was duly perfected and proclaimed according to custom, the ceremony throughout being admirably rendered by the M.W.S., and the working of the officers approaching perfection. This being election meeting a ballot was taken for the M.W.S. for the ensuing year, the Ill. Bro. John Thomas Thorp, 30^o, being unanimously elected to the distinguished honour. Ex. and P. Bro. F. J. Baines was unanimously elected Treasurer for the like period. Certain documents from the Grand Secretary General having been read by the Recorder and other business transacted alms were collected and the chapter closed according to ancient usage until the fourth Tuesday in March.

At the close of the chapter the Ill. and Ex. and P. brethren adjourned to an excellently served dinner, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts of the Rite were given and duly acknowledged.

Knights Templar.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this old preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present Sir Kts. J. Gibson Youll, in the chair; James Monks, P.E.P., Dep. Prov. Prior; Henry Hotham, P.E.P., Prelate; Adam Winlaw, P.E.P.; S. J. Bousfield, Constable; T. Ness, acting Marshal; R. G. Salmon, Sub-Marshal; J. J. Wilkes, Reg., and several others.

Sir Kt. C. D. H. Drury, of St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, was elected as a subscribing member. Comp. Evan R. Jones (American consul), M. H. Dodds, and W. F. Carmon were ably installed into the Order by the E.P., assisted by Sir Kt. Maddison, P.E.P., and declared their intention of being subscribing members. Deep regrets were expressed at the unavoidable absence of Sir Kt. C. J. Banister, E. Prov. Prior, which was caused by being in Canada endeavouring to recruit his failing health.

After the preceptory had been closed the Sir Knights present adjourned to the refreshment room, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. S. Sims. A most pleasant evening was spent and congratulatory observations made on the prosperous condition of the preceptory.

Royal Ark Mariners.

LEICESTER.—William Kelly Lodge (No. 19).—The sixth meeting of this young and rising lodge, which is attached to the Fowke Mark Lodge, took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 25th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.C.N., W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, when there were present R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.C.N.; W. Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.C.N.; M. J. Walker, I.P.C.N.; Rev. C. H. Wood, J.; Jos. Young, S.; S. Cleaver, Treas.; S. A. Marris, Scribe; R. Taylor, S.D.; W. Randall, D. of C.; S. Knight, G.; W. Bream, Stwd.; J. Tanser, W.; J. D. Harris, W. Collins, A. Hiscox, W. H. Bastick, W. T. Dagwell, T. G. Charlesworth, T. Griffith, and W. A. Fielding.

After the minutes of the enthronement meeting in December had been read by the Scribe and duly confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. A. Chamberlin, 194, and nine brethren of the Newstead Mark Lodge (T.I.) The ballot proving favourable in each case the following seven members of the Newstead Mark Lodge who were in attendance were regularly elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, viz., Bros. E. Cheshire Patchitt, S.W.; H. J. Norris, J.W.; R. T. Ingram, M.O.; S. G. Gilbert, Reg. of Marks; W. G. Cokayne, S.D.; Jno. Toplis, J.D.; and J. Wigglesworth, Org. The ceremony was admirably worked by the W.C.N., W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, assisted by the I.P.C.N., W. Bro. M. J. Walker, the continuation of the explanatory lecture being given by W. Bro. J. Young, S. After some routine business had been transacted the lodge was formally closed.

From the success which has already attended the efforts of the officers of this lodge there is every reason to believe that with its 50 to 60 members it will be, if indeed it is not already, one of the most numerous Ark Mariners lodges in the Midlands, notwithstanding a statement reported in the *Freemason* for last October to the effect that "the Ark lodge attached to the Lechmere Mark Lodge, No. 59, was the largest, if not the only Ark Mariners lodge in the Midland counties," a no doubt unintentional inaccuracy which for the good of Ark Masonry in general and the William Kelly Lodge in particular should now be corrected.

The Council of the National Chamber of Trade on Tuesday, Mr. H. P. Gilbey presiding, passed a resolution unanimously in favour of the immediate abolition of the duties, customs, and excise on gold and silver plate, and adopted a memorial to the Government praying that there may be no further delay in dealing with the question.

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.]

Australia.

MASONRY AND ATHEISM IN THE ANTIPODES.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Melbourne Lodge, No. 747, E.C., held in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Monday, December 18th, an important discussion took place, relative to the propriety of the hall, consecrated as it is to the purposes of Freemasonry, being let by the directors to the Australasian Freethinkers' and Secularists' Association. Bro. W. Gledhill, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, a good attendance of the members as also many visiting brethren, inclusive of Masters and Past Masters of lodges hailing under the three constitutions. One brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and a candidate initiated, and subsequently four candidates and the same number of joining members were proposed. It being election night Bro. Josephs, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and Bros. H. W. Lowry, P.M., Treas.; and Clarke, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M., then rose in accordance with notice of motion to move the following resolution: "That Melbourne Lodge, No. 747, hereby places upon record its protest against, and disapprobation of, the continued letting of the Masonic Hall to the Freethinkers' and Secularists' Association, as being a direct contravention of the constitution and landmarks of Freemasonry; and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the directors of the Masonic Hall Company forthwith." He said, in view of the large amount of business on the agenda paper, he should make his remarks as brief as possible. On arriving in the great colony some eight months before, in which he was glad to find Masonry flourishing to so marked an extent, he hardly could believe his eyes when he saw announced in the public prints of Melbourne that the Freethinkers and Secularists were allowed to assemble in the Masonic Hall.

Bro. W. F. DIXON, P.M. and Secretary, at this point rose to a point of order. As he understood the Book of Constitutions no subject of religious or political discussion could be allowed in a Masonic lodge, and he must take exception to the resolution on that account.

Bro. LAMONBY wished it to be distinctly understood that there was no question of politics or religion involved in the resolution. It was a question that affected one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, viz., a belief in the glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and whether whilst they were working their beautiful ceremonies in that room an association of infidels were to be allowed in another room consecrated and dedicated to Masonry to vilify and ridicule that Sacred Volume on which they obligated their candidates. He now put it to the W.M. whether he was to be considered in order?

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he ruled Bro. Lamonby to be entirely in order, and he added that he considered it a disgraceful state of things and one that had been suffered too long. While sympathising with the resolution, however, it had occurred to him that they as a lodge were entirely powerless in the matter. The Masonic Hall was the property of a company, and he knew that if the resolution was passed and forwarded to the directors they would simply lay it aside, and say if they (the lodge) were not satisfied they could leave the hall and go elsewhere.

Bro. LAMONBY (continuing) said he had been told outside by brethren whom he presumed were shareholders in the Hall Company, that it was a simple case of £ s. d. to them, and therefore a matter of indifference to whom they let the rooms. He asked the brethren therefore was it not monstrous that the conscientious feelings of members of lodges and chapters who provided at least three-fourths of the income of the company were to be outraged and set at naught for a paltry consideration arising from so questionable a source? He had no hesitation in saying that it would not be tolerated for a moment in any other city where the English language was spoken. Where would these mercenary directors be if the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board sent orders from England for every lodge and chapter to move to other rooms? The thing was a scandal and disgrace to Colonial Masonry, and he trusted the brethren of the Melbourne Lodge would speak out boldly against so flagrant an inconsistency. With the W.M.'s permission he should like to add a rider to the resolution to the effect that a reply be solicited from the directors of the Hall Company by next lodge night.

Bro. Rev. W. W. MANTELL said he should like to add a few remarks to what had fallen from the W.M. and the proposer of the resolution. He also agreed with the motion, and thoroughly sympathised with the spirit of its context; but after what had fallen from the W.M. he was afraid the resolution would have little or no effect on the directors, and no practical good could arise from its adoption in its present form. After what he had heard however he must strongly protest against the directors using the title of The Masonic Hall, for when people outside saw Masonry mixed up with an association like that referred to they would be apt to make remarks anything but complimentary to the Craft, and to draw comparisons that would not redound to the credit of the Order. He was in hopes however that some practical good would arise from the discussion, but he deeply deplored the way in which they were at present situated.

After a few remarks from other brethren, and there being no seconder to the resolution, which accordingly fell to the ground,

Bro. LAMONBY said that after what had occurred he thought it only fair to intimate his intention to forward an account of the facts and discussion thereon to the Grand Secretary in London for the consideration of the Colonial Board and Board of General Purposes. This course he should adopt, knowing it would be useless appealing to the District Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to supper.

WELCOME TO BRO. SIR W. J. CLARKE, BART.

A grand Masonic ball was held in the Town Hall, Melbourne, on Wednesday evening, December 20th, the occasion being a fraternal welcome to Bro. the Hon. Sir Wm. John Clarke, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Victoria under the Irish Constitution. There was a very large and fashionable assemblage, not only of the Craft but the general public of the Victorian metropolis; and as regards the Freemasons, it should be added that the brethren of the

English and Scotch Constitutions united to render the ball one of the most imposing ever witnessed in the Antipodes. The spacious hall was very tastefully decorated with banners and tropical plants, and one of the best orchestras in Australia occupied the gallery in front of the grand organ. On the entrance of the guest of the evening along with Lady Clarke the following address was presented to him:

"To the Honourable Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.L.C.,
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I.C.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—

"The Freemasons of Victoria desire most fraternally to tender you a cordial welcome on your return to the colony after your short sojourn in Great Britain and Europe, and avail themselves of this opportunity to offer their warm and hearty congratulations on the hereditary honour conferred upon you by her Most Gracious Majesty, the patroness of our Order, an honour which they are proud to know is so well deserved if only a recognition of the possession by you to so large an extent of that virtue which is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, and of which it is said in our lectures that the Mason who is fully possessed of it has arrived at the summit of his profession.

"They also respectfully offer to Lady Clarke and the members of your family the same cordial fraternal welcome, and entertain no doubt, indeed they have good reason to know, that her ladyship is a true consort in her wish and desire to assist you in the development of those benevolent actions which all Freemasons are bound by their principles and their obligations to perform. Most heartily and sincerely they therefore unite in welcoming you once more amongst them, and fervently hope that you will apply yourself to the advancement and prosperity of that Order of which you are one of the chief rulers in Victoria.

"Signed on behalf of the Freemasons of Victoria,

"G. BAKER, D.P.G.M. (I.C.), Chairman.

"Reception Committee:

"Capt. F. C. STANDISH, R.W.D.G.M. (E.C.)

"Hon. J. F. CASEY.

"Hon. J. H. GRAVES.

"J. DODGSHUN (Mayor).

"Alderman MOUBRAY.

"JOS. CAHILL, Sub. D.G.M. (S.C.)

"Hon. Secs.—A. ELLIS, J. EVANS.

"Town Hall, Melbourne, December 20th, 1882."

The supper was supplied from Clement's Café. Bro. Capt. Standish, R.W. District Grand Master (E.C.), presided. The proceeds of the ball were given to the Masonic Almshouses at Melbourne.

West Indics.

TRINIDAD.—Hervey Lodge (No. 1788).—At the installation meeting of the above lodge, held on the 4th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, St. Ann's-road, Port of Spain, for the purpose of installing Bro. Chas. Henry Phillips, P.M. 405, and P.S.W. 1788. There were present Bros. J. D. Gelizean, W.M.; W. D. Gray, S.W.; P. A. Inniss, J.W.; W. H. Mills, acting S.D.; A. B. Warner, J.D.; A. R. Inniss, acting I.G.; Jas. Barclay, Tyler; J. M. Cook, P.D.D.G.M. and P.M. 911; C. H. Phillips, P.M. 405 and P.S.W. 1788; G. B. Gibbs, S. Campbell, and A. Telfer. Visitors: Bros. John Babb, 572; H. St. Hilaire, 251 (S.C.); C. Borel, 572; Wm. Warren, 911; H. Smith, 572; L. Gonzales, P.S.W. 911; W. Mortlock, 13; and others.

Bro. J. D. Gelizean, W.M., presided. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary read a document from Bro. W. R. Phizgar, I.P.M., expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting on account of illness, and highly recommending Bro. C. H. Phillips, the W.M. elect, wishing the lodge all prosperity and congratulating them on securing the invaluable services of that brother.

The Worshipful Master then observed that the business of the lodge was to install the W.M. for the ensuing year, when after the ancient usages and established customs Bro. C. H. Phillips was duly saluted and proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, after which he proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. W. D. Gray, S.W.; P. A. Inniss, J.W.; W. H. Mills, Treas.; A. B. Warner, S.D.; J. A. Reid, J.D.; G. E. Lynch, Sec.; A. R. Inniss, I.G.; S. Campbell and G. B. Gibbs, Stewards; and Jas. Barclay, Tyler. Bro. J. J. Johnson who was absent through illness was appointed as D. of C.

Bro. Phillips then thanked the lodge for installing him as W.M. and congratulated the officers on their appointment and installation to their various offices.

The business of the lodge being ended a triple plaudit was awarded to the visiting brethren, which was replied to by Bro. Wm. Boardman, 251 (S.C.), on behalf of the other brethren, expressing their entire satisfaction at the working of the lodge and the kind manner in which they had been received.

The lodge was then closed in form. The brethren afterwards retired into the ante room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them.

The usual toasts were given and heartily responded to.

Bro. Phillips proposed the toast of the "Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Mortlock, who observed that since his short stay in the colony he had visited the Hervey Lodge several times and always felt at home, and as he was about shortly to leave the island he would take the opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Masons generally for the kind manner in which he had been entertained.

Bro. A. M. Cook with his usual distinguished eloquence proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was heartily responded to with three cheers.

Bro. W. D. Gray, S.W., proposed a toast to "The Health of Bro. Phillips, W.M.," feeling glad that after a protracted state of health he was then enjoying good health, and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. might continue in aiding him so that the year might be a prosperous one to him, his family, and the lodge, to which Bro. Phillips replied in a most touching and heartfelt manner.

Bro. Phillips then proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers," stating that with their united aid and the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. he hoped to so work the Hervey Lodge that at the expiration of his term he will deliver her to his successor second to none.

Bro. P. A. Inniss, J.W., replied for the brethren, assuring them how happy he felt in having Bro. C. H. Phillips as W.M., and was quite sure from the experience he had had in working under him at the Royal Philanthropic Lodge, No. 405, that he was the right man in the right place;

after which he also endorsed what had already been said by Bro. W. D. Gray, S.W.

The brethren then departed in peace and harmony to their respective homes. The weather was all that could be desired, being cool and fair throughout the evening.

Obituary.

BRO. REV. JOHN DERENZY, B.A.

The remains of this highly popular and deeply lamented brother were interred in the New Cemetery, Waterford, Ireland, on the 24th ult. His death was unexpected; for although he had been subject to attacks of gout, he was always active and busy, and scarcely a day elapsed on which he was not seen at some of the places of business at which he was accustomed to call—especially at his bookseller's and the shops of other familiar acquaintances on the Mall and the Quay. The regret that is felt for his death is sincere and general, and taking place, as it did, at a time immediately after he had been engaged in the discharge of ministerial duty, it caused a shock and a surprise for which none of his many friends and admirers were prepared. He had long been a member of the Masonic Order, to the principles of which he was attached with a devotion that could scarcely be surpassed. The regularity of his attendance at the meetings of the lodges, whether at home in Waterford, or during his visits to Dublin or elsewhere, was a striking evidence of the heartiness with which he was attached to it as a system of charity and morals veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols.

As soon as his death was announced the brethren of the South Eastern district resolved that he who had always played a prominent part in the furtherance of its principles should be interred with Masonic honours, and accordingly a very large number of the Craft assembled at the funeral. A procession was formed at eleven o'clock, when the remains, which were enclosed in an oak coffin covered with black cloth, were placed by eight High Knights Templars in an open hearse. A wreath of immortelles was strewn upon the coffin lid, on which were also placed his apron as a Provincial Grand Secretary and Chaplain, which was subsequently removed, and the pure lamb-skin apron put in its place, which was interred with his remains. The members of the Masonic Institution, two and two—representatives being present from all the lodges in the district—each wearing a blue ribbon and a sprig of evergreen in his left button-hole. On arrival at the cemetery a double line of Freemasons was formed and lined the approaches to the Mortuary Chapel, between which the remains, followed by the chief mourners, passed through into the building—the body being carried by members of the Young Men's Christian Association. Here the funeral service of the Church of Ireland was read and concluded by the Rev. Bros. D. Hanan, and Rev. C. Pasley.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Stephen Moore, D.L., came forward, and, at the head of the coffin, read in a most impressive and feeling manner the beautiful tenets inculcated by the Order. R.W. Bro. Moore then took from the lid of the coffin the Provincial Grand Chaplain and Secretary's apron and placed thereon the lambskin, or white apron, the emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. Placing his hand upon the emblem, he said, brethren, it is more ancient than the golden fleece, or Roman eagle; more honourable than the Star or the Garter when worthily worn. Each of the assembled brethren then advanced toward the coffin, and taking the ribbon and sprig of evergreen from his collar, reverently placed it upon the coffin-lid. The remains were then carried out and lowered into their resting place by eight High Knights Templars, and Bro. Moore called on those around to salute the departed in silence. A salute of eleven was then given in due Masonic order over the grave, which was then closed in, and the brethren retired. Thus ended a ceremony which was at once solemn and impressive, and which in the teachings of the principles of Freemasonry has ever inculcated and imbued its members with the doctrine of a resurrection and a future state. The deceased was well known in Masonic circles throughout Ireland and in many parts of England, and the high respect which was entertained for him by all was enthusiastic and gratifying, and they acceded to his wishes on many occasions on points connected with the Order to which he was so bright an ornament. We believe we are correct in stating that it was at his suggestion at the close of the great Masonic Bazaar in Dublin, by which £7000 was realised for the Masonic Orphan Schools, instead of electing three from the 13 candidates on the list, they trebled the usual number and gave to every governor in Ireland the privilege of voting for nine. But the many virtues which adorned his character were known only to those who knew his inner life, and who had opportunities of meeting him in private as well as in public. He was an indefatigable worker in the cause of that charity of which Freemasonry is the most beneficent and the most practical exponent in this or any country. He loved Freemasonry for the beauty of its principles, knowing that by the love and the cultivation of its philosophy, its members could arrive at that true nobleness of character at which it aims, and at real distinction in the science. He knew by experience that the process would inform the mind and improve the manners; turn indolence into activity; teach the ignorant wisdom; reclaim the erring and influence the unruly to perform the duties of social obedience. And he knew that if Masonry were thus made subservient to the practice of religion it would convey peace and comfort in this world, united with the most cheering hopes of happiness in the world to come. But in his practice of Freemasonry, in his illustrations of its principles in his own life and conduct he was utterly unselfish, and therefore truly Masonic. No mark of public favour was ever expected or, so far as we are aware, offered beyond those honours which are due to and always conferred upon the worthy of its members; nor indeed would it have been acceptable to one of his noble and independent spirit of disposition. Perhaps it is best as it is. Honours of a substantial character have been lavished on less worthy men. But in the meditations of the night, in the leisure of the day, and, last of all, in that dark shadow through which he has passed, and through which all must one day pass, he had his highest and his best reward for his quiet, his sterling, but his unobtrusive goodness.

BRO. GEORGE SMITH.

The funeral of Bro. George Smith, of the Star and Garter Hotel, who died at Brighton on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst., took place on Saturday, the 13th inst.,

at the Parochial Cemetery, when the deceased was interred in his last resting place with every token of respect from a large circle of friends. The funeral cortège, which consisted of a hearse and two mourning carriages, left the residence of the deceased in Powis-villas at half-past eleven o'clock, and was met at the gates of the Parochial Cemetery by a large number of friends, especially the members of Masonic lodges, each of whom carried a small sprig of acacia. The first mourning coach contained Mr. Walter Smith (brother), Mr. Thomas Smith (son), Mr. Meads (brother-in-law), and Mr. Tant (nephew). The second coach contained Bro. Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Sussex; Bro. J. Henderson Scott, D.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Bro. J. M. Kidd, P.G.S.W.; and Bros. J. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec. The cortège was led by the brethren of No. 732, of which deceased (who was also P.G.J.W. of Sussex) was a member, Past Master, and Treasurer, including Bros. Soper, W.M.; Daniel, I.P.M.; G. H. Day, J. Capon, jun., P.M.; Partridge, S. Solomon, and others. The mourners generally, included the following, although doubtless there were many more than those we enumerate, the pitiable state of the weather, the rain steadily descending preventing careful enumeration:—Bros. H. Davey, J.P., J. L. Bridgen, David Smith, G.A. Dir. of Cers.; H. Martin, E. Martin, W. R. Wood, W. T. Nell, Betting, Oliver Weston, E. Carpenter, Hawkes, Berry, F. J. Tillstone, J. Terry, C. J. Smith, P.G.S.W.; James Curtis, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Dixon, P.G. Organist; W. Marchant, P.M. 315; W. Roe, Lamette, Gibson, W.M. 315; T. Hughes, Provincial G.T. Kent; J. Pearson, P.M. 15; T. Packham, P.M. 315; W. Challen, P.M. 315; G. de Paris, Billing, Stride, P.M. 315; Harrison, W.M. 1829; Cheale, Sec. 1829; T. Gates, E. Broadbridge, W.M. elect 1636; J. Eberall, Newsome, W.M. 1821; S. Peters, S.W. 1821; B. Burfield, J.W. 1821; Newsome, jun., 1821; Richard Paige, J. Hughes, H. Hart, R. Allison, Fasola, R. Pearce, J. B. Hannay, Sec. 1821; Henry Payne, 315; J. Jefferies, Histed, and others. Amongst others present we observed Messrs. Lambert Payne (Chairman of the Board of Guardians), T. Rose, J. M. Reed, G. R. Lockyer, John Sayers, Betts, H. Fieldus, Macfarlane, Alfred Maddocks, Seymour Burrows, Lomax, T. Tugwell, Rev. J. H. Cross, Cable, Hailey, George White, Benham, Metherill, Chilmad, C. Vaughan, Williams, G. Osborne, J. Carpenter, A. Carpenter, Warner, Hoadley, G. H. Evershed, Markwell, Grinberg, Devin, F. Cowley, C. G. Reed, J. T. Whatford, W. Beard, Holford, J. J. Murray, E. Hamblin, Chalk, Collins, Frappe, and others. Alderman Hudson (prevented by ill health from attending) sent his private carriage. The Rev. W. A. Tooth, chaplain of the Industrial Schools and of the Atlingworth Lodge, impressively performed the Burial Service. The coffin which was covered with beautiful wreaths was borne to the family vault which had been opened for the reception. It was of polished elm with massive brass fittings, and the plate bore the inscription: "George Smith, died January 10th, 1883, aged 62 years." This inscription was however hidden by the magnificent wreaths and crosses of white flowers which were heaped over the top. After the coffin had been placed inside and the Burial Service concluded each Freemason advanced to the opening and placed his sprig of acacia upon the coffin.

FREEMASONRY IN BIRMINGHAM.

"The Masonic Hall presented a gay and festive appearance on Monday last when the members of the premier lodge of the Province of Warwickshire (St. Paul's, No. 43,) celebrated its 150th anniversary, a large and distinguished company being present. Among others we noticed Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath, 'who possesses the unique distinction of being probably the oldest Mason who ever was entitled to wear three centenary jewels,'—not that he is 300 years old: 'Do not let me deceive you,' as Mrs. Gamp says. The ceremony of installing Bro. Sigmund Sinauer was magnificently performed by Bro. Montague Davis, the retiring Master, after which members and guests assisted at a splendid exposition of the Fourth Degree. As usual the musical arrangements were confided to Bro. Robert J. Buckley, Fell. Coll. Org., 'who was for the sixth time invested with the office of Organist of the lodge.'—From the *Dart*, January 26th.

Bro. Dr. Hopkins, a constant correspondent of the *Freemason* and of our predecessor the "Freemasons' Magazine" for the last 25 years, is now an active member and P.M. of No. 41, a lodge which was founded in the same year (1733) as No. 43, but a few months earlier. Being anxious to mark his continued interest in the lodge, of which he is still a member, by attending on so important an event as the sesqui-centennial anniversary of his mother lodge, in which he was initiated on that very day 35 years ago, and 32 years ago was installed as Master, he travelled from Bath with two members of No. 41, Bros. Radway, I.P.M. and P. P. G.S.W., and Robinson for the express purpose. Bro. Cater, W.M. 41, intended to accompany them, but being prevented by illness sent a congratulatory telegram during the time of meeting which was read in open lodge, and also a similar one from Bro. Hughan, P.G.W. The mention of Bro. Hopkins's peculiar distinction is given in the exact words used by Bro. Radway in his address on the occasion. The centenary jewels are those of Craft lodges 41 and 43 and of Royal Arch chapter 41, the only one to which the privilege has yet been granted.]

ILLNESS OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, was announced to take the chair at the annual public meeting of the Shop Hours' Movement in Liverpool on the 25th ult., but was unable to do so in consequence of illness. The chairman on the occasion (Dr. Nevins) in opening the proceedings said it had been announced that the Earl of Lathom would preside, but a letter had been received from the Countess of Lathom stating that her husband was confined to his bed by a severe attack of lumbago and was quite unable to write or move, adding that his lordship deeply regretted his inability to attend. Mr. Miller, Secretary, expressed his regret that Lord Lathom, who had been a friend to the movement from its commencement, and had promised to come forward at the first opportunity, to show in public the sympathy he had always expressed in private, had been prevented fulfilling his promise on the present occasion. His lordship was expected to preside at a public political meeting in Liverpool on Monday last.



The Marquis of Lorne has been re-elected Commodore of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

Messrs. R. W. Macbeth, painter, and E. J. Gregory, were elected Associates of the Royal Academy on Tuesday.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will open the Royal College of Music in May next. It is calculated that the funds already raised are sufficient for the establishment of fifty scholarships, and these will be thrown open to public competition.

A grand complimentary banquet was given on Monday at the Restaurant Delmonico, New York, in honour of Sir E. M. Archibald, K.C.M.G., C.B., on his retirement after a service of 25 years from the British Consul-Generalship of New York. Mr. Evarts presided; the guests numbered about two hundred of his most distinguished fellow citizens.

The sum of £148, being the balance accruing from the late Triennial Musical Festival at Bristol, has been subscribed to the Bristol Scholarship Fund of the Royal College of Music.

Bro. Viscount Folkestone, M.P., and Lord H. Thynne, M.P., were present on Tuesday, at a meeting of the South Wilts Chamber of Agriculture, convened for the purpose of considering the report of the Royal Agricultural Commission.

The Vestry of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields has been served by three different companies with copies of provisional orders for lighting the parish by electricity, but it has resolved on opposing the grant of such orders of the Board of Trade, because among other reasons they seek to extinguish the right to control the public streets now vested in the local authority.

On Monday Bro. Lord Carlingford opened the new wing of the Radstock School Board building, and remarked that while a fair education was now within reach of the children of Somersetshire, it was desirable that parents should take an interest in their children's education and insure their regular attendance at school.

A meeting was held on Monday in Edinburgh of the association for the encouragement of higher education at the University of Edinburgh. The Lord Provost presided, and it was shown that though little had been done for endowment purposes, £12,000 had been left or devoted to the purposes of the Association. It was resolved to establish a second fellowship.

On Wednesday Bro. Alderman Sir F. Wyatt Truscott was unanimously elected Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by the Corporation of the City of London to consider the question of the Reform of the Corporation and the Extension of Municipal Government to the whole Metropolis.

The yacht Sunbeam, with Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey and family on board, left Port Said for Alexandria on Saturday last. She encountered such bad weather that she was obliged to return to Port Said on Monday. She left again on Tuesday and arrived at Alexandria on Wednesday.

At a general meeting of the Musical Festival Society at Bristol on Tuesday it was resolved to hold a festival in 1885, and a hope was expressed that through the establishment of the Royal College of Music, the committee would be able to secure for the performance some great work by an English composer. The Mayor read a communication from the secretary of the Royal College of Music, intimating that the Prince of Wales hoped to open the College in May and throw fifty scholarships open for competition, and the Prince's suggestion of local examinations for testing the competitors was referred to the Executive Committee.

Bro. Lord Wolsley will preside at a festival dinner to be held at Willis's Rooms, on the 26th May, in aid of the annuity fund of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association.

Bro. Arthur Sullivan will take the chair of the 145th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians which will take place at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, March 13th. Of the origin and management of this institution many interesting particulars are to be found in Dr. Burney's well known "History of Music." Its charter of incorporation however dates only from 1790, when King George III. bestowed upon it his special patronage, and commanded that the "Messiah" should be annually performed for its benefit. It was in 1866 that the Royal Society of Female Musicians, after a separate existence of 26 years, was finally amalgamated with the older society.

The Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock precisely, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, and brethren are cordially invited to pay it an occasional visit.

The M.W.G. Master has granted a warrant for a new lodge, the Stirling, No. 1980, to be held at the populous and increasing township of Cleator Moor, in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, being the 20th lodge under the distinguished rule of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, M.P. The consecration is expected to take place about the middle of March.

Mr. T. Broadbent Trowsdale, author of "Glimpses of Olden England," "Customs of Christmas-tide," "Old Time Tales," and other works of antiquarian interest, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

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.—[Advr.]

On Monday evening Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., delivered an address in the Presbyterian lecture room, Brighton, on "Richard Cobden."

The Duke and Duchess of Albany will it is expected take up their residence at Windsor Castle towards the end of next week, and will remain there till after the Duchess's confinement.

The Rev. Charles Marshall, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet-street, and Chaplain to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, died on Sunday afternoon at the advanced age of 82.

An influential meeting was held on Monday at the Mansion House for the purpose of considering the desirability of holding an exhibition and art collection of Irish lace in London, with a view to improving that industry. Bro. the Lord Mayor acceded to the request for the use of the Mansion House for the purpose, and a committee has been formed to make the necessary arrangements.

Bro. Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P.; Rylands, M.P.; Hon. Col. Stanley, M.P.; and Stuart Wortley, M.P., have this week addressed public meetings on the leading questions of the day.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted an invitation from the Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, to deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree at the ensuing lodge meeting at Dunmow, Essex, on the 20th inst. The attendance of members of Lodges 276, 409, 1280, 1312, and of other lodges in the surrounding neighbourhood is anticipated.

Bro. Richard Poore has been elected Secretary to the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 506, which holds its meetings every Friday evening at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., under the preceptorship of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. Gibson Sinclair was installed W.M. of the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. This is one of the oldest lodges in the Province of West Lancashire, having been consecrated in the year 1753 (the same year as the foundation of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, meeting at Prescott), and its numbers amongst its members several of the "Masonic rulers supreme and subordinate."

The Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, will be consecrated at the Moore Park Hotel, Westhall-road, Forest-hill, on Thursday next. Bro. Walter Hopekirk is the W.M. elect, and the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

The anniversary dinner in aid of the benevolent branch of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund will take place at Willis's Rooms on the 7th inst., when the chair will be occupied by Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs. The dinner is to be followed by a "smoking concert," in which many eminent singers and vocal performers will take part. For the annual benefit of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, which will take place on Thursday, March 15th, Bro. Augustus Harris has granted the free use of Drury-lane Theatre.

We much regret to announce the death of Miss Nesta Williams Wynn, second daughter of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, which took place at Wynnstay on Saturday morning last, from ulceration of the throat after only a few days' illness, at the age of 16. Sir Watkin himself, who has been lying ill at Wynnstay for nearly two months, we are glad to say continues steadily to improve.

The arrangements for the great Handel Festival of 1883 at the Crystal Palace are now well forward. The dates fixed are June 13th, 16th, 18th, and 20th, and Bro. Sir Michael Costa has again accepted the post of conductor, which he has filled at every festival since the preliminary one in 1857. Among the engagements of soloists made or pending are those of Mesdames Albani and Valleria, Trebelli and Patey, Anna Williams and Annie Marriott; Messrs. Edward Lloyd and Maas, Mr. Santley and Signor Foli, Messrs. Bridson and F. King.

The Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, voted on Friday 26th ult., 20 guineas to the fund now being raised in support of the Royal College of Music among Masons, by the wish of his Royal Highness the Grand Master. The Aldersgate Lodge recently gave 10 guineas to the same fund, as did the Lodge of Honour (Wolverhampton). The Lodges of Antiquity, Buckingham and Chandos, St. George's (Doncaster), St. Matthew (Walsall), Dunheved (Launceston), Royal Brunswick (Brighton), Sutherland of Unity (Newcastle), and Gosport, have voted five guineas each, and many other lodges smaller sums. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Oxfordshire and Sussex have also responded to the desire of the Grand Master by votes of 10 guineas. The Jerusalem was the lodge first visited and joined by the Prince of Wales after his initiation by the King of Sweden. *Morning Post.*

After a careful examination by the Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., the great Central Tower of Peterborough Cathedral has been pronounced to be in so dangerous a condition as to necessitate its being taken down and entirely re-built. There are many other repairs recommended by the architect, and a general committee has been formed consisting of some of the principal clergy and laity of the diocese, and at the first meeting, held on the 24th ult., it was resolved "That an appeal should be made without delay to the diocese of Peterborough and the country at large for the restoration of the cathedral." The cost of the whole of the work recommended by Mr. Pearson, and thought to be desirable by the Dean and Chapter and the committee, has been estimated at not less than £55,000. Subscriptions are invited, and they may be paid to the London and Westminster Bank and branches, the National Provincial Bank of England and branches, Messrs. Coutts and Co., and Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co.; or to the hon. treasurers, Messrs. C. J. Strong, Thorpe Hall, Peterborough, and Mr. A. Percival, Minster Precincts, Peterborough.

"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.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, Past Grand Warden, is the subject of a lengthy biographical notice in the *Citizen* of Saturday last.

It is considered probable that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will remain at Windsor Castle till after the Queen's return thither from Osborne. The duchess and the infant prince are both doing well.

The annual ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, on Thursday next. This gathering has hitherto been most successful, and has resulted in a goodly sum being handed over to the Charities. We trust that the next will be equally fortunate.

We are asked to state that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, now meets at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held this day (Friday), at Bishopstoke, when a large amount will be voted to Masonic Charity, and the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer and other important business transacted. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has been suffering for some time past from a severe attack of bronchitis, and several important engagements of his lordship's have had in consequence to be postponed.

Bro. the Lord Mayor proposes issuing a circular to the mayors of provincial towns, inviting them to co-operate with him in raising funds for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at Kingston, Jamaica.

The annual ball in aid of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers' School will take place at St. James's Hall on Thursday next, the 8th inst.

It has been arranged that the Volunteer Review on Easter Monday shall take place at Brighton.

The annual ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was celebrated with great success on Tuesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Owing to great pressure upon our space the report is held over until our next issue.

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will come off on Saturday, the 17th March, over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake. Both crews are already preparing themselves for the struggle.

On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. J. Terry, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.J.W. Herts, &c., in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at the Grand Avenue Masonic Hall, 88, Gracechurch-street, E.C. Lodge will be opened at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. After lodge is closed the anniversary supper will be held, at which Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., P.Z. 554 and 933, will preside. Tickets three shillings and sixpence each. Brethren are cordially invited.

A musical entertainment was given at the Girls' School on Friday, the 26th ult., by Bro. J. F. Vials, W.M. of Lodge 1820. The performance gave great satisfaction to the children and visitors present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Vials, which that brother acknowledged on behalf of himself and colleagues.

The 20th annual dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association takes place on Monday at the Holborn Restaurant, when Mr. W. J. Nicholls, of the firm of Messrs. H. and G. Simonds, brewers, is expected to take the chair.

The Lady Mayoress is depicted on the front page of *Moonshine* this week.

Bro. B. Brown, of Fenchurch-street, was elected and installed Worshipful Master of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, succeeding Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart.

Bro. G. R. Sims, author of the "Lights of London," &c., has purchased Mr. Fred Barnett's picture "Saturday Night in the East of London," for 500 guineas.

The first annual meeting and conversation of the Medical Union Society took place at the Holborn Town Hall on Wednesday last. Bro. B. W. Richardson delivered an address to students of medicine, after which there was a vocal and instrumental concert.

Bro. J. Lobb has given notice of motion in the School Board for a return of all sites scheduled in the Hackney Division.

Lady Roberts left Brindisi on Monday last for Bombay, to join Bro. Sir F. Roberts in India, by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's steamer Tanjore.

A club has been formed in the General Post Office to give a series of miscellaneous entertainments. Whatever difficulty there may be in finding the artistes—who must all be in some branch of the postal service—there ought certainly to be no difficulty in procuring good audiences, considering the vast number of employes at St. Martin's-le-Grand. There are in the Post Office temperance and other associations, and an amateur orchestral society, but in the matter of entertainment clubs, such as the one just started, it is behind every other great establishment in the City or West-end. The club ought to be a great success.—*City Press.*

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

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—All our faculties.—Almost all disorders of the human body are distinctly to be traced to impure blood. The purification of that fluid is the first step towards health. Holloway's Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers; no injurious consequences can result from their use, no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation the most beneficial effects have been and always must be obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion. Persons whose lives have been restored to ease and strength by Holloway's Pills after fruitless trial of the whole pharmacopoeia attest this fact.—[Advr.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, February 10, 1883.

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, FEBRUARY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1550, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acrc-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st., E.C.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United of Prudence, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1813, Caxton, F.M.H.
Chap. 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 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 8.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., Lon. Bridge.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-street N., Strand.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 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.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 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 Bds., 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, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Grand Chapter, at 5.30 for 6.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
Chap. 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstane, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. (worked in German language)
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav.
" 866, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd. W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, E. Finchley.
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' 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.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., 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 Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
Rose Croix Chap. 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Smith, 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.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Lp'l.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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